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**Regarding the achievement of the EU environmental acquis, what is the perception of target CSOs about the role they can have in the following actions:**

- 1. monitoring government’s policies and holding the state accountable to citizens**
- 2. cooperating with public authorities to implement specific plans of action**
- 3. lobbying public authorities/government bodies to pass laws that are deemed important to civil society interests**
- 4. developing media campaigns and new social technologies (i.e. wikis and blogs) to inform/educate citizens and lobby for providing public services**
- 5. collaborating with the media to acquire skills that could be employed to prepare and pursue public campaigns**

Albania	Serbia	Turkey	Kosovo
<p>CSOs express their full commitment on monitoring policy implementation, but most of the times there is no understanding and support by the central and local government bodies.</p> <p>Considering the actual capacities of CSOs, and if supported by state bodies, they could be very active in different fields on awareness campaigns, reporting and monitoring.</p> <p>Some of the NGOs seek EU support to more active in through their expertise, even if this means to work aside state government bodies, and monitor their every day job, which can lead to some not comfortable situations.</p>	<p>All kinds of education and knowledge based aspects would be the most attractive to CSOs.</p> <p>It is our opinion that most CSOs are already satisfied in existing media campaigns and collaboration with the media. It is therefore not needed to invest further in this field. However, it could be recognised that media is the fastest way to reach wider public, so it is often attractive way to reach the public and spread the influence on importance of environmental issues</p>	<p>Capacity of CSOs is not enough to carry out these roles. When the project term aiming to work on these issues end, then the work related ends also. (projects are not sustainable).</p> <p>The variability in the answers above is because of the differences by participants of the survey on the reflection of what is the situation and what should be the situation. Some marked the answers as they are and some marked as they should be.</p>	<p>By monitoring government’s policies and holding the state accountable to citizens, we can raise an important issue to advocate and lobby to institutions, making necessary changes in the interest of citizens.</p> <p>Monitoring government policies can effect on improving institutions, the collaboration helps in identifying joint needs, whereas the cooperation with the media is necessary for raising awareness of the population.</p> <p>Activities with nongovernmental and local authorities, as well as activities with media, increase the influence of NGO-s in decision-making process.</p> <p>Civil society monitoring, collaboration and</p>





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<p>Media also should play a crucial role on promoting, advocating and lobbying for different environmental issues. The community is more reachable through interactive communications means, and media is one of the most preferable ones in Albania.</p>			<p>advocacy for various issues, are promoters of citizen’s issues, which through their work in the above mentioned topics, accelerate the achievement of objectives and protect the quality of desired results.</p>
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