

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Status: public
- Date of approval: 11 September 2018 (2018 – 2020)
- update of a previous Roadmap: No (previous RM exists but has relatively different approach)
- Approved by Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, France, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom and EU.

PART I – BRIEF ANALYSIS OF THE CONTEXT AND PAST EU ENGAGEMENT

- **THE STATE OF CS: BRIEF UPDATE ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (i.e. the EE, CS involvement in domestic policies and CD, including in each of the priority area/sector of cooperation)**

Civil society development in Belarus is currently by large hindered by the **non-conducive environment** and by **civil society's own low capacity**. The **legal status** and activities of CSOs are strictly regulated in Belarus and the **registration** of an organisation is a complicated and arbitrary procedure. State registration of foreign assistance is likewise mandatory. The process is extremely burdensome and may take up to 12 months (eight on average).

Most Belarusian CSOs are **financially dependent on foreign funding**. There is a small number of CSOs which base their activities and decision making upon strategic plans and have the capacity to perform their role sustainably. Overall and on local level in particular, **CSOs lack in strategic planning and other capacities**. There are several GONGOs in the country, however the role of GONGOs is not dominant. **Social contracting** exists and is being used in growing quantity in the regions. Some critical voices call all CSOs participating to this arrangement GONGOs as well, which gives wrong picture about the amount and importance of the GONGOs. There are a couple of national level co-ordination **platforms** and networks of CSOs (and several sector networks), but their effectiveness is partly hindered by **competing priorities**.

The **lack of dialogue** and mistrust between different groups of society and the Government, and the **lack of public participation** in the decision-making process remain critical challenges for Belarus. Belarus continues to be a country with **centralized decision-making** processes and **low inclusiveness** as well as a lack of feedback mechanisms from the population.

Still, the **Belarusian authorities recognize the need to engage with civil society**. The Government of **Belarus' 2015 Action Programme** included objectives to formulate recommendations on public procurement of social services; to strengthen youth and children's organizations, engaging them in the design and implementation of the national youth policy; and to ensure a greater role for public councils (comprising both state and CSO representatives), identifying national priorities and drafting laws and regulations.

In February 2015, the Government approved its **National Strategy for the Social and Economic Development of Belarus through 2030**. The strategy places special emphasis on civil society institutions, including the need to establish an enabling legal environment for civil society, improve mechanisms for systematic cooperation between CSOs and Government bodies, and develop proper infrastructure and mechanisms to support volunteerism and civic initiatives.

Moreover, on 24 October 2016, the Council of Ministers adopted the "Interagency Action Plan 2016-2019" (also known as **National Human Rights Action Plan – NHRAP**) as the key instrument to implement recommendations of the Universal Periodic Review. The NHRAP underpins the process of domestic reform and legislative amendments. It has specific provisions to strengthen the role of public advisory councils and public associations in the decision making procedures. The plan has also specific provision to improve the mechanisms of expanding the use of the social contracting to support the activities of non-governmental organizations specializing in the provision of social

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



services to the population. The validity of the NHRAP expires in 2019 and one of the challenges is to track real impact of it and to ensure the commitment of the Government to prepare successor for the NHRAP.

The CSO organisations have had and they still have important role in supporting the implementation of objectives in the field of "**Economic development and market opportunities**". In this regards, the CSOs have had essential role in the regions, creating employment and income generating activities. Regional and economic development has been a key priority of the EU bilateral co-operation in 2011-2017. Though it is not seen as key cooperation sector in 2018-2020, engagement of regions and territories remains an important focus of cooperation. CSOs continue serving in this role still in the ongoing projects, and through Civil Society programmes - notably Development and Co-operation Instrument / thematic programme to support Civil Society) as cross cutting issue.

The role of CSOs in the field of "**Strengthening Institutions and good governance**" is limited. Although regulatory framework in principle would allow CSOs participating in decision making, the mutual mistrust prevent it taking place. Support to more participatory decision making procedures is one of EU's leading themes in this sector in 2018-2020.

CSOs have created important partnerships with Local Authorities in the field of "**Connectivity, energy efficiency, environment and climate change**". Belarus is active in "Covenant of Mayors" and environmental themes have been also strongly present in the thematic programme "Support to Civil Society and Local Authorities". Belarusian CSOs have done successful coaching and mentoring work with their Local Authority partners, and this is the sector that EU wishes to continue working in 2018-2020.

CSOs are contributing to "**Mobility and people-to-people contacts**" between EU and Belarus mainly through the Cross Border Cooperation (CBC) programmes, which bring together CSOs and local authorities in the border regions at Belarus and EU sides of the border. Furthermore, EU has provided mobility support directly to Belarusian citizens through MOST programme and for students and academic staff through the Erasmus+ and European Scholarship scheme implemented by the Nordic Council of Ministers Programme. Belarusian researchers have also participated in Horizon 2020 programme. This has proven to be successful approach and it is foreseen to continue in the same way also in the coming years.

- **LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE EU ENGAGEMENT SO FAR (i.e. dialogue, operational support, EU coordination and division of labour, negotiation of partnership priorities/SSF)**

Taking into account that donor co-ordination generally speaking is on modest level in Belarus, the results of the implementation of "EU Roadmap for engagement with civil society 2014-2017" are modest too. The document was created in 2014 and (very slightly) updated in 2015, and it was shared with all EU Member States present in Minsk for information and to be taken into account their programming/implementation as far as possible.

On EU's side the Roadmap 2014-2017 priorities were taken into account when formulating the priorities of the Call for proposals "Supporting Capacity Building and Partnership of Civil Society and Local Authorities in Belarus" (launched on 3 March 2017 with closing date 1 June 2017).

- **RELEVANT REFERENCES AND SOURCES TO DEEPEN THE UNDERSTANDING ON THE STATE OF CS AND EU ENGAGEMENT WITH CS**

Belarusian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum
<http://eng.npbelarus.info/>

Civil Society Organization (CSO) Sustainability Index for Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia 2010-2016
<https://www.usaid.gov/europe-eurasia-civil-society>

Human Rights Watch – World Report 2018

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



<https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2018/country-chapters/belarus>

Mapping Study “Belarus Civil Society Organisations In Cross-Sectoral Dialogue”

<http://belngo.info/2015.mapping-study-belarus-civil-society-organisations-in-cross-sectoral-dialogue-was-prepared.html>

Nations in Transit 2018 – Freedom house country report on Belarus

<https://freedomhouse.org/report/nations-transit/2018/belarus>

Projects financed by the European Union in Belarus

<http://euprojects.by/>

United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner / Belarus homepage

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/ENACARegion/Pages/BYIndex.aspx>

Universal Periodic Review (UPR) recommendations for Belarus

<https://www.upr-info.org/en/review/Belarus>

"Interagency Action Plan 2016-2019" (also known as National Human Rights Action Plan – NHRAP) – in Russian only

<http://www.government.by/upload/docs/file706bbd75fa0cca0e.PDF>

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



PART II – EU STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN TO ENGAGE WITH CSOs

KEY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	PRIORITIES FOR EU ENGAGEMENT WITH CS	TARGETS OF EU ENGAGEMENT WITH CS	ACTIONS/ACTIVITIES (analysis, policy dialogue, financial or non-financial support)	INDICATIVE MEANS (programmes/instruments, etc.)
General EU engagement with civil society				
Civil society development in Belarus is hindered by the non-conducive environment and by civil society's own low capacity .	To promote realization of Fundamental Rights ie - Freedom of Association - Freedom of expression - Freedom for peaceful assembly	- The space to operate for CSOs and individuals is enhanced. - The authorities ease the pressure on civil society. - The authorities simplify and ease the legislation on registration of organisations and funds / international technical assistance projects.	Policy dialogue - Public and silent diplomacy Financial support - Support to initiatives promoting basic freedoms and supporting human rights defenders	EU-Belarus Coordination Group and Human Rights Dialogue Political statements (where necessary) Demarches (where necessary) <u>European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)</u> - Ongoing projects supporting Human Rights Defenders - It is foreseen that EIDHR 2020 allocation (EUR 1.1 million) is used to support Human Rights Defenders. These funds are foreseen to be made available through Call for proposals in the last quarter of 2019. <u>European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) / Programme to Enhance Professional Reporting and Free Flow of Information in Belarus</u> - This programme is currently in drafting stage. If adopted, it will make EUR 2 million available via Call for proposals for independent media / CSOs working for independent media - Foreseen launch date of the Call for proposals: second trimester 2019. Media Academy at the IBB "Johannes Rau" Minsk - periodic methodological trainings, familiarising

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



				Belarusian journalists with European standards, methods and developments of the modern media landscape
	To promote capacity development of local civil society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSOs performance base on long term planning / activities have sustainable elements - CSOs act more united and co-ordinated manner - CSOs became more financially stable and independent through implementation of alternative financial models (closer work with CSR businesses, crowdfunding, development of social entrepreneurship, etc.) 	<p>Financial support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support to initiatives with component(s) on organisational capacity building - Allowing/favouring long implementation period which allows CSOs for long term planning of their activities - Obligation/strong recommendation for partnerships - Obligation for co-financing obliges to seek various ways of financing and ensure true Belarusian ownership of programmes 	<p>All EU programmes working with Civil Society Organisations</p> <p>All EU programmes working with Civil Society Organisations</p> <p>All EU programmes working with Civil Society Organisations</p>
Engagement with civil society in priority sector "Strengthening Institutions and good governance"				
Belarus continues to be a country with centralized decision-making	To promote social justice in line with Sustainable Development	Increased participation of CSO in general and vulnerable	<p>Policy dialogue</p> <p>Financial Support</p>	<p>EU-Belarus Coordination Group and Human Rights Dialogue</p> <p><u>European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) / EU</u></p>

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



<p>processes and low inclusiveness as well as a country that lacks of feedback mechanisms from the population.</p>	<p>Goals</p> <p>To empower civil society in general and underrepresented or particularly affected target groups in particular to take part in decision making processes</p>	<p>groups in particular to decision making processes</p>		<p><u>Good Governance programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The main focus of the programme is to promote more participatory decision making procedure in Belarus. - This programme is currently in drafting stage, and if adopted it will make EUR 5.6 million available for CSO to implement these objectives (total budget of the programme is EUR 10 million under ENI 2017 budget). <p><u>Development and Co-operation Instrument / Support to Civil Society Organisations (DCI-CSO)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is foreseen that DCI-CSO 2018-2019 allocations (EUR 5 million) support CSO actions with Climate Change and Youth components. • These funds will be made available through two Calls for proposals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) EUR 2 million in the Call which is foreseen to be launched in the last quarter of 2018. 2) EUR 3 million in the Call which is foreseen to be launched in the second half of 2019. <p><u>Belarus Support Programme at the IBB “Johannes Rau” Minsk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 projects financed under the current phase 2017–2019
<p>The implementation of recommendations</p>	<p>To promote those provisions of the National Human Rights Action Plan</p>	<p>Clear results in the implementation of NHRAP 2016-2019, preparation</p>	<p>Financial Support</p>	<p><u>European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)</u></p> <p>It is foreseen that EIDHR 2018-2019 allocations (EUR 1.9 million) support implementation of EU</p>

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



<p>of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) lags behind</p>	<p>(NHRAP) that are in line with the EU Human Rights Guidelines and UPR recommendations</p> <p>.</p> <p>To promote those provisions of the National Gender Action Plan (NGAP) that are in line with the EU Human Rights Guidelines, Sustainable Development Goals (gender equality) and UPR recommendations</p> <p>.</p>	<p>of NHRAP for 2019 onwards</p> <p>Clear progress in the implementation of NGAP, notably those points coinciding with EU Human Rights Guidelines and UPR recommendations</p> <p>.</p>		<p>human rights guidelines in the country, notably in the areas which are also considered as priority in the NHRAP.</p> <p>It is foreseen to make these funds available through Call for proposals in the last quarter of 2018.</p> <p><u>Development and Co-operation Instrument / Support to Civil Society Organisations (DCI-CSO)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is foreseen that DCI-CSO 2018-2019 allocations (EUR 5 million) support CSO actions with Climate Change and Youth components. • These funds will be made available through two Calls for proposals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) EUR 2 million in the Call which is foreseen to be launched in the last quarter of 2018. 2) EUR 3 million in the Call which is foreseen to be launched in the second half of 2019. <p><u>European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) / EU Good Governance programme</u></p> <p>- The main focus of the programme is to promote more participatory decision making procedure in Belarus.</p> <p>- This programme is currently in drafting stage, and if adopted it will make EUR 2 million Technical Assistance facility available for the implementation of NHRAP (total budget of the programme is EUR 10 million under ENI 2017 budget).</p>
--	--	--	--	--

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



Engagement with civil society in priority sector "Connectivity, energy efficiency, environment and climate change"				
<p>Lack of resources in state budget to support connectivity energy efficiency, environment and climate change</p>	<p>To promote Sustainable Development Goals, especially those related to global warming, water, energy, environment.</p> <p>To promote partnerships between CSOs and Local Authorities in Belarus for innovative use of (financial, expertise) resources</p> <p>Promoting participation to Covenant of Mayors programme to implement EU climate and energy objectives.</p>	<p>Increased awareness of SDGs</p> <p>Increased number of CSO – Local Authority partnerships/projects to promote "Energy efficiency, environment and climate change"</p> <p>Increased number of Belarusian signatories for Covenant of Mayors</p>	<p>Policy dialogue component included to projects</p> <p>Financial support</p>	<p><u>Development and Co-operation Instrument / Support to Civil Society Organisations (DCI-CSO)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is foreseen that DCI-CSO 2018-2019 allocations (EUR 5 million) support CSO actions with Climate Change and Youth components. • These funds will be made available through two Calls for proposals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) EUR 2 million in the Call which is foreseen to be launched in the last quarter of 2018. 2) EUR 3 million in the Call which is foreseen to be launched in the second half of 2019. <p><u>Covenant of Mayors programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calls for proposals co-ordinated by EU headquarters - Currently 41 Belarusian signatories eligible for the Calls <p><u>European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) / Resource Efficiency Programme (REF)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This programme is currently in drafting stage, and if adopted both by the EU and Belarus, it will make EUR 10 million available via Call for proposals for local authorities, associations of municipalities and local CSOs in in Brest and Grodno regions (indicative total budget of the programme is EUR 18 million). - Foreseen launch date of the Call: third trimester 2019. <p><u>Belarus Support Programme at the IBB</u></p>

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



				<p>“Johannes Rau” Minsk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • projects financed on environment and energy efficiency under the current phase 2017–2019
Engagement with civil society in priority sector "Mobility and people-to-people contacts"				
<p>Belarusian society poorly informed about the European Union values and left insufficiently exposed to European practices.</p>	<p>To promote people-to-people contacts between Belarusians and EU</p>	<p>Increased number of Belarusian citizens participating to study visit, internships, scholarships</p>	<p>Policy dialogue</p> <p>Financial support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial support to advance regional development and people-to-people contacts at border regions (Cross Border Cooperation) - Financial support for enabling mobility of students and academic staff - Financial support for enabling mobility of professionals - Financial support for the development of migration policy issues, including conditions for labour migration, recognition of diplomas etc. 	<p>EU-Belarus mobility partnership dialogue</p> <p>Financial instruments:</p> <p><u>Cross Border Co-operation programme (CBC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programme co-ordinated / Calls launched by the EU Headquarters <p><u>Various scholarship programmes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programmes co-ordinated / Calls launched by the EU Headquarters - Annual application processes in the framework of Erasmus+ and Horizon 2020 programmes <p><u>European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) / Mobility Scheme for Targeted People-to-People Contacts (MOST)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOST II is foreseen to run during 2018 – 2021. - MOST+ is foreseen to run during 2020 – 2022. <p><u>International Parliamentary Scholarship of the German Bundestag</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2-3 young Belarusians receive a five-months-scholarship each year for an internship at the German Bundestag and visit EU institutions <p><u>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provides scholarships for university

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



				<p>studies/exchange programmes</p> <p>Study visits financed by the German Federal Foreign Office</p> <p>- study visits for groups (2018 Data Protection Guidelines, Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis) and individuals on various topics</p>
--	--	--	--	--

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



PART III– FOLLOW-UP ON THE PROCESS AND STRATEGY

Process indicators		
INDICATOR	TARGET	BASE LINE INFORMATION AND FURTHER COMMENTS
Involvement of Member States in the RM.	Member States present in the country are actively involved in the RM process.	EU Member States present in Belarus were fully involved in Roadmap process, ie commenting the draft. The final Roadmap was adopted by HoMs on 11/09/2018
Number and quality of consultations held. Number and diversity (in terms of location, sector, capacities) of CSOs consulted regarding the RM.	The RM entails consultations with a broad range of local CSOs. Ultimately it leads to more permanent and structured dialogue.	Two focus group consultations held on 29 June 2018 in the context of the Roadmap preparation. In addition, draft indicator matrix were sent for focus group participants for 1-week-long consultation via email. Altogether 17 CSO representatives participated in these consultations, representing various thematic areas (human rights and democracy, environment, local governance, regional development). In addition to traditional CSO representatives also media, think tanks, CSO platforms and crowd funding platforms were represented.
Complementarity of RM vis-à-vis related EU and other Donor partners' processes.	RMs are complementary to related processes including human rights and democracy country strategies, the rights-based approach to development, gender action plans, etc.	The Roadmap goals are taken into account in annual revision of Human Rights and Democracy Country strategies. Moreover, the Roadmap supports the implementation of National Human Rights Action Plan and National Gender Action Plan as long as the priorities of these documents coincide with priorities of EU Human Rights Guidelines and Universal Periodic Review recommendations.

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



Outcome indicators				
PRIORITIES	TARGET	INDICATORS	BASELINE INFORMATION (if available)	SOURCES OF INFORMATION & MEANS OF VERIFICATION
General EU engagement with civil society				
<p>To promote realization of Fundamental Rights ie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Freedom of Association - Freedom of expression - Freedom for peaceful assembly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The space to operate for CSOs and individuals is enhanced. - The authorities ease the pressure on civil society. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of conflicts around performing journalistic activities (detentions, trials, fines) - Simplification/ cancelation of the requirement to receive accreditation as journalists of foreign media for Belarusian freelance journalists - Number and type of laws that affect the conditions for the activities of 	<p>At least 100 journalists have been detained (2017)</p> <p>At least 103 journalists have been tried</p> <p>At least 69 fines under Article 22.9 (“Violation of the procedure of production and distribution of mass media products”)</p> <p>At least 12 journalists have been sentenced to short-term arrests (up to 15 days)</p> <p>At least 177 protesters have been arrested (2017)</p> <p>- Requirement exists</p> <p>In 2018 seven laws have been discussed or are being discussed</p> <p>1) Draft amendments to Decree No. 5 “On Foreign Gratuitous Aid”</p> <p>2) Draft amendments to Decree No. 300 “On Internal Corporate Donations”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - News, reports of Human Rights organisations and Belarusian Association of Journalists - News, reports of Human Rights organisations and Belarusian Association of Journalists - Database of Viasna organisation https://spring96.org/persecution Belarusian legislation, reports of Human Rights organisations and Belarusian Association of Journalists Belarusian legislation, reports of Human Rights organisations

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



	<p>- The authorities simplify and ease the legislation on registration of organisations and funds/international technical assistance projects.</p>	<p>CSOs</p> <p>- Number of registered organisations</p> <p>- Number of registered foreign funded projects/international technical assistance projects.</p> <p>- Number of rejections to register projects</p> <p>- Length of the registration</p>	<p>3) Initiative of the National Bank for the development of a decree on the legal regulation of crowdfunding 4) Draft amendments to the Tax Code 5) Draft law on abrogation of Article 193.1 of the Criminal Code 6) Draft amendments to the law on mass media 7) Draft amendments to the law on mass events</p> <p>- 2856 public associations, 39 unions of public associations and 195 foundations 2856 registered CSOs (01.01.2018).</p> <p>- During 2017 the Ministry of Justice and regional departments of justice registered 150 new public associations and 22 new foundations</p> <p>N/a</p> <p>N/a</p> <p>8–12 months</p>	<p>- Ministry for Justice records on https://minjust.gov.by/directions/compare_coverage/</p> <p>- Report produced by NGO Assembly on “Freedom of association and legal conditions for non-commercial organizations in Belarus” https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s04vLkJtLAVGxukdHYSuKu2uHi8gO_y/view</p> <p>- Human Rights Watch – World Report 2018</p> <p>- Ministry for Economy (registering entity) does not maintain any public database on the registered projects.</p> <p>- Ministry for Economy (registering entity) does not maintain any public database on the registered projects.</p> <p>- Experience of EU funded projects</p>
--	--	---	--	--

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



		process		
To promote capacity development of local civil society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSOs performance more strategy based - CSOs act more united and co-ordinated manner - CSOs became more financially stable and independent through implementation of alternative financial models (closer work with CSR businesses, crowdfunding, development of social entrepreneurship, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved result in CSO Sustainability Index for Belarus - Number of trainings organised for CSOs for capacity building - Number of well-established platforms - Number of CSOs using alternative financial models 	<p>4.7 (2016)</p> <p>0</p> <p>3 (BNP, Assembly of Democratic NGOs, Human Rights House)</p> <p>At least 40 organisations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USAID's CSO Sustainability Index for Belarus - Project documentation - Donor co-ordination meetings, public events organised by CSOs - Cumulative statistics of Belarusian fundraising platforms, organisations' financial reports
Engagement with civil society in priority sector "Strengthening Institutions and good governance"				
To promote social justice in line with	Increased participation of	-Number of CSOs participating in	10 CSOs are members of public councils on the national and regional level (2018)	Project documentations. Media publications

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



<p>Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>To empower citizen participation in general and vulnerable groups (youth, women, rural people etc) in particular to take part in decision making processes</p>	<p>CSOs and initiative groups in general and vulnerable groups in particular to decision making processes</p>	<p>different public councils;</p> <p>-Number of CSOs-Local Authorities action plans/development strategies jointly designed and implemented</p> <p>- Number of trainings organised for empowerment of CSO and vulnerable groups</p>	<p>12 local development strategies were developed (2018)</p> <p>0 (2018)</p>	<p>Action plans/development strategies are published in open access. Public reports on action plans/developments strategies implementation</p> <p>Project documentation</p>
<p>To promote those provisions of the National Human Rights Action Plan (NHRAP) that are in line with the EU Human Rights Guidelines and Universal Periodic Review recommendations.</p>	<p>Clear progress in the implementation of NHRAP (realization of at least 50% NHRAP points related to citizen participation, support to vulnerable groups, fight against death penalty).</p>	<p>Realization of at least 50 % (11 out of 22) activities planned for children, gender and fight against death penalty</p>	<p>1 foreseen activity concerning death penalty and capital punishment, none finalised (2018)</p> <p>10 foreseen activities related to women and gender, none finalised (2018)</p> <p>11 foreseen activities related to children, none finalised (2018)</p> <p>1 foreseen activity concerning detainees</p>	<p>UN conclusions on the progress</p> <p>UPR reports, prepared by Government</p> <p>Shadow reports, prepared by Civil Society</p>

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



<p>To promote those provisions of the National Gender Action Plan (NGAP) that are in line with the EU Human Rights Guidelines, Sustainable Development Goals (gender equality) and Sustainable Development Goals.</p>	<p>Clear progress in the implementation of NGAP, notably those points coinciding with EU Human Rights Guidelines and Universal Periodic Review recommendations</p>		<p>10 foreseen activities related to women and gender, none finalised (2018)</p>	<p>Progress reports, prepared by Government Shadow reports, prepared by Civil Society</p>
<p>Engagement with civil society in priority sector "Connectivity, energy efficiency, environment and climate change"</p>				
<p>To promote Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially those related to global warming, water, energy, environment.</p>	<p>Increased awareness of SDGs</p>	<p>Number of policy of this sector dialogues held, number of policy papers published</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>Public policy papers published in open access.</p>
<p>To promote local co-operation between CSOs and LAs in Belarus for innovative use of resources</p>	<p>Increased number of CSO – local authority partnerships/projects to promote "Energy efficiency, environment and climate change"</p>	<p>Number of ongoing projects</p>	<p>9 ongoing EU funded projects working in this thematic area (2018)</p>	<p>EU project database</p>

EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN BELARUS



Promoting participation to Covenant of Mayors initiative to implement EU climate and energy objectives.	Increased number of Belarusian signatories for Covenant of Mayors	Number of signatories	41 Belarusian signatories (2018)	https://www.covenantofmayors.eu/
Engagement with civil society in priority sector "Mobility and people-to-people contacts"				
To promote people-to-people contacts between Belarusians and EU citizens	Increased number of Belarusian citizens participating to study visit or internships, scholarships	Number of Belarusian citizens and CSOs participating in study visits or internships, scholarships	From Belarus to EU 295 (2015-2017), from EU to Belarus 57 (2015-2017) 2800 (figure at the end of MOST I, 2018)	Erasmus+ annual records MOST II and MOST+ databases
To promote networking between Belarusian entities and EU based entities (local authorities, organisations)	Increased number of Cross Border operations	Number of Cross Border operations	Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus programme 30 (2018) Poland-Belarus-Ukraine programme 10 (2018)	EU project database Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus programme http://www.eni-cbc.eu/llb/en Poland-Belarus-Ukraine programme https://www.pbu2020.eu/en