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Dear colleagues,

here are some inputs from the NGO Women's Rights Center, Montenegro to IPA III consultation process:

- 1) Considering the significant gender inequalities in the WB, there should be a specific percentage of funding set regarding how much funding should go to gender equality, including within "gender mainstreamed" projects, similar as it is now for environment;
- 2) There should be a clear indicator (or more) related to gender equality, rather than burying it within an index, as proposed;
- 3) There should be earmarked funding for qualified, autonomous women's rights organisations.
There should be earmarked funding for qualified, autonomous women's rights organisations that have several years of experience as service providers for women and children who have suffered violence, similar to Daphne, as a separate budget line within IPA III; and
- 4) Civil society facility should not go through governments, as considering the actual situation in the region, it will run the risk of GONGOs (those supportive of ruling governments) receiving all funding as well as jeopardize the autonomy CSOs whose independence is crucial for rule of law and holding government accountable.

Best wishes,

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