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## CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS MAKING AN IMPACT: BEST PRACTICES

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# WELCOME TO THE MAY 2024 EDITION OF THE COPASAH EUROPE NEWSLETTER!

This issue celebrates the remarkable efforts of civil society organizations across the Balkans that are driving impactful change through innovative best practices. From enhancing human rights to empowering marginalized communities and improving social cohesion, these organizations are making significant strides in fostering inclusive and equitable societies.

As we explore the inspiring stories and initiatives of these organizations, we're excited to announce the expansion of our network with the addition of ten exceptional civil society organizations, dedicated to advancing human rights and social justice.

We proudly introduce the following new members:

- **LINK - Crnogorska Mreža za Smanjenje Štete (Montenegrin Harm Reduction Network - Link):** This organization focuses on harm reduction and advocating for the rights of marginalized communities.
- **Psychological Association of Montenegro:** This association promotes mental health and psychological well-being through education, advocacy, and professional development.
- **Strukovno Udruženje Socijalnih Radnika (Professional Association of Social Workers):** Dedicated to advancing the profession of social work and advocating for social justice in Montenegro.
- **Moja Šansa je i Tvoja Šansa:** This organization, based in Montenegro, is committed to creating opportunities for marginalized individuals, fostering inclusion and empowerment.
- **Association SPEKTRA** is dedicated to promoting and protecting the human rights of trans, gender diverse, and intersex persons in Montenegro. Their mission is to eradicate gender-based violence by building a strong, visible movement, advocating for policy changes, and educating society

- **Center for Roma Initiatives (CRI):** Established in September 2004, CRI is the first women Roma and Egyptian NGO in Montenegro, driving transformative change for marginalized communities.
- **Phiren Amenca:** Roma Youth organization Phiren Amenca is committed to promoting the rights and well-being of Roma youth.
- **SOS Phone for Women and Children Victims of Violence Nikšić:** Founded in February 1998, SOS Phone Nikšić is an autonomous, local, feminist non-governmental organization dedicated to combating male violence against women and children in Nikšić, Montenegro.
- **Center for Education and Social Advancement:** Based in Albania, CESA contributes to the development of society through education and training across various fields, promoting accountability and social justice.
- **Organization WOMEN Delchevo:** Operating in North Macedonia, this organization works to achieve and protect the rights of women and marginalized groups, advancing socio-economic and educational needs.

As we delve into the stories and initiatives of these remarkable organizations and others featured in this issue, we invite you to join us in celebrating their contributions to building more inclusive and equitable societies. Together, let's continue to amplify the voices of those working tirelessly for social justice and positive change.

Stay connected with COPASAH Europe for more updates and opportunities to get involved in these impactful initiatives. For further information, visit our website or contact the featured organizations directly.

**Warm regards,**

**The COPASAH Europe Team**





## HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEMOCRACY CENTRE - HRDC

The Human Rights in Democracy Centre (HRDC) is a dynamic grassroots NGO dedicated to safeguarding and promoting human rights in Albania. The organization's comprehensive approach includes community awareness initiatives, capacity building for state service providers, and focused training sessions for communities, particularly women and girls. HRDC also offers customized services such as legal aid, court representation, psychological support, vocational training referrals, employment assistance, health services, and thorough case management for domestic and gender-based violence (DV/GBV).

### **Best practices used:**

- **Community Awareness Campaigns:** HRDC conducted awareness activities across eight municipalities, focusing on informing the community about domestic violence legislation and the protective measures it offers. On International Women's Day, March 8, HRDC organized various activities in Tirana, Tropoja, Kukes, Has, Kruja, Fushe Kruja, Kamez, and Kombinati. These included discussions, roundtables, marches, protests, and gatherings demanding equality, social justice, and a world without violence. Approximately 700 citizens were engaged, and informative materials such as leaflets, posters, and stickers were distributed.
- **Training and Empowerment Sessions:** HRDC held multiple information meetings with women and girls in northern municipalities, emphasizing their rights under domestic violence laws and available services. These sessions aimed to increase awareness and empower participants with the knowledge to seek protection and support.



- **Legal Aid Services:** HRDC provided free primary and secondary legal aid to victims of DV/GBV, children victims and witnesses, and victims of trafficking and sexual abuse. The organization represented around 100 women in court, with 85% of these cases resulting in the granting of protection orders, highlighting the critical role of legal representation in achieving justice for victims.
- **Strengthening Referral Mechanisms:** HRDC supported the functioning of eight referral mechanisms in targeted municipalities to manage cases of violence in a coordinated manner, ensuring that victims received holistic services.
- **Interventions in Detention Institutions:** HRDC continued its long-term commitment to providing legal aid in Detention Institution 325. The organization also monitored human rights conditions to ensure compliance with national and international standards.
- **Police Station Interventions:** Through a cooperation agreement with the General Directorate of Police, HRDC monitored the respect for detainees' rights and the implementation of DV laws by police structures.
- **Lobbying and Advocacy Efforts:** Domestically, HRDC contributed to the amendment of the Penal Code regarding violence as a penal act and participated in drafting the national report on Beijing +30. Internationally, HRDC engaged with the GB Violence Network, UPR processes, and other global platforms to advocate for improved policies and protections for women.

## Looking Forward

HRDC remains dedicated to advancing human rights and supporting victims of violence across Albania. Our ongoing efforts in community awareness, legal aid, and advocacy are vital to creating a more just and equitable society

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## ASSOCIATION ESE: VERTICAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN HEALTH POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

ESE is a prominent organization in North Macedonia, focusing on social accountability through vertical, horizontal, and diagonal methods. The organization empowers local CSOs and citizens to monitor government performance, particularly in the healthcare sector, and to demand accountability.

### Best practices used:

- **Monitoring the Cervical Cancer Screening Program:** ESE conducted thorough monitoring at both national and local levels, assessing the implementation and coverage of the cervical cancer screening program, with a particular focus on Roma women. Findings revealed significant gaps, including insufficient funding, poor coordination, and ineffective implementation. The budget for the program remained stagnant for ten years, covering only 28% of the target population instead of the required 70%.
- **Community-Based Monitoring:** In partnership with local Roma CSOs, ESE conducted surveys and focus groups to understand the barriers Roma women face in accessing gynecological services. Issues identified included a lack of registration with gynecological offices, financial barriers, and inadequate service provision in Roma neighborhoods.
- **Advocacy and Recommendations:** ESE formed a group of experts to develop recommendations for improving the cervical cancer screening program. Key recommendations included increasing the program's budget, enhancing coordination and monitoring mechanisms, and updating diagnostic methods. The organization engaged in media advocacy and public debates to raise awareness and push for policy changes at both local and national levels.



- Empowering Roma Women: ESE conducted numerous educational and informational activities to empower Roma women with knowledge about their rights and the importance of regular gynecological examinations. They also informed women about the provision of free services and how to report violations.
- Impact and Future Directions: Through their diligent efforts, ESE has successfully advocated for the implementation of an electronic module for the cervical cancer screening program and the piloting of modern diagnostic methods. Despite these advancements, funding for the program remains insufficient, highlighting the ongoing need for advocacy and systemic improvements.

**Link to ESE's Advocacy Video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oBjCpZIRIo>

**Looking Forward**

ESE remains dedicated to improving health policy implementation through vertical accountability. By empowering communities and advocating for systemic changes, we strive to ensure that all women, especially the marginalized, receive the preventive healthcare they deserve.

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## STANICA P.E.T.: EMPOWERING MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

STANICA P.E.T. is a grassroots organization dedicated to legal empowerment and access to justice for marginalized communities, particularly Roma and rural populations in North Macedonia. Employing a community-based approach, the organization works to ensure citizens realize their rights, focusing on health, social rights, housing, environmental justice, and citizen participation in democratic processes at the local level. STANICA P.E.T. offers legal and paralegal assistance, conducts educational activities, mobilizes communities, and engages in advocacy to address pressing issues faced by their target groups.

### **Best practices used:**

- **Mobile Office and Outreach:** STANICA P.E.T. operates from its office in Prilep and through a mobile office that travels to three rural municipalities: Mariovo, Krivogashtani, and Dolneni. They also maintain online and telephone communication to provide around 1,200 services annually.
- **Community Empowerment Projects:** Aims to strengthen convicted persons by improving reintegration conditions at the local level, reducing recidivism, and enhancing post-penal care.
- **Legal Strengthening and Support for the Most Marginalized:** Provides education and support to marginalized groups to promote and protect basic human rights. Field actions are organized to raise public awareness and prevent gender-based violence.
- **Socio-Economic Strengthening of Young People from Dolneni:** Focuses on increasing awareness and opportunities for social and business entrepreneurship among young people, especially young women, in the rural municipality of Dolneni. Activities include educational schools, access to resources, job opportunities, and training sessions.

- **Monitoring and Advocacy: Strengthening of National Safeguards against Hate Speech:** Monthly monitoring of hate speech cases on social media and local platforms. Cases are registered on [www.govornaomraza.mk](http://www.govornaomraza.mk), and findings are used to advocate for better safeguards.
- **Empowering Roma Returnees:** Identifies Roma returnees and facilitates their access to administrative procedures, employment support, social services, and advocacy before institutions.
- **Environmental and Climate Justice:** Plans and conducts actions to protect the environment and ensure climate justice, focusing on systemic learning, using, and shaping the law.

### **Looking Forward**

Looking ahead, the association LET Station remain dedicated to their mission of legal empowerment and social justice, working tirelessly to address the needs of marginalized communities and build a more inclusive society.

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## JUVENTAS: ENHANCING SOCIAL COHESION AND RIGHTS PROTECTION

NGO Juventas, founded in 1996 in Podgorica, Montenegro, operates on both national and regional levels to improve social cohesion through innovative service provision and advocacy. Juventas aims to enhance the quality of life for socially excluded individuals by strengthening their capacities for active participation in public policy development.

### Best practices used:

- **Direct Assistance Program:** Provides confidential, informed professional, and peer support to marginalized groups such as people who use drugs, sex workers, and the LGBTIQ community. Services include outreach work, distribution of safe injection equipment, HIV testing referrals, and peer counseling. Operates three specialized drop-in centers offering a range of services, including psychological, medical, and legal counseling, clothing donations, shower facilities, and hairdresser services.
- **Research and Advocacy:** Conducts research to improve programs like opioid agonist treatment (OAT) and publishes findings and recommendations. This includes involving beneficiaries in the research process. Advocates for the inclusion of new professions in the National Qualification framework, such as the associate in social inclusion, to provide employment opportunities for individuals with similar life experiences as their clients.
- **Post-Penal Support:** Provides comprehensive support to former prisoners and their families, including counseling, legal advice, and social services. The project "Provision of sustainable support to former prisoners and children in conflict with the law - Recover2" aims to facilitate successful reintegration into the community.

- **Cross-Border Projects:** A cross-border initiative with Kosovo to enhance the inclusion of socially excluded individuals in the labor market through vocational training and economic empowerment.
- **Education and Inclusion:** Improves the socio-economic status of the Roma and Egyptian populations through formal and informal education, legal counseling, and support services.
- **HIV/AIDS Prevention:** Provides services to approximately 2,000 unique clients annually, ensuring their active participation in service creation and delivery.
- **Licensed Services:** Juventas holds ISO 9001 certification and is a licensed service provider for counseling and community-based support, ensuring high-quality service delivery to socially excluded individuals.

### **Looking Forward**

Looking ahead, the association LET Station remain dedicated to their mission of legal empowerment and social justice, working tirelessly to address the needs of marginalized communities and build a more inclusive society.

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## MONTENEGRIN HARM REDUCTION NETWORK - LINK

We are thrilled to welcome the Montenegrin Harm Reduction Network Link to the COPASAH network! This dedicated organization focuses on reducing harm related to substance use through comprehensive support, education, and advocacy. Their efforts aim to promote public health, human rights, and social inclusion for individuals affected by substance use. By joining our network, they bring valuable expertise and a strong commitment to improving community health outcomes in Montenegro.

Stay connected with the Montenegrin Harm Reduction Network Link through their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/LINK-Crnogorska-mreža-za-smanjenje-štete/100081517601452/>



## PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF MONTENEGRO

We are excited to welcome the Psychological Association of Montenegro to the COPASAH network! This association is dedicated to promoting mental health and psychological well-being in Montenegro through education, advocacy, and professional development. Their mission is to advance the field of psychology, support psychologists in their practice, and raise awareness about mental health issues.

Stay connected with the Psychological Association of Montenegro through their Facebook page:

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## STRUKOVNO UDRUŽENJE SOCIJALNIH RADNIKA

We are delighted to introduce Strukovno Udruženje Socijalnih Radnika to the COPASAH network! This professional association of social workers is dedicated to advancing the field of social work in Montenegro through advocacy, education, and support for social workers. Their mission is to improve social services, promote social justice, and enhance the well-being of individuals and communities.

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## MOJA ŠANSA JE I TVOJA ŠANSA

We are excited to announce the addition of a remarkable organization, Moja Šansa Je I Tvoja Šansa, to the COPASAH network. This organization has been a beacon of hope for individuals striving to overcome addiction, providing crucial support in resocialization, employment, and education. Their comprehensive services are designed to help individuals adapt to new lives, maintain lifelong abstinence, and face reality with resilience.

Founded on core values of non-violence, self-determination, respect, and equality, Moja Šansa Je I Tvoja Šansa has tirelessly worked to combat drug abuse and its associated crimes, promote democratic and civil society, protect human rights, and support marginalized groups. Their dedication extends to young people, individuals living with HIV, and those with disabilities resulting from substance use.

### **Key Services:**

- **Resocialization and Employment Support:** Offering workshops that help individuals reintegrate into society and find sustainable employment.
- **Educational and Advisory Workshops:** Providing guidance and support for lifelong abstinence and adaptation to new lives.
- **Combating Drug Abuse:** Advocating against the misuse of drugs and harmful substances, and promoting healthier communities.
- **Crime Prevention:** Working to prevent crimes related to drug abuse and illegal trafficking.
- **Human and Civil Rights Protection:** Striving to protect and promote fundamental human and civil rights.
- **Volunteerism Development:** Encouraging community involvement through volunteer programs.
- **Psychosocial Support:** Offering help and support to people living with HIV and those with disabilities due to substance use, aiding them in employment and self-employment.



- Child Rights Promotion: Working to prevent drug abuse among children and related crimes, ensuring their well-being.
- Fighting Stigma and Discrimination: Promoting inclusivity and respect by combating stigma and discrimination against addicts and individuals in recovery.
- Healthcare System Improvement: Collaborating to enhance social and healthcare systems for substance users and individuals in recovery.
- Rehabilitation and Reintegration Advocacy: Supporting individuals who have completed treatment in becoming productive members of society.
- Harm Reduction: Working to lessen the negative impacts of substance abuse.
- Anonymous and Free Testing: Promoting public health through anonymous and free testing for HIV, hepatitis B, and C.
- Parental Responsibility Promotion: Aiming to prevent addiction by promoting responsible parenting and better communication.
- Healthy Lifestyle Promotion: Advocating for healthy living and developing accessible rehabilitation programs for all, including minority communities in Montenegro.
- Support Groups: Encouraging the formation of self-help groups for ongoing support to addicts and their co-dependents.

Their commitment to these values and services demonstrates a profound dedication to creating a society where everyone enjoys equal rights, and all identities and bodies are respected. We are thrilled to have Moja Šansa Je I Tvoja Šansa join the COPASAH network and look forward to collaborating on initiatives that drive positive change and promote social justice.

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## ASSOCIATION SPEKTRA

We are thrilled to welcome Association Spektra to the COPASAH network, an organization dedicated to promoting and protecting the human rights of trans, gender diverse, and intersex persons in Montenegro. Founded in 2017 by a group of passionate activists from the LGBTIQ Association Queer Montenegro, Spektra has quickly become a leading voice for equality and social justice in a society that often marginalizes these communities.

Spektra's journey began with the informal group "Transovci," which focused on raising visibility and empowering the trans community through street and media actions, community building, and capacity development. This group's efforts culminated in hosting the regional event Transposium, marking a significant milestone in their advocacy work and solidifying their commitment to creating a trans-led organization.

In a patriarchal, heteronormative, and cis-normative society like Montenegro, trans people face violence and discrimination in various aspects of life, including families, workplaces, schools, healthcare, and the legal system. Spektra was founded on the belief that change is driven by movements rooted in values such as non-violence, self-determination, body integrity, respect, feminism, and equal access to social and legal systems.

Spektra's mission is to eradicate gender-based violence in Montenegro by building a strong, visible movement, advocating for policy changes, and educating society. Their efforts ensure active involvement of trans, gender diverse, and intersex persons in creating and implementing policies that promote equality and respect for diversity.

## **Spektra's core values include:**

- **Pacifism:** Opposing all forms of violence and advocating for peaceful existence.
- **Self-determination:** Supporting the right of every person to define their own identity and advocating for legal recognition of those identities.
- **Feminist principles:** Promoting gender equality for all individuals, regardless of their gender identity or sex characteristics.
- **Intersectionality:** Recognizing that multiple identities can lead to different forms of oppression and advocating for a holistic approach to activism.
- **Respect for identity, personal integrity, and experiences.**
- **Work transparency:** Maintaining open communication with the community and the public to ensure transparency in their activities.
- **Teamwork and dialogue culture:** Promoting assertive communication, shared decision-making, and conflict resolution.
- **Critical thinking:** Encouraging a critical approach to issues affecting the community and welcoming constructive criticism to improve their work.
- **Integrity:** Making decisions aligned with their values and goals, resisting political pressure, and upholding human rights without compromise.

We look forward to collaborating with Spektra as they continue to champion the rights of trans, gender diverse, and intersex persons in Montenegro. Their dedication to non-violence, equality, and respect aligns perfectly with COPASAH's mission to foster inclusive and equitable societies.

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## CENTER FOR ROMA INITIATIVES - CRI

Center for Roma Initiatives (CRI) is a pioneering force in Montenegro's landscape since its establishment in September 2004. As the first women Roma and Egyptian NGO in the country, CRI has been instrumental in driving transformative change for marginalized communities.

At its core, CRI is dedicated to combating discrimination within families and society, advocating tirelessly for the rights and well-being of Roma and Egyptian women and children. Through a multifaceted approach, CRI addresses pressing issues such as violence prevention, access to education, health improvement, economic empowerment, and combating addiction diseases and juvenile delinquency.

Their mission extends beyond rhetoric, as they actively engage in programs aimed at enhancing the socio-economic conditions of Roma and Egyptian women, fostering gender equality, and ensuring equitable access to education and healthcare.

Over the years, CRI's impact has been felt far and wide, earning them prestigious accolades such as the Anna Lindh Award for leadership and women's participation, recognition from the US Embassy for civic activism, and the EU Commission's Award for Roma integration.

With a steadfast commitment to long-term financial stability, organizational growth, and community visibility, CRI continues to lead by example, inspiring change and championing the rights of marginalized populations in Montenegro.

Stay connected with CRI through their website, social media channels, and direct contact avenues, and join their journey towards building a more inclusive and tolerant society.

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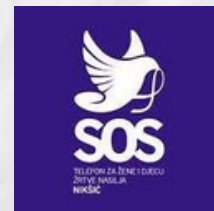


## ROMA YOUTH ORGANIZATION PHIREN AMENCA

We are excited to welcome Phiren Amenca, a vibrant Roma youth organization, to the COPASAH network! Phiren Amenca is dedicated to empowering Roma youth and fostering social inclusion. Their dynamic presence on social media showcases their commitment to advocacy, education, and community engagement. With a focus on promoting equality and combating discrimination, Phiren Amenca is a valuable addition to our network, and we look forward to supporting their efforts to create positive change.

Stay connected with Phiren Amenca through their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/phirenamenca.org>





## **SOS PHONE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE - NIKŠIĆ**

SOS Phone for Women and Children Victims of Violence Nikšić is a dynamic addition to the COPASAH network, bringing with it a wealth of experience and dedication to combating male violence against women and children in Nikšić, Montenegro. Founded in February 1998, this autonomous, local, feminist non-governmental organization has been at the forefront of protecting and promoting the rights of women and children for over two decades.

With a strong emphasis on providing comprehensive support services and expert assistance to victims of violence, SOS Phone Nikšić has established itself as a leading NGO in Montenegro. Through its visionary leadership and tireless efforts, the organization has implemented numerous projects aimed at improving the socio-economic life of women belonging to vulnerable categories.

As a member of the European WAVE Network - Women Against Violence Europe, SOS Phone Nikšić has demonstrated its commitment to collaboration and collective action in the fight against gender-based violence. The organization's mission to create a world where all women and children can live in peace and dignity resonates deeply with the values of the COPASAH network.

We warmly welcome SOS Phone for Women and Children Victims of Violence Nikšić to the COPASAH network and look forward to collaborating with them to advance our shared goals of social justice and equity.

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CESA is a non-profit organization based in Durres, Albania, dedicated to advancing education and social development in the community. Their mission is to contribute to the development of society through education and training across various fields, including media, culture, arts, entrepreneurship, environment, and health. They serve individuals of all ages, from children to elders, with a commitment to inclusivity and equality, regardless of gender, religion, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or political beliefs.

Led by Lubjana Malaj, the Executive Director, CESA works tirelessly to promote accountability and transform health systems toward the realization of social justice. They are actively involved in addressing discrimination in healthcare settings and are committed to ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all individuals. Additionally, CESA has experience in implementing various projects related to social services, including open discussions, mental health education campaigns, media literacy initiatives, and promoting the rights and inclusion of young people in democratic life.

As a partner of COPASAH Europe, CESA is committed to contributing to the organization's mission and values. They believe that educated, self-actualized, and independent individuals are essential for the development of a thriving society. Through their partnership with COPASAH Europe, they aim to offer accessible, quality, and inclusive education to all beneficiaries, empowering them with the knowledge and skills necessary to improve their health and well-being and actively participate in society.



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## ORGANIZATION WOMEN - DELCHEVO

Organization WOMEN Delchevo is a non-governmental, non-partisan, and non-profit organization based in Delchevo, North Macedonia. Founded by a group of dedicated citizens, their mission is to achieve and protect the rights of women and marginalized groups in all aspects of social life, with a particular focus on improving the position of rural women and addressing the socio-economic and educational needs of marginalized communities.

Their vision is of a modern society built on the principles of equality and respect for diversity, where women realize all their guaranteed rights and participate equally in all segments of community life. To achieve this vision, Organization WOMEN Delchevo works tirelessly to empower women, youth, and marginalized groups through education, information dissemination, encouragement of entrepreneurial initiatives, and civic actions across various social spheres.

Their main goals include creating conducive conditions for the continuous engagement of women, youth, and marginalized groups, as well as monitoring, studying, and initiating actions on issues requiring social resolution. They are particularly focused on improving the socio-economic situation of women, youth, and marginalized communities at the local and regional levels.

Currently, Organization WOMEN Delchevo is actively working on several specific issues related to the right to health, including access to healthcare, health insurance, discrimination in healthcare settings, women's reproductive health, and the health of mothers and children.

By implementing methodologies such as Social Accountability and Legal Empowerment in the health sector, they strive to ensure that marginalized groups have equitable access to healthcare services.

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As we draw to a close in the May 2024 edition of the COPASAH Newsletter, we are reminded of the profound impact grassroots organizations have in catalyzing positive change within their communities. Through innovative best practices and unwavering dedication, the featured civil society organizations in Albania, North Macedonia, and Montenegro exemplify the transformative power of collective action.

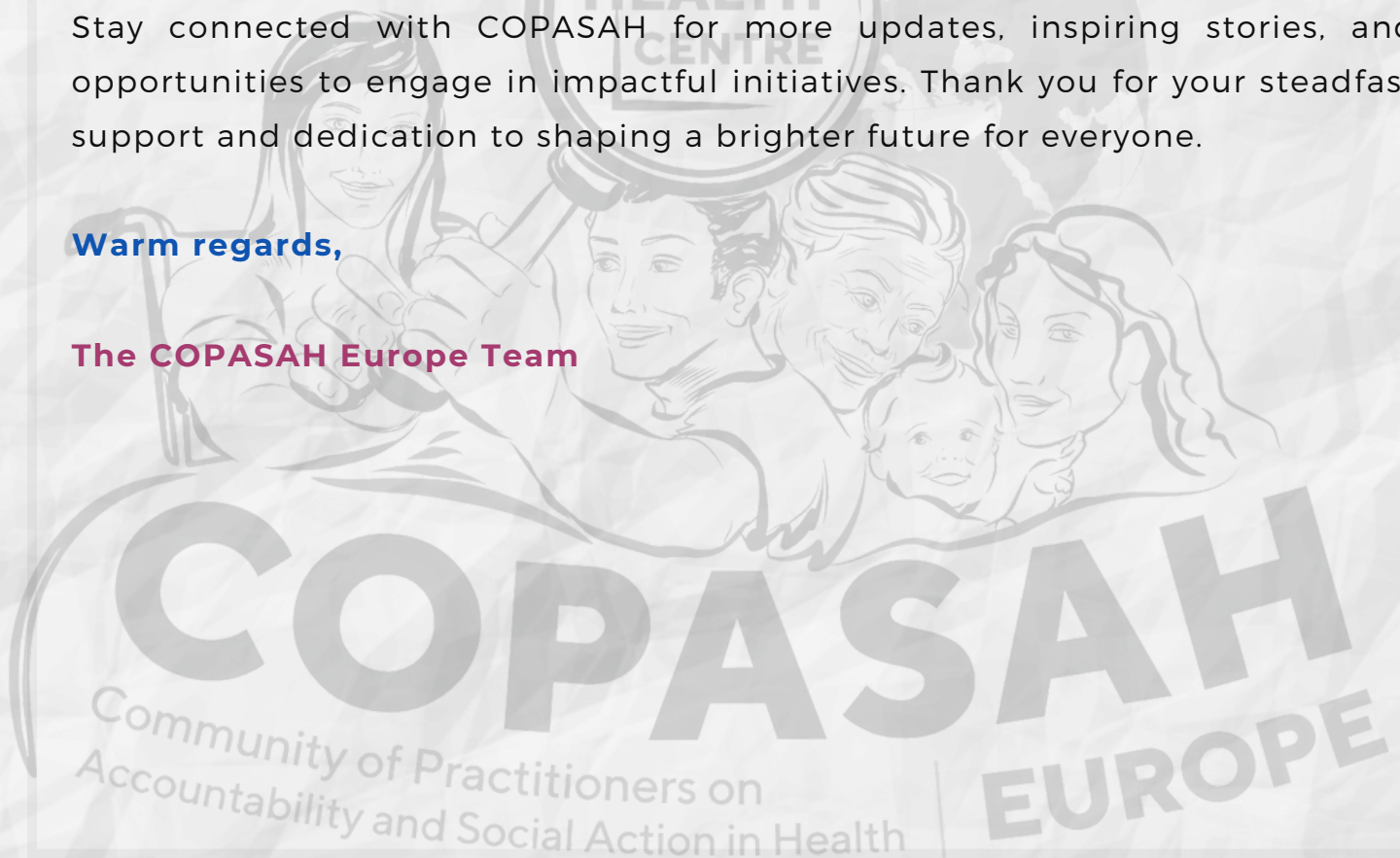
Reflecting on their achievements, it is evident that their efforts have not only enhanced the lives of marginalized individuals but also advanced human rights, social justice, and equality. From empowering women and marginalized communities to advocating for policy changes and promoting accountability in healthcare, these organizations serve as beacons of hope and inspiration.

Looking ahead, let us continue to champion and amplify the voices of grassroots organizations tirelessly working to create a more inclusive and equitable world. Together, we can forge stronger communities, drive meaningful change, and uphold the fundamental principles of human dignity and justice for all.

Stay connected with COPASAH for more updates, inspiring stories, and opportunities to engage in impactful initiatives. Thank you for your steadfast support and dedication to shaping a brighter future for everyone.

**Warm regards,**

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