

List of Swiss / Swiss-based organizations and their respective activities in South-Eastern Europe

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| AMICA Schweiz www.amica-schweiz.ch | Marie-Louise Bohny Andrea von Bidder info@amica-schweiz.ch | Bosnia-Herzegovina: Tuzla | 1996 | <u>Thematic Priorities:</u> Education, training for professionals and students, counselling <u>Activity Lines in South-East Europe:</u> A centre for psychosocial education and counselling that focuses its activities on long-term psychosocial support to individuals and families through interaction, assistance and education by applying modern and alternative methods in its work. <u>Activity Lines in Switzerland:</u> Fundraising, monitoring, informing the donors about the development of local projects | <u>In South-East Europe:</u> Local registered NGO Amica Educa <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> SDC, Schützen Rheinfelden AG, political, evangelical and catholic communities of Binnigen-Bottmingen, town of Liestal BL, different political, evangelical and catholic communities mostly in the Northwest of Switzerland, private persons and women's associations |
| Caritas Schweiz www.caritas.ch | Geri Meili (Kosovo) gmeili@caritas.ch Monique Frey (Bosnia-Herzegovina) mfrey@caritas.ch | Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina | Kosovo: 1999 Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania, Serbia, Croatia: 1992 | <u>Thematic Priorities:</u> Kosovo: Community-building, integration of minorities and local development, vocational training, pre-school education, income generation in agriculture Bosnia-Herzegovina: Agriculture, peacebuilding, community-building, good governance <u>Activity Lines in South-Eastern Europe:</u> Kosovo: Continuation and consolidation in the priority fields, more relevance on municipality level Bosnia-Herzegovina: ecological building, social housing, | <u>In South-Eastern Europe:</u> Kosovo: Municipalities, RAE-NGOs in Prizren, Cattle Breeder Association GRAUFI, Dora Dores, Prizren, MEST, CaKosovo Bosnia-Herzegovina: Priroda, Bratunac; Mozaik, Sarajevo; Centre for civic initiatives, Tuzla; Youth center, Ljubija; Budi moj prijatelji, Sarajevo |

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| | | | | youth and employment <u>Activity Lines in Switzerland:</u> Kosovo: Media work, Cooperation with pedagogic institutions (vocational training, community-building, preschool) Bosnia-Herzegovina: media work, workshops, presentations | <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Kosovo: HSA Lucerne, Initiative for practice-based research (ipf); skat, Swisscontact Bosnia-Herzegovina: Backstopping: Intercooperation, Agridea, creaconsult |
| cf-d- Christlicher Friedensdienst www.cfd-ch.org | Annette Dietschy annete.dietschy@cf-d-ch.org Ester Stebler ester.stebler@cf-d-ch.org | Kosovo: Pristina, Peja Bosnia-Herzegovina: Sanski Most | 1994 | <u>Thematic Priorities:</u> Empowerment projects that focus on following activities: - Advocacy and awareness-building for women's and human rights, participation of women in politics and peacebuilding - Prevention of violence, psychosocial and legal counselling, support programmes for female victims of violence - Education, vocational training, income generation - Organizational development and capacity-building for women's organisations. <u>Activity Lines in South-Eastern Europe:</u> - Cooperation with and support of the partner organisations and their activities - Regular contact and exchange with other NGOs <u>Activity Lines in Switzerland:</u> Advocacy and information activities as part of the wider cfd information policy as well as fundraising. | <u>In South-Eastern Europe:</u> Kosovo: Women's Wellness Centre, Peja, Gender Training and Research Centre, Pristina Bosnia-Herzegovina: Krajiška Suza, Sanski Most, regular contact and exchange with other NGOs and organisations <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Wide network of organisations, institutions and groups on the national and the international level |
| DEZA www.deza.ch | Denis Bugnard denis.bugnard@deza.admin.ch Program Officer Albania Katharina Stocker katharina.stocker@deza.admin.ch Program Officer Bosnia | Albania Bosnia Herzegovina | Albania 1992 Bosnia Herzegovina 1996 | <u>Thematic Priorities:</u> - Democratization and decentralization - Development of the private sector - Basic infrastructure and social services <u>Activity Lines:</u> <u>Albania:</u> | <u>In South-Eastern Europe:</u> Local partners of the public and the private sector, NGOs <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Federal Office for Migration Political Affairs Division I |

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| | <p>Alfred Fritschi alfred.fritschi@deza.admin.ch Program Officer Kosovo</p> <p>Georgette Bruchez georgette.bruchez@deza.admin.ch Program Officer Macedonia</p> <p>Richard Kohli richard.kohli@deza.admin.ch Program Officer Serbia</p> | | | | |
| Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Political Directorate, Political Affairs Division IV, Human Security, Section for Peace | <p>Claudia Moser claudia.moser@eda.admin.ch</p> <p>Mô Bleeker mo.bleeker@eda.admin.ch</p> | Bosnia Herzegovina, Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo | 1996 | <p><u>Thematic Priorities:</u> Political dialogue and confidence building, dealing with the past and transitional justice, communities/minorities, decentralisation, secondment of personnel to multilateral actors</p> <p><u>Activity Lines in South-Eastern Europe:</u> Continuation of activities</p> <p><u>Activity Lines in Switzerland:</u> Activities in the framework of Swiss foreign policy and media work.</p> | <p><u>In South-Eastern Europe:</u> EU (EUPM, EULEX), UN (UNMIK), OSCE, OHR, ICO, State Court of Bosnia Herzegovina, Governments of Bosnia Herzegovina, Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo. Project on Ethnic Relations (PER), Documenta (Zagreb), Research and Documentation Centre (RDC, Sarajevo), Humanitarian Law Centre (HLC, Belgrade), ICMP, BIRN, ECMI, CRS, CNA, CCI, NPA, FORUM, Novi Sad Trauma Centre, YIHR etc.</p> <p><u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> EU, UN, OSCE, KOFF, Medienhilfe, Convivenza, Public Administration, Media etc.</p> |
| Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Political Secretariat, Analysis and | Olivier Haener olivier.haener@eda.admin.ch | All of South-Eastern Europe | 1993 | <p><u>Thematic Priorities:</u> Political and social trends</p> | <p><u>In South-Eastern Europe:</u> Public administrations, NGOs, etc.</p> |

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| Prospective Studies | | | | <u>Activity Lines:</u> Focus on a better understanding of the current political and social trends in SEE and their impact on Switzerland. | <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Public administrations, NGOs, media, etc. |
| Gemeinden Gemeinsam Schweiz (GGS) / Common Cause Switzerland (CCS) www.ggs.ccs.ch | Andreas Kohlschütter, President info@ggs-ccs.ch | Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro | 1993 | <u>In South-East Europe:</u> Seminars in cooperation with our regional committees in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Krusevo (regional committee Biel-Seeland) - Sombor (regional committee Bodensee-Rhein) - Plav (regional committee Montagnes Neuchâteloses) - Andrijevica (regional committee Horgen) <u>In Switzerland:</u> Non at the moment. | <u>In South-Eastern Europe:</u> community partnerships by the regional committees in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tetevo - Pluzine - Plav - Rozaje - Zupanja - Sombor - Vertenglio-Brtonigla - Risan & Bijelo Polie - Krusevo - <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nine regional committees - DEZA |
| Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker Schweiz (GfbV) / Society for threatened peoples Switzerland (STP) www.gfbv.ch | Kaspar Haller, Kosovo kaspar.haller@gfbv.ch , Franziska Stocker, Bosnia franziska.stocker@gfbv.ch , | Kosovo, Bosnia Herzegovina | 1992 | <u>Activity Lines in South-East Europe:</u> STP offices in Sarajevo and Srebrenica: support of victims of genocide / mass atrocities (especially in the region of Srebrenica), support of the work of the ICTY, mediation between Serb and Muslim mothers, support of Roma minority in Bosnia, lobbying and advocacy activities, etc. | <u>In South-East Europe:</u> STP offices in Sarajevo and Srebrenica and their respective partner organizations (e.g. organization of women survivors of camps, Mothers of Srebrenica) |
| | | | | <u>Activity Lines in Switzerland:</u> Advocacy, awareness-raising about victims of genocide and dealing with the past in Bosnia (e.g. conferences) | Paul Polansky and his team in Kosovo (doing research on the situation of Roma in Kosovo on a regular basis) |
| | | | | Advocacy, awareness-raising about the difficult situation of Roma and other minorities in Kosovo and about dealing with | <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> |

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| | | | | the past in Kosovo. | Changing partners depending on on-going activities |
| Heks www.heks.ch | Leo Meyer meyer@heks.ch | Western Balkans: Albania, Kosovo, Serbia (North) and Bosnia Herzegovina (East) Central-Eastern Europe: Republic Moldova, (Romania phasing-out) South Caucasus: Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan | Serbia 1990 | <u>Thematic Priorities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Income generation and access to resources, enhancement of production, and market access. - Employment through integration in the labour market - Conflict transformation and empowerment of civil society movements <u>Activity Lines in South-East Europe:</u> <p>Income generation and access to resources, enhancement of production, market access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhancing production and commercialisation of agricultural commodities, especially vegetables (Kosovo, BH) by cooperation, networking, capacity-building and access to resources (micro-credits, infrastructure, marketing strategies, etc.) - Cooperation with the local private sector to integrate marginalised groups into the employment process and to improve the commercial exploitation of products - Facilitate access to micro-credits <p>Income generational through integration into the labour market:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to professional education, income generation trainings for marginalised groups (e.g. single women, Roma, IDPs, migrants, returnees) - Empowerment of marginalized women through education and through access to employment and income (Albania, Kosovo) <p>Conflict transformation and civil-society empowerment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - „Social inclusion“ of Roma population: access to basic rights (school, identity papers, basic infrastructure, etc.), | <u>In South-East Europe:</u> Main partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kosovo: Women for Women (WFW), Pristina - Serbia: EHO, Novi Sad - Albania: Useful for Albanian Women (UFW), Riana <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Various ecumenical committees of cantonal evangelical churches, member of international ecumenical networks |

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| | | | | <p>capacity-building for Roma NGOs and amelioration of housing situation (Serbia and Kosovo).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Empowerment and organizational development of civil society, especially in public service: care for elderly (Serbia), access to basic education (Albania, Serbia) - Counselling service for migrants, assistance for (re-) integration - Community-building / development of local infrastructure in cooperation with local initiatives (CBOs) and local authorities (BH). - Promotion of dialogue and understanding between religious communities (BH), cooperation with PA IV <p><u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the annual reports on our website | |
| Intercooperation www.intercooperation.ch | Stéphanie Roschi Traoré sroschi@intercooperation.ch | Bosnia, Herzegovina, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia | 2001 | <p><u>Thematic Priorities:</u> Municipal development, local and municipal planning, local governance, decentralization, mechanisms of citizens' participation, capacity development of civil society organizations, municipal services.</p> <p><u>Activity Lines in Switzerland:</u> Networking</p> | <p><u>In South-East Europe:</u> LGI, Soros foundation, KFOS, CDI, Coplan Partner municipalities</p> <p><u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> SDC, SECO, swisspeace, IFF, SEREC, Urbaplan, IDHEAP, University of Bern, NADEL, ODI, DFID, etc.</p> |
| Interdepartmental Steering Group: Federal Office for Migration, Return Assistance (FOM) Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) | Eric Kaser Return Assistance eric.kaser@bfm.admin.ch Saskia Schenker Return Assistance saskia.schenker@bfm.admin.ch | Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia, Montenegro | Bosnia and Herzegovina: 1997 Kosovo: 1999 Serbia, Montenegro: 2001 | <p><u>Thematic Priorities:</u> Assisted Voluntary Return Program for the Western Balkans 2007-2009: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo</p> <p><u>Activity Lines in South-East Europe:</u> Assisted Voluntary Return Program: Individual return- and reintegration assistance (implemented by FOM and IOM) Structural aid: prevention of migration through social and</p> | <p><u>In South-East Europe:</u> SDC (structural aid) IOM (International Organisation for Migration)</p> <p><u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> SDC IOM Berne</p> |

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| http://www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/de/home/themen/rueckkehr/rueckkehrfoerderung.html | | | | <p>economic development projects (implemented by SDC).</p> <p>Contribution to migration partnerships 2007-2009: Structural aid for strengthening capacities of the migration management authorities. Regular migration dialogue between CH and the focal countries of the Balkans (individual and structural aid are part of the negotiations).</p> <p><u>Activity Lines in Switzerland:</u> Return Assistance Communication group</p> | |
| <p>Medienhilfe www.medienhilfe.ch</p> | <p>Nena Skopljanac nsk@medienhilfe.ch</p> | <p>Serbia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina Romania, Bulgaria</p> | <p>1992</p> | <p><u>Thematic Priorities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conflict-related media projects - Media and reconciliation - Dealing with the past and media - Cross-border projects - Minorities in the media and minority medias, with a special program on Roma - Media and democratic reforms, good governance. <p><u>Planned activity lines in South-East Europe:</u> Media program in Moldavia.</p> <p><u>Activity Lines in Switzerland:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sensitizing CH media about issues of concern; providing analyses, contacts, information sources - (co-)organization of and participation in public events - mh-Info; appears quarterly (ca 2'000 recipients) - mh-e-mailing-list with news and updates; ca. 500 recipients (media, NGOs, universities, policy makers) | <p><u>Partners in South-East Europe:</u> Over 80 partners: radio and TV stations / producers; news agencies; training centres; media centres; media and journalist associations</p> <p><u>In Switzerland:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EDA, PA IV - Swiss NGOs active in SEE and Middle East - Swiss NGOs involved in media development <p><u>Internationally:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open Society Institute (Network, media program and media departments at national level) - National Endowment for Democracy - Global Fund for Media Development - Media Development Loan Fund - Swedish Helsinki Committee |

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| Schweizerische Flüchtlingshilfe / Swiss Refugee Council www.osar.ch | Rainer Mattern rainer.mattern@osar.ch | Kosovo, Serbia, Macedonia, Bosnia | | <u>Thematic Priorities:</u> Refugees, IDP's, health, human rights <u>Activity Lines in Switzerland:</u> Country of origin research, advocacy, fact-finding trips to various countries. | <u>In South-Eastern Europe:</u> Individual contacts for research |
| Schweizerische Helsinki-Vereinigung / Swiss Helsinki Association www.ihf-ch.org | Marianne von Grünigen, President info@ihf-ch.org | Serbia | 1977 | <u>In South-East Europe:-</u> Youth seminar 2007 in Palic with four Workshops <u>In Switzerland:</u> 2008: Youth seminar (follow-up): "Spannungen zwischen Menschenrechten und Demokratie" in Kappel (1.-5. July 2008) | <u>In South-Eastern Europe:</u> Several NGOs <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Several NGOs |
| Schweizerisches Arbeiterhilfswerk SAH/ Swiss Labour Assistance www.sha.ch | Claude Nicolet claudio.nicolet@sah.ch Cyrill Rogger cyrill.rogger@sah.ch | Serbia, Kosovo | 1990 | <u>Thematic Priorities:</u> Labour rights, labour market, trade unions, social dialogue, rural development, democratization and participation. | <u>In South-Eastern Europe:</u> Trade unions, socio-economic councils, employers' associations, various agencies and associations / NGOs (e.g. for peaceful resolution of labour conflicts, farmer associations, women's associations, agricultural collectives) <u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Solidar Network, Swiss Trade Union Confederation / Schweizerischer Gewerkschaftsverbund (SGB), unia |

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| SCI Switzerland www.scich.org | Louise Lätt louise.laett@scich.org | Albania Serbia Romania Bulgaria | 1980 | <p><u>In South-East Europe:</u> Bilateral projects with partner organizations (peace organizations, organizing international work camps mainly for young people), volunteer exchange</p> <p><u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> No local projects directly related to the Balkan area or the Diaspora in Switzerland at the moment. A working group of SCI Switzerland is responsible for contacts in the Balkans / Eastern Europe. It coordinates activities in these countries and sometimes engages in political activities in Switzerland supporting partners and peace / democracy projects in EE.</p> | <p><u>In South-East Europe:</u> Volunteers Centre Vojvodina, Serbia PVN Albania SCI Romania, CVS Bulgaria</p> <p><u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> UNITED for intercultural action</p> |
| Stiftung Kinderdorf Pestalozzi / Pestalozzi Children's Foundation www.pestalozzi.ch | Beatrice Schuler Program Officer South-Eastern Europe b.schulter@pestalozzi.ch | Serbia Macedonia Romania | | <p><u>In South-East Europe:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intercultural education (curricular development, out-of-school youth work, intercultural and interethnic school and youth projects, teacher training) - Access to education and quality standards in education for marginalised groups - Children's rights trainings and Child Rights based Approach in education <p><u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intercultural exchange for youth in South Eastern Europe and Switzerland - Intercultural education for young adults - Training for intercultural youth workers | <p><u>In South-East Europe:</u></p> <p><u>Operational Partners Romania:</u> Community Development and Care Directorate, municipality of Arad / Fundatia Pestalozzi Romania</p> <p><u>Serbia:</u> Child Rights Centre Belgrade / Child Rights Centre Uzice / Društvo za zaštitu i unapređenje mentalnog zdravlja dece i mladih Niš / Društvo za razvoj kreativnosti</p> <p><u>Aleksinac:</u> FORCA Požega / Urban In Novi Pazar / NVO Imam ideju, Kraljevo / Centar za decu i omladinu</p> <p><u>Vrnjačka Banja:</u> Centar za kreativni razvoj Knjaževac / Dečja Radost Zaječar / Panonija Novi Sad / "Paad centar za socio-</p> |

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| Swiss Red Cross www.redcross.ch | Caluori Urban urban.caluori@redcross.ch | Bosnia-Herzegovina | 1999 | <u>Thematic Priorities:</u> The SRC endeavours to provide support to marginalised communities and the socially excluded – including returnees, those who stayed behind during the war, and minorities – in both entities of the country by facilitating a sustainable, peaceful and dignified well-being. The SRC applies a non-intrusive, process-oriented capacity-building approach in | <u>In South-East Europe:</u> Red Cross of Bosnia and Herzegovina Municipalities and community councils (Mjesne zajednice) |

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| | | | | <p>order to promote dialogue and interaction between residents and local government institutions.</p> <p><u>Activity Lines in South-East Europe:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community development - Local governance - Social inclusion of minorities | |
| <p>World Vision www.worldvision.ch</p> | <p>Stefanie Jud s.jud@worldvision.ch</p> | <p>Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania</p> | <p>1999</p> | <p><u>Thematic Priorities:</u> Kids for Peace Project, Peace education in Kosovo and peace-camps for youth from Kosovo, BH, Croatia, Albania</p> <p><u>In South-East Europe:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Microfinance - Anti-Trafficking <p><u>In Switzerland:</u> Media work</p> | <p><u>In South-Eastern Europe:</u> KosInvest (Micro Finance Institution), WV-Kosovo, WV-BH, WV-Albania</p> <p><u>In Switzerland and/or internationally:</u> Eagle Down Foundation (Canada)</p> |