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## **Social Innovation Fund in Serbia: A Model for Social Welfare Reform**

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# Social Innovation Fund Background

- MoLESP & UNDP partnership
- Funding local project: 88 local projects in 59 municipalities in 2003-2005
- Twofold aim:
  - development of local social services
  - CSOs as service providers

# CSO in Serbia: Background

- New role of CSO in '90-ties
- Old role of statutory agencies
- The new partnership approach

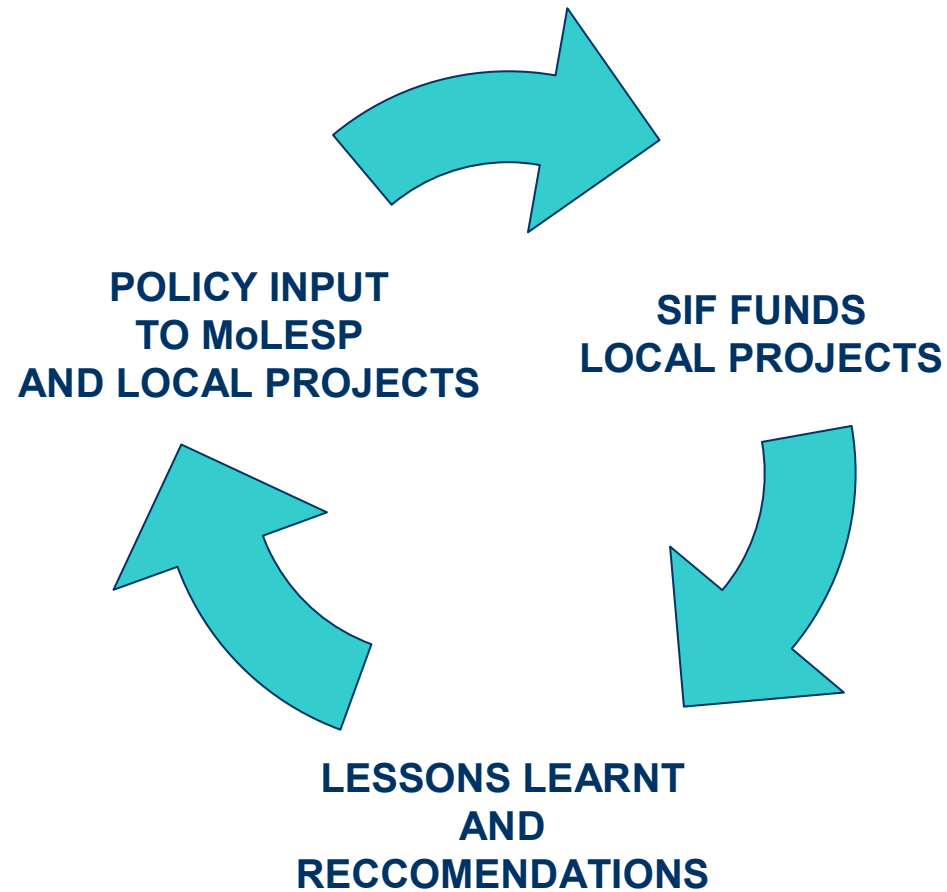
# New Role of CSOs

- National Partnership - government funding
- Local partnership - transfer of knowledge and skills
- Breakdown of Resistance
- CSOs as Service Providers – Emerging Market as Opportunity

# Social Welfare Reform in Serbia

- Two levels of reform
  - National: Social Welfare Reform Strategy
  - Local: Funding of Local Projects
- The role of SIF:
  - Funding
  - Technical Support & Capacity Building
  - Knowledge Harvesting and Dissemination
  - The Policy Loop

# The Policy Loop



# CSO Engagement in the Reform

- Plurality of service providers & Partnership
- National and local funding
- Outcomes:
  - Quality and access to services
  - Cost-efficiency
  - Access to more resources

# Lessons Learnt

- Benefits of partnership building
- Partnerships within the sectors
- The costs of the partnership
- Roles and responsibilities