

## PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN SECTOR WORKING GROUPS

Among civil society organizations that completed the survey questionnaire (104), only 25 have participated or have contributed to IPA consultations or sector working groups. Among these 25 CSOs, only 9 are members of the sector working groups.

### NEEDS FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING AT CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

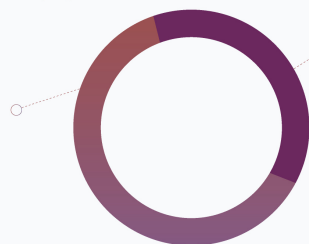
Most civil society organizations believe they need capacity-building on the following topics: building (long-term) partnerships and networking (42); national strategies, policies and priorities (33); advocacy (22); EU strategies, policies and priorities (21); expert terminology/EU jargon (4); other (2). Among them, 68 CSOs responded they would like to be involved in capacity-building activities for their organization to be able to participate and contribute in sector working groups.

### KNOWLEDGE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT MECHANISMS FOR PARTICIPATION IN POLICY-MAKING PROCESSES AND CREATION OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES

Half of civil society organizations (50%) are knowledgeable and informed about the work of the Council for Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia and the Civil Society. Among those familiar with the Council's work, most CSOs are active in sectors such as: democracy and rule of law, civil society development and environmental protection. As regards the Council's performance, CSOs have assessed its work with an average score of 3.08. In this regard, the highest number of CSOs has assigned scores of 3 and 4.

Almost half of CSOs that have indicated knowledge about the Council's work also reported that civil society representatives selected in the Council consult them about sectors in which they operate.

**17 CSOs** responded they have been consulted for the area in which they operate



while **9 CSOs** do not know whether any members of their organization have been consulted by a civil society representative in the Council.

This question inquired about knowledge among civil society organizations with IPA II Indicative Strategy Paper (2014-2020) as one of baseline documents for monitoring the performance of sector working groups. Hence, **46 CSOs** responded they are informed about the existence of such document, unlike **39 CSOs** that are neither informed nor have participated and/or have organized activities related to this document. Only **3 CSOs** responded they were involved in consultations for creation of this document in 2014, **2 CSOs** were consulted via internet about issues pertaining to this document, **4 CSOs** were consulted through participation in activity(s) related to this document, **2 CSOs** were consulted through organization of activity(s) related to this document, and **2 CSOs** have participated in the midterm revision of the strategy paper.