

Civil Society Fund Bulgaria – First Bilateral Matchmaking Event

Sofia, 13 May 2026

Venue: [2020 Event Space](#)

The Small NDK (National Palace of Culture), 1 Bulgaria Blvd.

AGENDA

12 May 19:00 *Social event*

13 May

09:45 – 10:00 *Registration and coffee*

10:00 – 10:20 Introduction of the funding opportunities within the Civil Society Fund – Bulgaria: Elitsa Markova, Open Society Institute – Sofia

Civil society in Norway – a short overview presentation: Guri Idsø Viken, Frivillighet Norge

10:20 – 11:05 **Parallel discussion tables**

Table 1 - Transparency, information integrity and data-driven accountability

This table connects organisations working on corruption, access to information, public-interest journalism, media and AI literacy, data for democracy, and digital resilience; how citizens can obtain reliable information, scrutinise institutions, and participate in democratic life.

Table 2 - Health, wellbeing, disability inclusion and psychosocial support

This table groups organisations working with people in vulnerable situations - older people, people with disabilities, people with dementia, refugees, prisoners, people affected by TB or HIV, and communities needing psychosocial, legal or health-related support.

Table 3 - Access to justice, minority rights and migrant/community inclusion

This table brings together organisations focused on refugees and migrants, Roma and other minority communities, anti-xenophobia, human-rights protection, legal empowerment, labour-market inclusion and the social participation of excluded groups.

Table 4 - Child protection, gender-based violence prevention and civic education

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This table connects child protection, family-based care, prevention of abandonment, gender-based violence response, women's empowerment, youth participation, civic education, mediation and community mobilisation.

Table 5 - LGBTIQ+ rights, women's rights and intersectional equality movements

This table groups rights-and-equality organisations: LGBTIQ+ inclusion, feminist advocacy, reproductive justice, Pride/community infrastructure, queer family rights, strategic litigation and movement-building across Bulgaria, Iceland and Norway.

Table 6 - Community infrastructure, climate action and participatory place-making

This table links local civic infrastructure, cultural/community hubs, creative activism, environmental protection, rural and urban development, volunteering networks, policy research and social inclusion in democratic communities.

- 11:05 – 11:50 Open room discussion followed by a table switching option
- 11:50 – 12:30 Speed dating
- 12:30 – 13:00 Lunch and departure of participants

