



Civil Society Forum

of the Western Balkans Summit Series

The Civil Society Forum at the London Summit

In the run-up to the Western Balkans Summit in London, the Civil Society Forum had a series of activities aimed at contributing to the content and outcomes of this high-level meeting. Think-tanks and policy oriented CSOs from the region gave their expert inputs in debate on the important challenges faced by the Western Balkans.

The CSF has conducted activities which included:

- [The Online Consultation Process](#) – launched by the CSF as a tool to harvest the most recent research and field knowledge from the civil society related to the London Summit topics – [economic stability](#), [post-conflict legacy](#), [gender equality](#) and [security](#) in the Western Balkans;
- Preparation of the [CSF Policy Briefs](#) – based on inputs obtained through direct solicitation and the Online Consultation Process, these policy briefs aim to enrich the decision-makers understanding of the complex issues at hand;
- [Vienna meeting](#) of civil society representatives and hosts of the London Summit – the CSF Policy Briefs were discussed with the officials of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office; The CSF Policy Briefs became an integral part of working materials to be distributed to all Summit participants;
- [CSF Working Groups meeting](#) – regional civil society experts developed policy recommendations based on previously produced policy briefs;
- Regular communication with representatives of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office during the preparations of the London Summit;
- The CSF representatives presented the CSF Policy Briefs and recommendations at the joint meeting with the Western Balkan foreign ministers and the European officials on July 9 in London.