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**LAUNCH OF NEW DATABASE OF NGOs AND EXPERTS WORKING TOWARDS
RECONCILIATION IN SE EUROPE**

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<http://www.see-database.org>

The Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe and the Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in South East Europe (CDRSEE) are pleased to announce the launch of their database for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and experts, which work towards reconciliation in Southeast Europe. The database has already more than 300 entries and it is going to be constantly updated and expanded.

Included in the database are NGOs that work in the areas of economics, democratisation, human rights, politics, education, arts & culture, media, youth, gender equality and inter-religious dialogue, and aim to promote reconciliation and cross-border understanding through these thematic areas. The database is also focused on the area of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Serbia & Montenegro, including Kosovo), an area which has lately been the focus on the international community.

The database is searchable in many categories and has the capability of a mass mailing option, configured by different criteria, with the potential to serve as a disseminator of news and ideas to all relevant actors. Interested NGOs can submit or update their information online and also advertise any internship or employment positions they have available. Last but not least, in the links section, other relevant databases are listed.

The database can be an effective tool in support of NGOs and donors as a starting page for searching for project partners, or funding a programme. It can help to avoid duplications and identify possible gaps in the work of the civil society in the region. It will also provide a good reference and the increased ability for sound strategic planning for reconciliation and post-conflict development in SE Europe.

The database is part of the "Reconciling for the Future" project which is a long term initiative to facilitate creative dialogue, identify a common set of values, and enhance the synergies between local NGOs which contribute to the reconciliation process in the Western Balkans. This programme is under the aegis of the Hellenic Presidency of the European Union, co-organised with the Stability Pact for South East Europe, and is supported by the Foreign Ministries of Greece, Norway, Canada and Sweden.

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