



INSTITUTE FOR SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Executive Summary

UNIQUENESS

- The first Think Tank established beyond the region, exclusively dedicated to the Western Balkans
- Predominantly led by women, following the Swiss Governance Model
- Comprising experts in Pluralist Economics
- Solely dedicated to the pursuit of Sustainable Development

THE ORGANIZATION

Founded in the international and neutral city of Geneva, the Institute for Socioeconomic Development (ISED) is a think tank dedicated to the integration and sustainable socioeconomic development. It aims to bridge the gap between the Western Balkans and the rest of the world by identifying gaps in policies, economic, and social systems

“Bringing new perspectives to bridge knowledge and policy”

SHORT TERM GOAL

Produce platform for evidence based analysis and policy suggestions where independent experts and youth can voice their perspectives and ideas for sustainable development

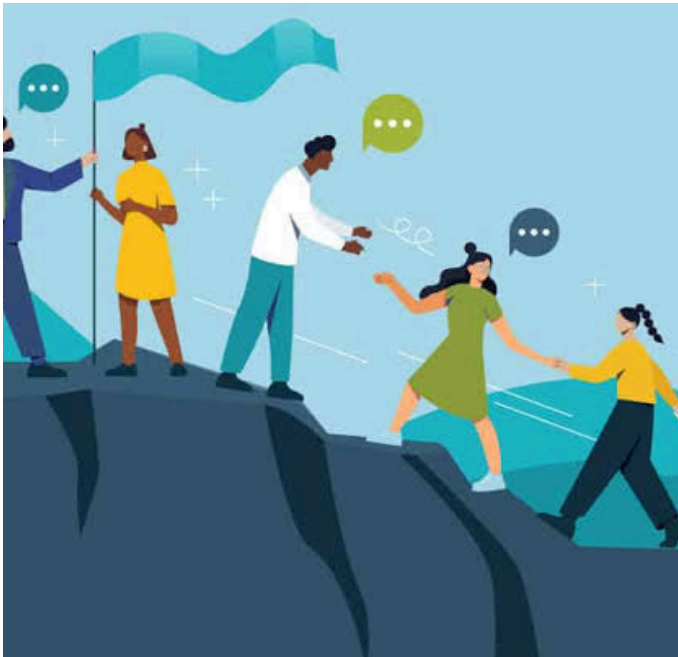
FUTURE PLANS

Developing a network of daughter institute in Western Balkans to transfer the know-how and implement projects. Making Geneva Chapter an International Western Balkan Forum for diplomatic discussion and policy research

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Mission and vision



MISSION

To foster diplomatic dialogue and integration of the Western Balkans by providing innovative, multidisciplinary solutions to socioeconomic challenges, thereby promoting stability and growth.

VISION

Western Balkans characterized by lasting peace, unity, and sustainable development, integrated in European and the global decision-making arena, where all communities thrive together in harmony.



Our Approach



RAISING YOUTH'S AND INDEPENDENT EXPERTS' VOICES

We bring together regional independent experts whose voices can not be heard otherwise and international experts to foster multidisciplinary collaboration and promote pluralist viewpoints.

By leveraging our unique blend of regional insight and international expertise, we aim to drive impactful change by providing a platform for Pluralist Ideas and perspectives to connect diverse stakeholders, offering opportunities for youth and underrepresented groups to collaborate.



TOOLS

Policy Analysis and Research

Producing comprehensive reports, policy briefs, and evidence-based research on underexplored topics crucial for sustainable development.

Projects and Initiatives

Engaging in diverse projects, working groups, and task forces.

Events

Organizing events, webinars, workshops, and fellowships to ensure active participation and dialogue among all stakeholders.



Values



Evidence-Based Decisions

We leverage data and empirical research to inform our policies and initiatives, ensuring that our actions are both effective and accountable.



Collaboration and Integration

Collaboration is essential for the Western Balkans to overcome historical divisions and work towards a unified future. We engage with local governments, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector to create synergies and drive collective action



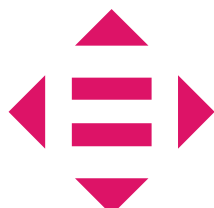
Peace and Unity

The Western Balkans has a history marked by conflict. Our efforts are dedicated to promoting reconciliation, fostering dialogue, and building bridges across communities. We believe that a peaceful and united Western Balkans is not only possible but essential.



Multidisciplinary

In addressing complex global challenges, we recognize that no single discipline holds all the answers. By integrating knowledge and methodologies from various fields, we enhance our capacity to understand and address the multifaceted issues we face



Diversity and Inclusion

We strive to create an environment where all communities feel respected and empowered. Our initiatives are designed to ensure that no voice is left unheard and that everyone can contribute to the region's progress.

The unique team



EACH MEMBER IS EDUCATED AND EXPERIENCED IN BOTH BALKANS AND EUROPE



SWISS GOVERNING MODEL – THE PRESIDENCY WILL ROTATE ANNUALLY



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World Think Tanks



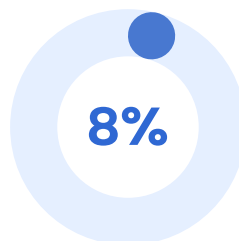
Number of TT are in a slow decline in the last decade. Most think tanks were established in the periods between 1990–1999 (617, 23%) and 2000–2009 (652, 24%).



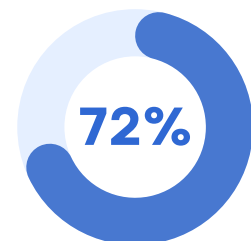
We need new fresh thoughts and topics among think tanks, including more female lead organizations.



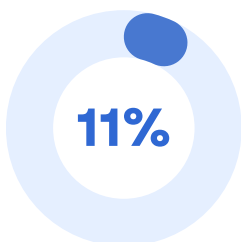
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FOUNDER (ONLY 8% ARE
COMPLETELY FEMALE
FOUNDED)



MEDIA PRESENCE OF SOUTH
AND EASTERN EUROPE TT



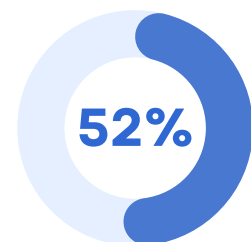
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IN SOUTH &
EAST
EUROPE



RESEARCH TOPICS : PEACE
AND SECURITY, GENDER, TECHNOLOGY AND
INNOVATION



FOCUSED PREDOMINATELY
ON ONE TOPIC

Timing

EU AGENDA ON INNOVATION, RESEARCH, EDUCATION...

In 2021, The European Union developed with the Western Balkans a forward-looking Agenda on Innovation, Research, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport.

III PILARS - WHERE WE FIT

POLITICAL AGENDA	THEMATIC AGENDA	REGIONAL AGENDA
• Knowledge-based societies and evidence-informed policy making • Association covering Research, Innovation, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport • Systemic changes and reforms	• Climate change • Digital transformation • EU Green Deal in the WB	• Gender gap • Digital divide • Connectivity • Cultural and regional cooperation

SWISS INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION STRATEGY 2025–28

Objective 1: seekS to improve accessibility, quality and coverage of these services, whether they are provided by public or private sector actors.

It focuses on Eastern Europe, with special accent on Serbia working to reform processes aimed at reinforcing European values and standards



Our focus

THREE PILLARS



FIELDS



HUMAN RIGHTS & DIVERSITY



ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY



SCIENCE & EDUCATION



PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT



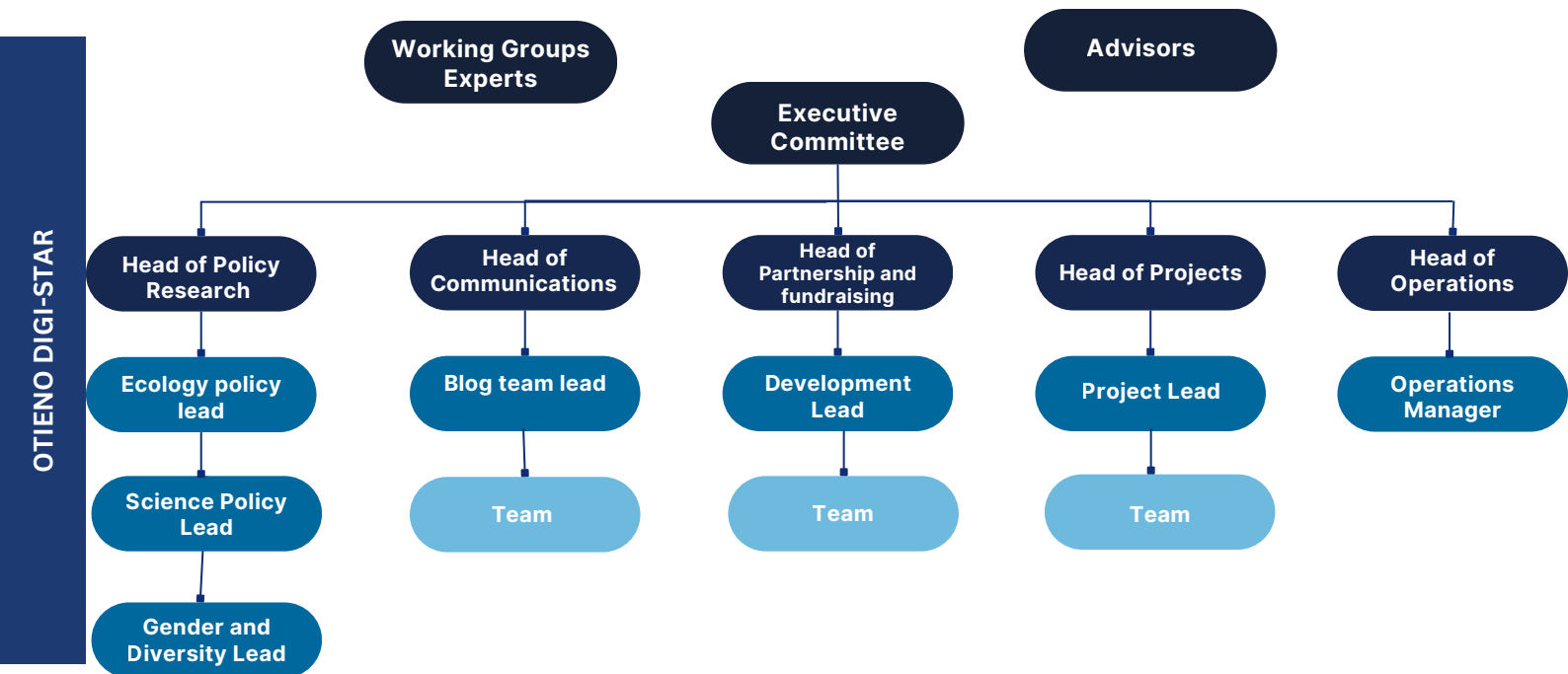
INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS AND CONNECTIVITY

Future development

NATIONAL CHAPTERS



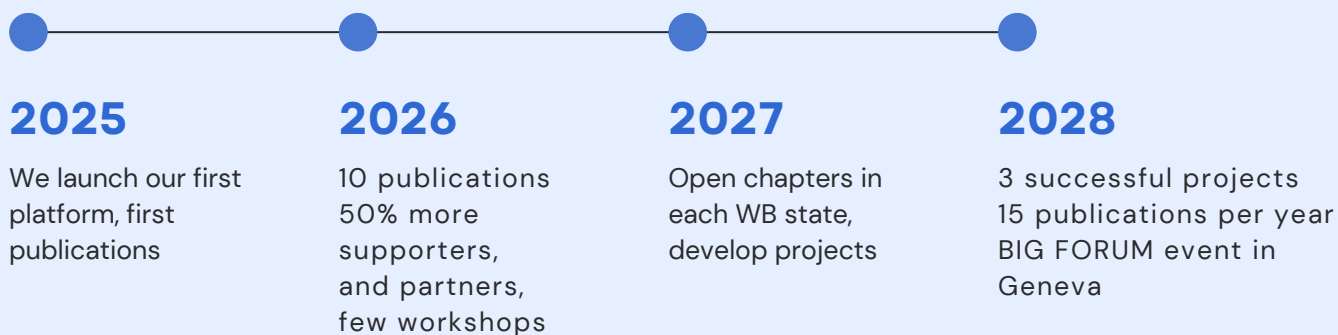
The structure



Future Milestones



MILESTONES



Future Projects



Heterodox ideas in WB

Promoting Pluralist Economic Ideas

Organizing trainings for WB researchers



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Center for excellence

Fellowships

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