

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MATCHMAKING EVENT

Organized by Active Citizens Fund Latvia

In order to facilitate the search for potential partners, The Active Citizens Fund (ACF) Operator in Latvia is hosting a matchmaking event that will take place on **15th May 2020** ONLINE and would like to invite Donor countries' (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) CSOs to participate in this event. The event is organized in the frame of the ACF bilateral cooperation initiatives.

What is a matchmaking event?

The matchmaking event seeks to offer opportunities for Latvian and Donor countries' CSOs to come together, share experience, discuss initial ideas for collaboration with the aim to eventually shape them into concrete **joint project proposals to be submitted under the ACF regular open calls**. The participants may also use this opportunity to discuss possibilities to organize **bilateral cooperation initiatives under the Fund for Bilateral Relations**, such as partner search visits, matchmaking events, thematic meetings or seminars.

Who and How?

The main **target group** for this event are CSOs in Latvia and Donor countries interested in cooperation in **democracy, civic awareness or human rights**.

CSO representatives from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway interested in developing joint projects with Latvian CSOs are invited to join the matchmaking event.

CSOs should fill in an online application form by **5th May**: <https://forms.gle/brTFa7xDXJ2uQngg9> Information about applicants will be used to match with Latvian CSOs for face-to-face sessions. Selection of CSOs will be based on the quality of answers provided in application.

Some practical information

- Fund Operator in Latvia will confirm registration to event **not later than 7th May** and provide detailed technical information.
- Participant CSO should be capable to communicate in English.

MATCHMAKING EVENT AGENDA

15th May 2020, online on Zoom platform

Main event 12:00 – 14:00 CET

One-to-one meetings 14:10 – 15:10 CET

1 st part	12:00	Opening of the Matchmaking event from Active Citizen Fund of Latvia <i>Welcome</i> <i>Program goals and opportunities</i> <i>How does matchmaking work</i>
	12:20	Active Citizenship in times of crisis <i>Why and How</i>
2 nd part	12:40	Thematic group discussions in 3* working groups <i>Democracy</i> <i>Civic awareness</i> <i>Human rights</i> <i>*number and themes of groups depends on information indicated in application form</i>
	13:40	Conclusion and subscription for individual thematic meetings
	13:50	<i>Break</i>
3 rd part	14:10	One-to-one meetings* for bilateral cooperation for CSOs <i>*following the schedule made in the previous part</i>

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