The use of participatory approaches in the development of key strategic PAR documents.

Civil society is rarely involved in the early stages of PAR documents' development.

What do consultation practices in the Western Balkans lack?
- Investment/feedback to the consultations
- Participatory engagement of diverse stakeholder groups (particularly gender and disability groups)
- Keeping and publishing documentation on the consultation process

The only two cases where CSOs have been included:
- Montenegro - political level structure
- Serbia - administrative level structure

Civil society involvement in the PAR monitoring and coordination structures.

In Albania, although participation of CSOs is envisaged for both administrative and political PAR coordination structures, WEBER did not find evidence of this being implemented in practice.

Underdeveloped policy monitoring and coordination practices in the Western Balkans are one of the reasons for poor involvement of CSOs in PAR. There is also a lack of recognition that the civil society can substantially contribute to the policy implementation stage.

Participation of civil society organisations in the governmental monitoring and coordination structures for PAR is an exception rather than a standard in the Western Balkans!