


++ What's the role of civil-society in conflict-transformation? ++ What are the current and most pressing problems of civil-society in the Balkans? ++ Where is a need for cooperation between civil-society-actors? ++ How can civil society benefit from a common (collective) strategy? ++



ConSim_Balkans_2010 on *Civil Society* Challenges, Potentials and Strategies

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++ 7-day seminar ++ 23th October to 2nd November 2010 ++ Skopje (Macedonia)
++ for civil-society-activists (from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia)
++ Preparation Workshop: 14th to 24th September in the respective countries

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TARGET GROUP:

Calling for young professionals and activists from civil society: Minimum Age: 18; Good English skills are required.

++ members of or associated to a NGO/NRO, volunteers, free trainers and other activists ++ interested in challenges of civil society in the region ++ looking for closer cooperation and exchange with other civil society actor in the region ++ interested in tackling common problems in civil society work ++ open-minded about innovative and non-formal education tools (simulation games)



WORKSHOPS

We invite 24 civil-society-actors from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia to contribute to an analysis of civil-society in the Balkans. As the places for participation are limited, there will be one-day-workshops in Belgrade, Prishtina, Skopje and Sarajevo from 14th to 24 of September 2010 for selection and preparation of the participants. Here we will sketch a national map of civil-society that will serve as a basis for the further development during the seminar in Skopje (23.10. to 02.11.). Participation in one of the workshops is preconditional for the actual participation in the seminar.

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THE SEMINAR

offers you the possibility to elaborate together with other civil-society-activists a common analysis of the situation in the region. Together we want to identify difficulties and hindrances the participants are facing in their workaday life. This fundamental task will be followed by an alignment of the particular defiances and a subsequent detection of overlapping challenges.



THE SIMULATION

stimulates an interactive change of perspective and thus is helpful to discover new angles of view, in order to attain these operating processes during the seminar. In the game the participants take over different roles and act in different environments and levels to get the chance to experience logics of actions and to test alternative strategies. The evaluation of the game then gives the opportunity to reflect and discuss the developments and findings.



THE GOAL

of this project is to bring actors of civil society from the Balkans together in order to provide a common and shared analysis of the current situation and accompanying problems of civil society concerning their relations towards the population and the state as well. Herefrom the participants develop a first common problem-solving-strategy that allows them to combine their capabilities and resources so as to act with collective strength. In the end of the seminar we want to have accomplished an agile interchange of ways of looking at problems and a description of possible intersections and interfaces.



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In the respective countries we are cooperating with the following partners:

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ConSim_BALKANS_2010_WORKSHOPS:

Belgrade (Serbia): 14th September 2010
Skopje (Macedonia): 17th September 2010
Prishtina (Kosovo): 20th September 2010
Sarajevo (Bosnia): 24th September 2010

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APPLICATION:

Please send a filled application-form to one of the contacts listed in left column.

Deadline: 31th August 2010

Fees and costs: All travel costs for the workshop and seminar and all accomodation expenses for the seminar are covered by CRISP.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US!
www.conflictsimulation.org

WE ARE CRISP a Berlin-based NGO specialized in organizing and conducting simulation-games. This project is the continuation of our previous seminars in the Balkan region. Through our activities we want to make a contribution to peaceful conflict-transformation. Therefore it is particularly necessary to assist mutual understanding and comprehension of differing positions and interests. In this spirit we encourage international understanding and want to afford a more tolerant social interaction. In the last two years we were actively engaged in the field of civil conflict transformation in the Balkans and in the Caucasus region. On the long run we want to support a closer cooperation between the particular civil society activists from these regions and foster a mutual exchange of ideas, approaches and strategic courses of action between them.