

Growing together – reflection on the first year of the FSTP Community of Practice Annual FSTP CoP Meeting 8 – 9 November 2023, Sarajevo



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"Giving money to others is easy and everyone can do it. But to decide to whom to give it, how much and when, for what purpose and in what way, not everyone can and that is not an easy task. That's why this ability is so rare, praiseworthy and noble."

Aristotle



From creation of systems to the monitoring of performance

What has changed in our discussions in one year....

Year ago

- Finally the support is reaching those in need.
- We are very satisfied with the composition of our grant programme.

Today

- How we will reach those contributing the best to the objectives of our grant programme.
- There are areas of our grant programme we want to revise.

The grant-making is a process that requires constant progress, building on experience, changing, and searching for new (more efficient, effective, different) approaches.



One year of the FSTP Community of Practice

- First regional meeting held in Belgrade, December 2022
- Set up the LinkedIn group and online meeting in February 2023
- Waiting for the LinkedIn group to become active 😊
- Meeting with regional CSF grant beneficiaries in June 2023, Podgorica
- Online training on Gender Mainstreaming for FSTP implementors in June and July 2023
- Online meeting in September 2023
- Online training on Monitoring of the FSTP grants
- Finalisation of the VAT guide by TACSO
- LinkedIn group is becoming a bit active
- Here we are!

Evolution of the FSTP CoP LinkedIn group

- Increasing number of CoP members (258 at the moment).
- BUT, what that means? – The same question we always ask during monitoring of grants?
 - To understand
 - To learn
 - To check
- The high number at the moment just presents our persistence in promoting the LinkedIn group. Now we need to work more on making the group alive.
- ***„It will take time, be patient.“*** – that is what members told us. OK, so let's be patient and continue working.



Further focus on...

- Supporting more active involvement of the CoP in different activities including:
 - Organisation of ad-hoc online meetings and working groups
 - Structuring and promoting case studies
 - Drafting lessons learned
 - Further organisation of online workshops on specific topics
 - Exploring who will take over management from the TACSO project

Let's have a great meeting! Be critical and constructive! Network and have fun!

