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The project “**SOCIETIES 2** – *Support Of CSOs In Empowering Technical skills, Inclusion of people with disabilities and EU Standards in South East Europe, 2<sup>nd</sup> phase*” is a multiannual project financed by European Commission and co-financed by Caritas organizations.

The project is proposed by **alliance for social inclusion**, composed by 10 CSOs in the Western Balkans. Members of alliance work in the field of social inclusion of PWDs, and collaborate between each other on different projects, sharing common values, joint mission and strategies. The alliance is also enriched by 2 EU organizations.

The project started on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Concerned about the impact of this crisis on the already fragile CSOs of people with disabilities in the region, the Project management proposed the **Research about the impact of the pandemic on civil society organisations** and social enterprises in South East Europe.

This conference aims to present the main findings of the Research as well as foreseen activities of the project SOCIETIES in 4-year period and the funding opportunities offered by the project.



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**Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**

10.00 – 10.05	Welcome and introduction
10.05 – 10.15	DG NEAR Maria Nyman, Secretary General Caritas Europe
10.15 – 10.30	Presentations: Project SOCIETIES
10.30 – 11.00	Research on impact of Covid 19 on CSO in Western Balkans
11.00 – 11.20	Sub-granting – Call for applicants
11.20 – 11.30	Concluding remarks
	Break
11.30 – 13.00	National working groups