

EU-CSO Roadmap 2014-2017 in Georgia



Key Achievements



In 2014, a wide reaching effort began to develop EU Country Roadmaps for engagement with civil society. Envisaged as a joint initiative between the EU and its Member States, the Roadmaps were introduced to strengthen their engagement with civil society in the respective partner country.

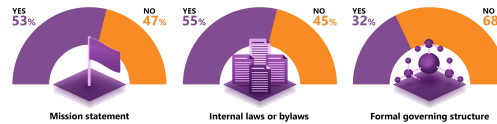
The first Roadmap for Georgia covered 2014 to 2017 and contained different priorities for EU engagement with civil society. In 2018, at the request of the European Commission, an assessment of this Roadmap was carried out by the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Facility. The assessment demonstrated that Georgian civil society organisations (CSOs) experienced important progress in a number of areas, first of all in terms of policy dialogue and economic sustainability, but further work remains to be done.

In order to assess the Roadmap and EU's contribution to the development of civil society in Georgia, a survey of a random national sample of 148 registered CSOs was carried out in autumn 2018, together with interviews with various stakeholders and focus groups for the validation of results. Here is a summary of the outcome.

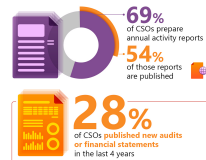
01 INTERNAL GOVERNANCE OF CSOs

While internal governance structures are generally in place, organisations tend to carry on "business as usual", functioning in a less formal and structured manner on a daily basis

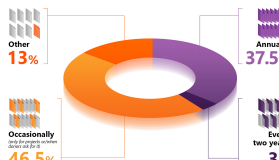
Formulation and revision of CSO documents in the last four years, %



Annual activity reports



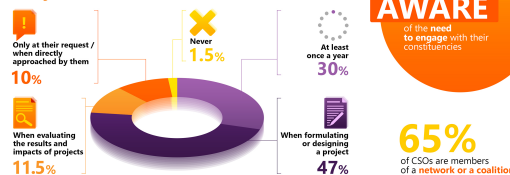
Frequency in which audits or financial statements are carried out



02 TECHNICAL CAPACITIES

CSOs believe their technical capacities improved as a result of the Roadmap implementation

Meeting with constituencies

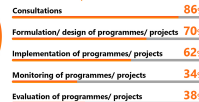


CSOs are more **AWARE** of the need to engage with their constituencies

Engagement with partners



Purposes of engagement with other CSOs, %



03 PARTICIPATION IN POLICY DIALOGUE

The EU Roadmap has played a key role in improving the participation of CSOs in sector policy dialogue

Communication and dialogue with public authorities



Participation in lobbying campaigns

Only 36% of the respondents participated in successful lobbying campaigns, which have led to the amendment of policies or laws, in the last 4 years

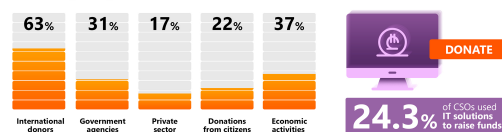
Examples of successful campaigns:

Implementation of the Open Parliament Action Plan, changes in CSOs' activity taxation, abolition of the drug prohibition law

04 ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

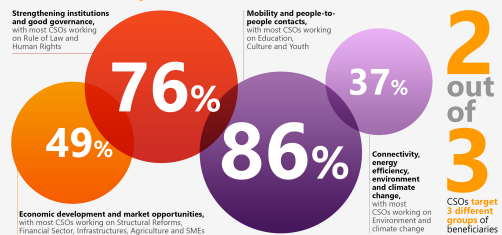
CSOs consider the EU Roadmap contributed to improving their financial and economic sustainability

CSOs receiving funding from, %

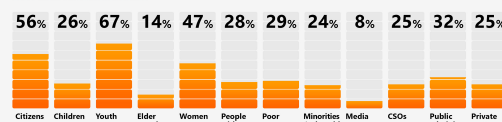


A BRIEF PROFILE OF CSOs IN GEORGIA

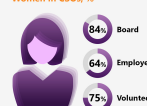
Main areas of activities among CSOs, %



CSOs' Main Direct Beneficiaries



Women in CSOs, %



Average age of CSO staff



CSO boards

