

WB Reform and Growth Monitor

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The overall objective of this action is to enable civil society organisations (CSOs) in the Western Balkans (WB) to actively contribute to the design and credible implementation of reforms related to the four pillars of the Growth Plan for the WB.



Target group(s)

- ✓ WB CSOs working in priority areas of the Growth Plan;
- ✓ Social partner organizations and chambers of commerce;
- ✓ National authorities and Regional and EU institutions responsible and engaged in implementation of the Growth Plan;
- ✓ Media from the WB and the European Union (EU).

Final beneficiaries

- ✓ Civil society in the WB;
- ✓ WB national and local institutions;
- ✓ National parliaments;
- ✓ EU delegations and member state representatives;
- ✓ Academia;
- ✓ Citizens and businesses of the WB.

The specific objectives of this action are:

SO1.

Develop and apply evidence based CSO-led instruments for monitoring economic reforms related to the EU accession process and EU-funded strategic infrastructure projects.

Expected outputs

- ✔ O1.1. Prepared methodology and research tools for monitoring the implementation of the Growth Plan and Reform Agendas for the WB;
- ✔ O1.2. Six national reports and one regional report on the implementation of the Reform Agendas;
- ✔ O1.3. National "Reform Agenda updates" flagging the level of implementation of reforms in priority areas;
- ✔ O1.4 Six national reports and one regional report on the implementation WBIF supported strategic investments;
- ✔ O1.5. Six national and one regional "Western Balkan Investment Framework (WBIF) Projects updates";
- ✔ O1.6. One regional report on "EU conditionality mechanism in the Growth Plan for the WB".

SO2.

Establish CSO-led multi stakeholder dialogue on the implementation of structural reforms on national and regional level.

- ✔ O2.1. MoUs with Reform Agendas' Coordinator Institutions in at least 4 countries;
- ✔ O2.2. Multi stakeholder consultation mechanisms on national level for the Growth Plan established, strengthened and promoted;
- ✔ O2.3. Meeting proceedings from Government-CSO consultations and dialogue;
- ✔ O2.4. Monitoring findings and policy recommendations on the implementation of the Growth Plan consulted on national and regional level;
- ✔ O2.5. Policy makers and implementing institutions informed on identified shortcomings in the implementation of the Growth Plan through in-person advocacy;
- ✔ O2.6. Regional Conference on the Growth Plan for the WB;
- ✔ O2.7. Best practices on Government-CSO engagement on economic reforms identified and promoted, through preparation and publication of guidelines for civil engagement on EU-related economic reforms.

SO3.

Strengthen capacities and engagement of CSOs in the design and implementation of sectoral reforms through a regranting scheme.

- ✔ O3.1. CSOs are supported to engage in the development and selection of sectoral reforms through "Re-form for Growth" Regranting scheme;
- ✔ O3.2. CSOs are trained for project management and mentored for advocacy planning and implementation on national and EU level;
- ✔ O3.3. Exchanged knowledge and experience between CSOs working on related topics in the 4 pillars of Growth Plan through online regional networking events.

SO4.

Increase public awareness on the implementation and benefits from the Growth Plan for the WB.

- ✔ O4.1. The challenges in the implementation of the Growth Plan, including in the Reform Agenda and WBIF projects widely promoted through social media campaigns, animated videos, podcast series;
- ✔ O4.2. Reform performance among the WB presented in video series with representatives from EU and national institutions;
- ✔ O4.3. National media regularly briefed on the project monitoring results and Government-CSO consultations.