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Open-Call for Youth-Focused Civil Society Organizations

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About Organization:

TAKT (Together Advancing Common Trust) is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering cross-cultural understanding, promoting dialogue among communities, combating gender and social discrimination, and empowering vulnerable groups.

Sport 4 Resilience Project:

Led by PLAY International and implemented by Together Advancing Common Trust (TAKT) and Regional Sport Initiative – Playing Together (REGSPO), the *Sport 4 Resilience* project aims to tackle discrimination, gender inequality, and limited opportunities for youth in Kosovo, North Macedonia, and Montenegro. Ethnic minorities and women face significant barriers to inclusion, while young people struggle with economic hardship and a lack of civic engagement. By promoting social inclusion, gender equality, and empowerment, the project aims to foster a resilient, tolerant, and active youth population in these societies. The project's duration is April 2023 – March 2026.

Our Sport 4 Resilience project has two objectives:

- 1) Strengthen children's life skills and resilience to gender and minority status discrimination in formal education.**
- 2) Building resilience of young people (15-24 years) to the risks of radicalization and discrimination in the Western Balkans region.**

CSO Activities

To achieve these objectives of our *Sport 4 Resilience* project, the project partners will recruit 20 local CSOs in order to train 75 CSO members on sports-based sessions that address discrimination and radicalization among youth (aged 15-24). (**Timeline: March 2025**).





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These trained CSO members will then implement these sessions with a total of 600 of their beneficiaries - youth aged 15-24 (30 beneficiaries per CSO). (**Timeline: April 2024 – August 2026**).

The 20 recruited CSO will form a new network, where the recruited CSOs will be supported throughout the project and will be put in contact with each other so that good practices can be shared. PLAY International will organize and support the meeting of all these CSOs through the creation of several online communication channels and a face-to-face event in Prishtina will be so that all these CSOs and their members can meet to consolidate and enhance their cooperation. (**Timeline: March 2025 – March 2026**)

Finally, the recruited CSOs and their trained members will also participate in an additional activity under the scope of the project, which will consist of 3 mini-youth projects. The 3 projects will receive funding and will be overseen by project partners. More information on this activity will be provided following the selection of the CSOs (**Timeline: July 2025 – December 2026**).

Cross-cutting Issues

Applicants should be mindful of the following cross-cutting issues:

Gender Equality – Ensure balanced participation (40% women in CSO training, 50% women and girls as youth beneficiaries), promote leadership opportunities for women, and address gender-based discrimination.

Social Inclusion – Foster participation of marginalized groups (40% non-majority youth), combat discrimination, and promote equal opportunities through sports.

Youth Empowerment – Equip youth (15-24) with leadership skills, encourage peer-led initiatives, and engage them in mini-projects to promote tolerance and social cohesion.

CSO Selection Criteria

TAKT is accepting applications from CSOs with commitment to youth empowerment, inclusion, and social cohesion. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:



- Organizations officially registered as a CSO with the relevant national authority.
- Organizations working in child protection, youth resilience and engagement, community development, human rights, or sport-based methodologies.
- Organizations that engage with minorities, youth with disabilities, or marginalized groups.
- Organizations with ties to youth leaders or community influencers.
- Organizations that are ready to contribute to the creation of a collaborative network with a strategic vision.
- Organizational capacity.
- Organizations working in the following municipalities:
- Individuals and informal entities are not eligible to apply.

Selected organizations will:

- Receive specialized training in sports-based pedagogical methods to address discrimination and radicalization, and to promote inclusion.
- Build their capacity to design and implement impactful youth-focused initiatives.
- Be part of a growing network of organizations committed to advancing youth development and inclusion.
- Gain visibility and recognition as a key player in fostering social cohesion in the region.

Selected organizations will be expected to:

- Actively participate in training sessions and capacity-building activities.
- Mobilize youth to engage in sports-based activities and initiatives.
- Collaborate in organizing community awareness events.
- Support youth volunteers in implementing mini projects aimed at confronting discrimination.

Submit your application in English by including the following supporting documents:

- Certificate of CSO status.
- A brief description of your organization and its experience working with youth or marginalized groups.



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- Organogram outlining organizational capacity.
- List of previous and ongoing initiatives/projects and their descriptions that align with the goals of this project (up to 3 years old max).
- Contact information for references or collaborators.

Request for clarifications should be sent to (to be added) by 17:00 CET on February 19, 2025.

Please send your application to (information.takt@gmail.com) with the subject line: "Application for CSO Open Call" by 17:00 CET on February 28, 2025.

Applications will be reviewed between March 3rd to March 7th, 2025, in which thereafter applicants will receive a decision on their application via email.

