

## TACKLING THE HIDDEN ECONOMY: STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE DIALOGUE

June 5th, 2014, Thursday

Conference Hall of Restaurant 'Vodenica'-'Mulino', Str. Teodosij Gologanov 69

Skopje, Macedonia

### AGENDA

#### Registration

9:30 - 10:00 Registration and welcoming coffee

#### The Hidden Economy - European Context and Policy Perspectives

10:00 - 10:15	<b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Marija Risteska</b>, Executive Director, Centre for Research and Policy Making</li><li>- <b>Ruslan Stefanov</b>, Director, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy</li><li>- <b>Jaromir Levicek</b>, Head of Operations at the EU Delegation in Skopje</li></ul>
10:15 - 10:45	<b>Keynotes: New Hidden Economy Policies in FYR Macedonia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Mr. Dime Spasov</b>, Minister of Labor and Social Policy</li></ul>
10:45 - 11:45	<b>Tackling the Hidden Economy: European and National Perspectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Martin Tsanov</b>, Analyst, Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria</li><li>- <b>Lyubomir Mishkov</b>, CSD, Defining the hidden economy</li><li>- <b>Biljana Zivkovska</b>, Employment Service Agency</li><li>- <b>Professor Tome Nenovski</b>, American College, Skopje</li><li>- <b>Biljana Peeva Gjurikj</b>, Director in the Economic Chamber of Macedonia</li><li>- <b>Biljana Cklamovska</b>, Association of Independent Trade Unions</li></ul>
11:45 - 12:30	<b>Discussion</b>
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>

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## Session 2: Training on Empowering CSOs in Hidden Economy Monitoring and Policy Advocacy

13:30 - 15:00

### Defining and Monitoring the Hidden Economy

- Defining the hidden economy – methods and ideas
- Latest Euro-barometer survey on Hidden Economy
- CSD experience in monitoring Hidden Economy
- Clarifying the Hidden Economy Methodology

*Moderators: Mr. Martin Tsanov, Analyst, Center for the Study of Democracy / Mr. Lyubo Mishkov, Marie Curie Fellow, GREY Project, University of Sheffield*

15:00 - 15:20

### Coffee Break

15:20 - 16:50

### The Role of CSOs and the Public Institutions in Tackling the Hidden Economy: Developing a Public – Private Platform for Dialogue

- Bulgarian experience with tackling the hidden economy in the first seven years of EU accession: government and civil society initiatives
- Existing initiatives of Macedonian CSOs and public institutions: main challenges and potential synergies
- HE Task Force Initiative

*Moderators: Mr. Ruslan Stefanov, Director, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy / Ms Ana Mickovska – Raleva, Policy Analyst, Center for Research and Policy-Making*

16:50 - 17:30

### Conclusions & Closing

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