

## START WHERE YOU ARE. USE WHAT YOU HAVE. DO WHAT YOU CAN.

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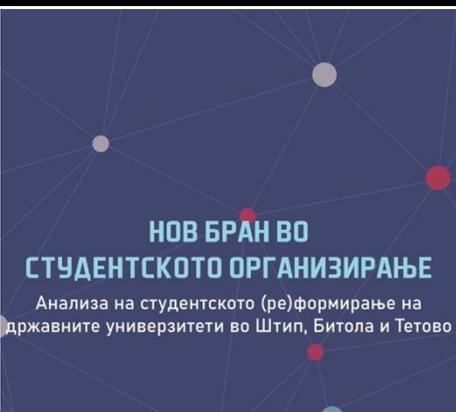
### COVID – 19 pandemic: side effect for nonprofits

FORUM 16 as well as many nonprofits either canceled or are in planning mode to ensure that they maximize all fundraising possible for their activities during COVID-19 pandemic. How can underfunded, understaffed nonprofits continue to serve their communities during these dark times? 1. Nonprofit leaders must ask the hard questions, consider the worst-case scenarios, and brainstorm all the different actions they can take right now to be ready if that happens. 2. In times like these, policymakers are making fast decisions that could help or hurt the work of nonprofits. Advocacy is not an option for nonprofits, it's a requirement right now. 3. Even if your cause seems less relevant now your organizations will be even more important as society again begins to function and people seek out love, communion, and beauty in the world. So keep reminding everyone about the ways in which your organization is unique, how you are working to repair the world, and why you need help now.



### Anti-rumour campaign for third time

From June to November 2020, FORUM 16 for the third time will implement the anti-rumour campaign: "[Glasno Sokache –Budno Chikmache](#)". This year, the campaign is supported by the European Youth Foundation (EYF), fund established by the Council of Europe (CoE). This year project aims to create a group of Anti-Rumour Agents who will identify rumours about the target population in the civil society organizations (CSOs) they participate in and they will implement some form of change within their CSOs. Some of the planned activities are: training for the anti-rumour agents, development of Manual for implementation of anti-rumour campaigns, FORUM 16 community project and mentoring of the anti-rumour agents with identification of rumours regarding their target group(s). Read more about the objectives of the project [here](#).



### Student (re)formation: Promotion of the analysis

On July 7, 2020, the final event "New wave of student reformation - Promotion of the [analysis](#)" will be held within the project "Student (re)formation". The event will take place on the platform Zoom at 12 pm. A link to the event can be found [here](#). The project is funded by the Open Society Foundation - Macedonia, implemented by the National Youth Council of Macedonia - NYCM in partnership with the Foundation for Local Community Development - Stip, MKC Bitola, FORUM 16, SFERA International and the Center for Education and Development Tearce. The main goal of the project was to encourage student and youth organizations to actively monitor and advocate for transparent student elections. The findings are published in Macedonian and Albanian language.



### Call for members of FORUM 16 Managing Board

In anticipation of the regular Annual Assembly for this year, FORUM 16 announces a call for nomination of members of the Managing Board (MB). To apply for a member of the Managing Board, you must be over 18 years of age and send to [contact@forum16.eu](mailto:contact@forum16.eu) no later than August 31, 2020: an application that you will find on [forum16.eu](http://forum16.eu), CV and cover letter. According to the Statute of FORUM 16, the Managing Board has a maximum of 7 members and the work of the members of the Managing Board is on a voluntary basis. Each candidate will have the opportunity to present their nomination during the Assembly this fall.

For any questions, send us an e-mail to the above address or call 078 / 535-606.