



Civil Society Week 2025

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For the fourth consecutive year, Partners Albania and the National Resource Centre for Civil Society in Albania, in partnership with civil society actors across the country, organized the 2025 Civil Society Week—a series of thematic events and promotional spaces dedicated to showcasing the work and impact of civil society organizations and activists in Albania.

The Week offers a unique opportunity for all civil society actors to come together as catalysts of positive change in society—to discuss, collaborate, and co-create solutions and joint actions for the future.

This year's Civil Society Week was dedicated to the outstanding role that civil society organizations have played—and continue to play—in strengthening democracy, protecting human rights, delivering services, promoting active local community participation, and creating positive social impact.

The 2025 Week's theme, #ValuesThatInspire #VoicesThatChange, is closely aligned with broader European and global initiatives, such as the European Year of Citizenship Education 2025, European Civil Society Week, and the International Civil Society Week.

Throughout the Week, over 170 activities were organized across the country, with the participation of civil society organizations and activists, as well as representatives from central and local government institutions, vocational schools, universities, businesses, media, and more.

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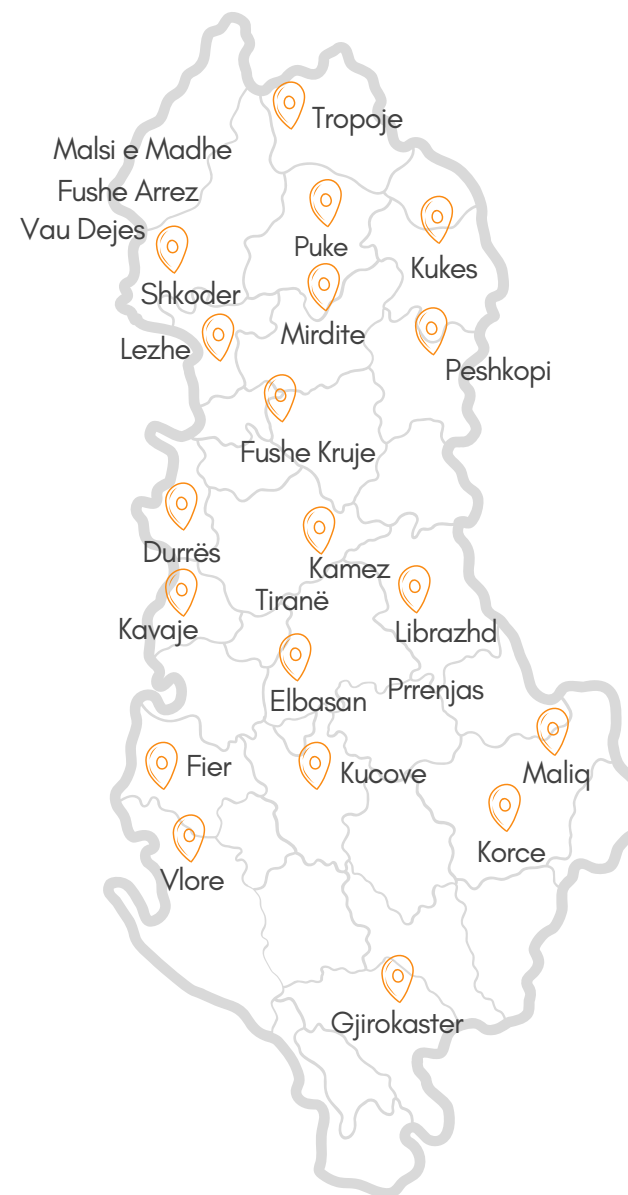


CIVIL SOCIETY WEEK 2025

This document summarizes the activities carried out during the Civil Society Week 2025, the actors involved, as well as the launch event of the new program of the National Resource Centre for Civil Society in Albania 2025-2029.

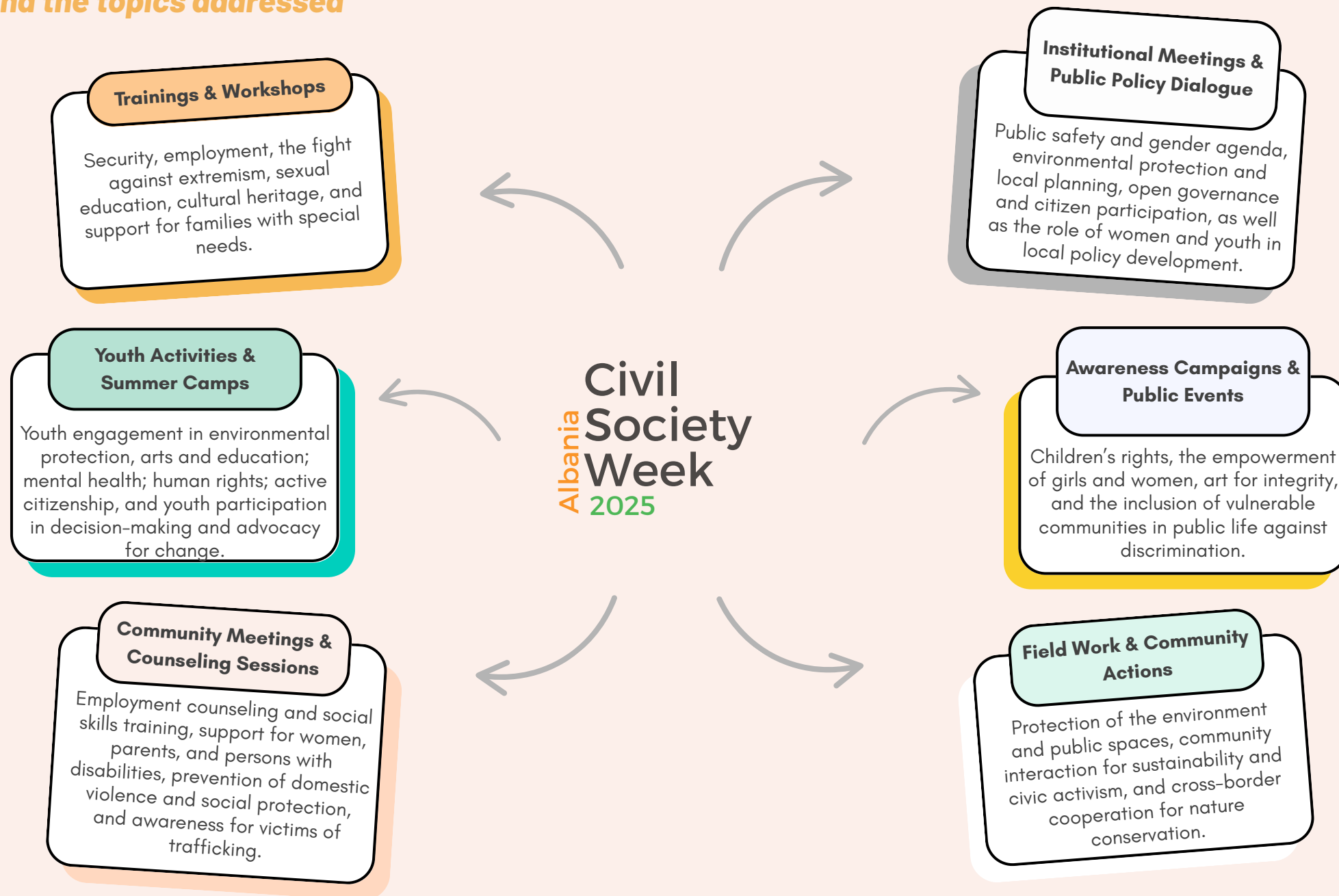


Stakeholders Involved



THE MAIN TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

and the topics addressed



LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Organized and promoted



Shkoder

Activities #CSW2025

21 ACTIVITIES



Lezhe

Activities #CSW2025

12 ACTIVITIES



Diber

Activities #CSW2025

2 ACTIVITIES



Tropoje

Activities #CSW2025

1 ACTIVITY



Durres

Activities #CSW2025

9 ACTIVITIES



Tirane

Activities #CSW2025

77 ACTIVITIES



Elbasan

Activities #CSW2025

15 ACTIVITIES



Gjirokaster

Activities #CSW2025

2 ACTIVITIES



Kukes

Activities #CSW2025

1 ACTIVITY



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Fier

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10 ACTIVITIES



Korce

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13 ACTIVITIES



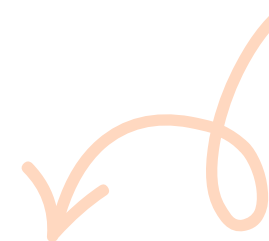
Vlore

Activities #CSW2025

8 ACTIVITIES

ONE WEEK, MANY VOICES!

Participants in CSW 2025



👶 CHILDREN & YOUTH

Students, young activists, participants in camps, and youth from both urban and rural areas.

👨👩 PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Parents of children with special needs, participants in parenting classes, and mothers involved in group therapy;

👩 WOMEN AND GIRLS

From marginalized areas, survivors of violence or trafficking, and participants in empowerment trainings;

👨👩⚖️ LOCAL PROFESSIONALS

Institutional staff, center employees, educators, teachers, and environmental workers;

👨👩⚖️ CIVIL SOCIETY & COMMUNITY

Activists, organizations, informal groups, community leaders, and citizens;

♿️ INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS FACING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION CHALLENGES

Persons with disabilities, Roma/Egyptian communities, the unemployed, and individuals seeking skills for the labor market.



Engaged CSOs

1. "Duresi Aktiv" Center
2. "Edlira Haxhiymeri" Shelter Center
3. "Emanuel Mission" Foundation for Development and Integration
4. "Hapa te lehte" Center
5. "Trokitja" Center, National Resource Centre – Regional Office Shkodra
6. Act for Society
7. Albanian Center for Population and Development (ACPD)
8. Albanian Disability Rights Foundation
9. Albanian Local Capacity Development Foundation (ALCDF)
10. Alpin Association
11. Anna Lindh Foundation
12. Another Vision
13. Association "Social Center for Helping People in Need"
14. Aulona Center and National Resource Centre Regional Office Vlora
15. Beyond Barriers Association
16. Center for Gender Justice in Albania
17. Community Development Center "Today for the Future" (QZHK)
18. Community Hub Vlora (informal group)
19. Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development
20. Counseling Line for Women and Girls
21. Different and Equal
22. DoArt Association
23. Dorcas Aid International Albania
24. European Movement in Albania
25. Gender Alliance for Development Center
26. Hope Project Association
27. Horizont EU
28. Initiative for Social Change, Arsis

29. International Association for Solidarity
30. Jonathan Center
31. Joscelyn Foundation
32. Korça Institute for Development of Children (KIDC)
33. Multifunctional Association for Culture, Education and Development (MKEZH)
34. MuZEH Lab
35. NECI Albania (Network for European Citizenship and Identity – Albania)
36. Network of Organizations "Youth Voice"
37. New Bridges
38. North Green
39. Opportunity Balance and Overcoming
40. Partners Albania and the National Resource Centre for Civil Society
41. Pastoral Values – National Treasure
42. Path of Hope Foundation
43. Progress for All Association
44. Psycho-Social Center "Vatra"
45. Streha Center
46. Terre des Hommes
47. The Artisans of Vau i Dejës
48. The Center Science and Innovation for Development (SCIDEV)
49. The New Acropolis Vlora
50. The Resource Environmental Center Albania (REC Albania)
51. Together for Life
52. Trainers in Education
53. Vlora Youth Center
54. World Vision Albania
55. YMCA Albania
56. Your Strong Voice Association
57. Youth Center for Innovation and Development
58. Youth Center Perspektiva
59. Youth Rights and Citizenship Initiative (YRCI)

Public institutions at both local and central levels, other public structures such as youth clubs and community centers

11. "Mother Teresa" High School, Vau i Dejës
2. 9-Year School "Gjon Ndoci", Vau i Dejës
3. Book Club, Vlora
4. Center for Openness and Dialogue
5. Community Center, Shkozë
6. Day Center, Selitë
7. Health Center No.4, Tirana
8. Health Center Rraboshtë, Lezhë
9. House of Colors Center
10. Interdisciplinary Technical Team of the Coordinated Referral Mechanism for Domestic Violence Cases
11. Joint Patrol Group of the Mavrovo National Park and Korab-Koritnik Nature Park
12. Kamëz Municipality
13. Kolin Gjoka School, Lezhë
14. Local Public Safety Council in Elbasan
15. Multifunctional Center KIA Green Light, Librazhd
16. School of Magistrates
17. Social Cause Club, Dajç
18. Working Group for Chapter 23: Judiciary and Fundamental Rights
19. Youth Center Durrës
20. Youth Group Impact

Java e Shoqërisë Civile 2025

PARTNERËT SHQIPËRI PËR NDRYSHIM DHE ZHVILLIM



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QENDRA SHQIPTARE PËR POPULLSINË DHE ZHVILLIMIN



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FONDACIONI SHQIPTAR PËR TË DREJTAT E PERSONAVE ME AFTËSI TË KUFIZUARA



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NISMA PËR NDRYSHIM SHOQËROR ARSIS



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TERRE DES HOMMES



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FONDACIONI ANNA LINDH



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LËVIZJA EUROPIANE NË SHQIPËRI




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CO-PLAN



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DOART



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QENDRA PËR SHKENCË DHE INOVACION PËR ZHVILLIM



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SHOQATA PROGRESI PËR TË GJITHË



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STREHËZA "EDLIRA HAXHIYMERI"





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QENDRA SOCIALE NË NDIHMË TË NJERËZVE NË NEVOJË FUSHË-ARRËZ

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ARTIZANËT E VAUT TË DEJËS

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SHOQATA INTERNACIONALE PËR SOLIDARITET

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KORÇA INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN, KIDC

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TOGETHER FOR LIFE

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QENDRA TROKITJA

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FONDACIONI MISIONI EMANUEL PËR ZHVILLIM DHE INTEGRIM

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DORCAS AID INTERNATIONAL ALBANIA

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WORLD VISION ALBANIA

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FONDACIONI SHQIPTAR PËR ZHVILLIMIN E KAPACITETEVE LOKALE

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OPPORTUNITY BALANCE AND OVERCOMING

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SHOQATA MULTIFUNKSIONALE PËR KULTURË, EDUKIM DHE ZHVILLIM

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HORIZONT EU

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ZËRI I TË RINJVE

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FONDACIONI JOSCELYN

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QENDRA RINORE PËR INOVACION DHE ZHVILLIM

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SHOQATA "TJETËR VIZION"

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NORTH GREEN

Java e Shoqërisë Civile 2025




DURRËSI AKTIV

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MUZEH LAB

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QENDRA BURIMORE E MJEDISIT

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QENDRA RINORE PRESPEKTIVA

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QENDRA PËR ZHVILLIM KOMUNITAR "SOT PËR TË ARDHMEN"

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URA TË REJA

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HORIZONT EU

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PËRTEJ BARRIERAVE

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QENDRA JONATHAN

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QENDRA STREHA

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QENDRA YMCA

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**QENDRA ALEANCA
GUJNORE PËR ZHVILLIM**

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QENDRA STREHA

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**LINJA E KËSHILLIMIT
PËR GRA DHE VAJZA**

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ACT FOR SOCIETY

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**YOUTH RIGHTS AND
CITIZENSHIP INITIATIVE**

Java e Shoqërisë Civile 2025



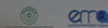

NECI SHQIPËRI

CIVIL SOCIETY WEEK 2025!

Values that Inspire, Voices that Drive Change

QENDRA KOMBËTARE BURIMORE
PËR SHQËRINË CIVILE NË SHQIPËRI

Qendra Kombëtare Burimore për Shoqërinë Civile në Shqipëri zbatohet në partneritet
me Qendrën Shqiptare për Popullsinë dhe Zhvillimin (ACPD) dhe Lëvizjen Evropiane
në Shqipëri (EMA).



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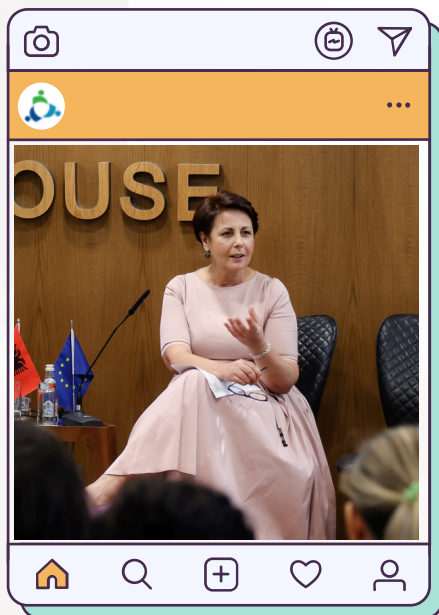
EUROPE HOUSE

The closing event of Civil Society Week brought together key partners and collaborators in a close gathering, including organizations involved in the organization of local CSW activities and beyond, as well as representatives from the donor community in Albania.

As the week came to an end — a week focused on promoting values and voices that drive change — Partners Albania officially launched the third mandate of the National Resource Centre for Civil Society, a comprehensive platform that continues to strengthen the sector's capacities, amplify its voice, and promote the role of civil society in the democratic development of the country.

NATIONAL EVENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY WEEK 2025

Launch of the New Program of the National Resource Centre 2025–2029

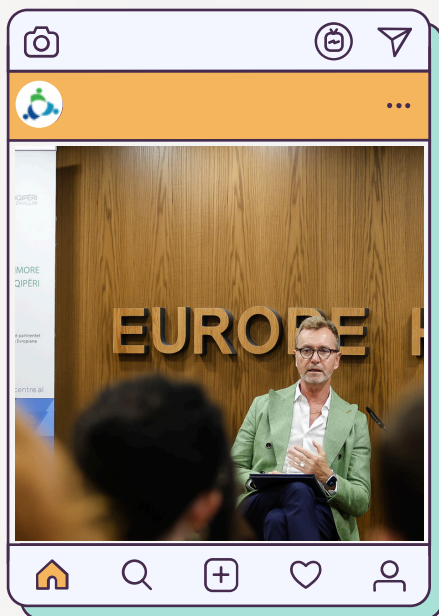


Juliana Hoxha, Director of Partners Albania

Ms. Juliana Hoxha, Director of Partners Albania, described the national event as a moment to recognize the impact of six years of work by the National Resource Centre, a time to prepare for the next four years, but above all, a moment of reflection on the road ahead for the civil society sector. Reflecting on the beginnings in 2019, when the context was different, she noted that Albania now finds itself in a new phase of accelerated European integration.

Ms. Hoxha emphasized the critical importance — now more than ever — of having a strong and resilient civil society in an increasingly challenging environment, characterized by declining financial support, shrinking civic space, and a public discourse that is not always supportive.

She expressed sincere gratitude to the Delegation of the European Union for its long-standing partnership and for being a voice for civil society in many instances. She highlighted that continued support is essential to ensure the sustainable, long-term impact of civil society in the country.



H.E. Mr. Silvio Gonzato, Ambassador of the European Union to Albania

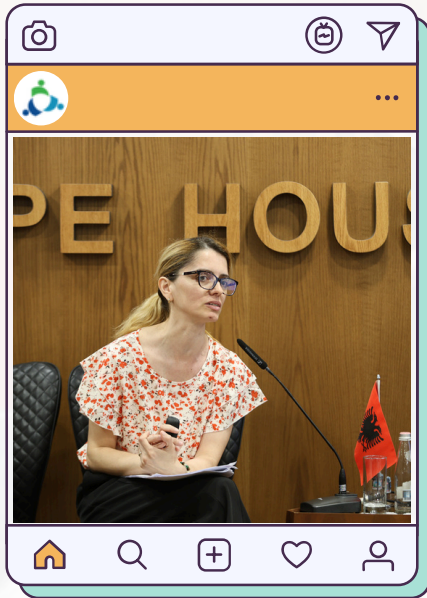
H.E. Mr. Silvio Gonzato, Ambassador of the European Union to Albania, emphasized that progress towards EU membership requires the active involvement of civil society, highlighting its key role not only in the European integration process but also in strengthening democratic values, human rights, accountability, and transparency — particularly through support to communities and addressing gaps in service provision.

The Ambassador underlined the importance of civil society's monitoring role during the implementation of reforms, stressing that progress in EU accession negotiations is measured through tangible results. He expressed concern about the shrinking civic space in the Western Balkans and emphasized the need for sustained support. He also acknowledged the new phase of the National Resource Centre as a catalyst for further strengthening civil society and fostering national-level dialogue.

According to him, events such as Civil Society Week provide important opportunities for dialogue and cooperation. *In conclusion, he reaffirmed the EU Delegation's commitment to supporting an enabling legal, fiscal, and financial environment that promotes the continued development of civil society as the voice of citizens and a key actor in the reform and integration process.*

CHALLENGES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

What still restricts the space for Civil Society?



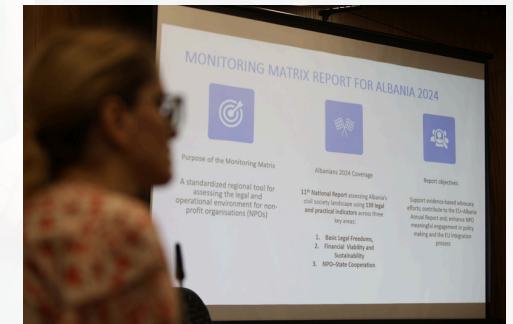
Ms. Kostandina Keruti
Programme Manager, Partners Albania

A dedicated part of the event was focus on the presentation of the latest findings and recommendation from the Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development – Country Report for Albania 2024.

Among the key challenges emphasized were the lack of a functional electronic registry for NPOs, difficulties in financial sustainability, administrative and legal obstacles, as well as the absence of effective dialogue between the sector and public institutions.

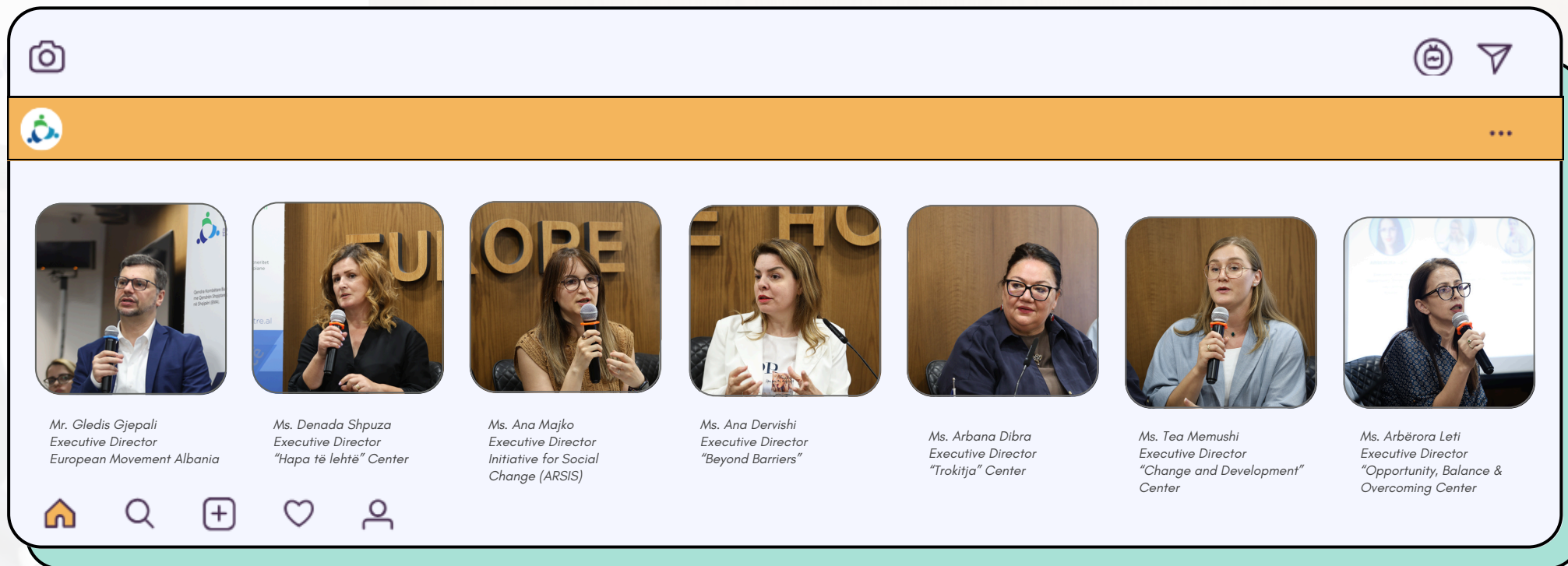
To address these challenges, the following key recommendations were provided:

- Public authorities should take urgent measures to comply with the legal obligations for the establishment and making functional of the electronic registry of NPOs
- Reclassification of the NPO sector as “low risk” on AML/CFT issues, by amending the AML/CTF legal framework to this regard
- The amendment of Instructions on VAT for donation/grant agreements with donors, including the IPA III Program of the European Union, should be made effective by enabling its practical implementation, both by the NPO sector and private operators in the market.
- The government should strengthen its role as a strategic donor by increasing long-term, transparent funding to support the NPO sector’s sustainability.
- The new overdue Road Map 2024-2027 should be approved following an inclusive and transparent consultative process with NPOs and relevant stakeholders, considering the (lack of) results from the implementation of the previous Road Map.
- The consultation mechanisms with NPO sector regarding legislative processes and EU integration agenda should be strengthening by ensuring meaningful participation and accountability.



REFLECTIONS ON COOPERATION

Dialogue with the Sector



In an increasingly challenging environment for civil society organizations, the need for sustainable, tailored, and accessible support remains vital for the sector's functioning.

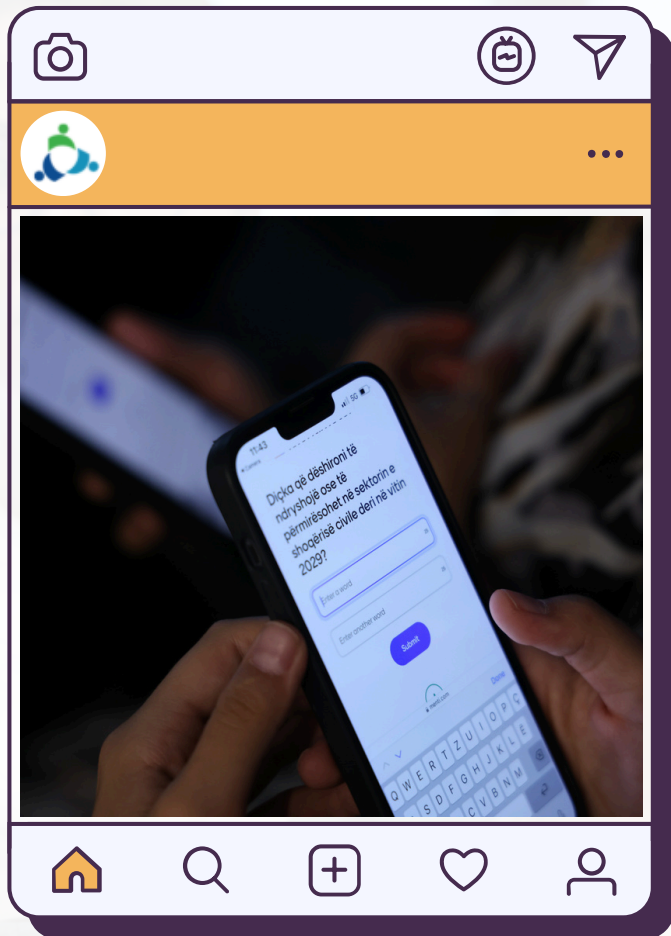
Within this context, as part of the event discussions, representatives from organizations shared reflections on their experiences and outcomes, highlighting that participation in various programs of the National Resource Centre has directly contributed to strengthening their capacities, enhancing cooperation, and promoting more effective engagement with other actors in the community and beyond.

The panel provided concrete evidence of the impact of some of the Centre's key programs—such as the NPO Academy, involvement in the Code of Standards, engagement in joint advocacy initiatives, support for better inclusion of organizations in European integration processes, as well as networking and promotion through Civil Society Week. What was particularly emphasized was the direct, flexible, and needs-driven approach enabled by the Centre's national and regional outreach through its offices in Tirana, Shkodër, and Vlorë.

This ongoing collaboration between the Centre and organizations forms the foundation for the third phase of this mandate—with the aim of deepening this support by offering programs that are always based on the sector's current realities, challenges, and potential on the ground.

SECTOR IN FOCUS

Dialogue for the Future



In the final part of the Civil Society Week closing event, an interactive dialogue was held with representatives from non-profit organizations across Albania. The discussion focused on ideas and expectations for the future development of the civil society sector, as well as the personal and professional motivation that keeps these actors engaged and active.

▪ PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVING THE SECTOR IN THE COMING YEARS

Participants emphasized several key areas for advancing the sector, including: strengthening organizational sustainability, building long-term partnerships, and improving access to funding and multi-year projects. They also raised the need for greater transparency, visibility, and credibility of organizations, along with simplifying bureaucratic procedures that often hinder collaboration or access to funding.

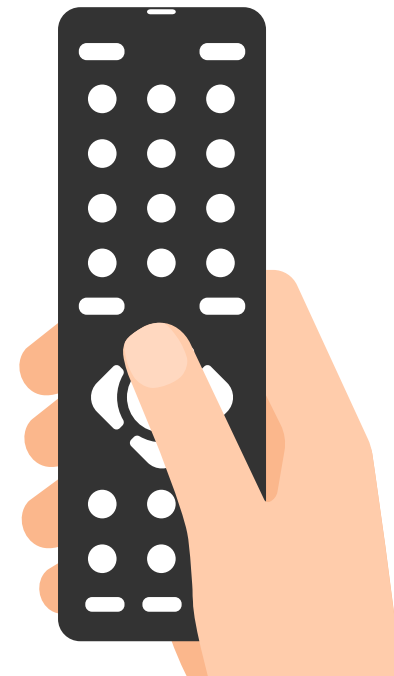
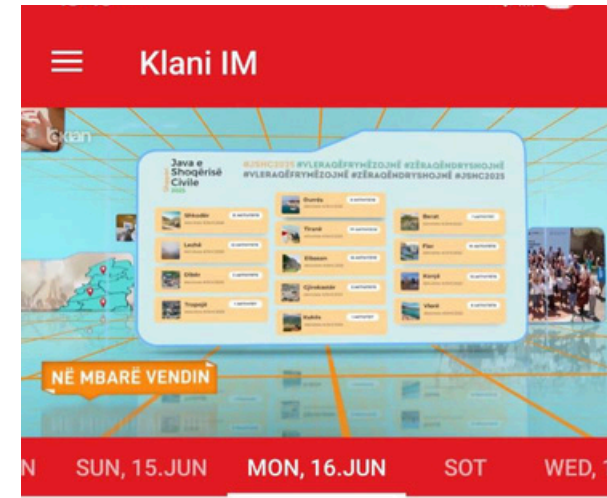
▪ INCREASING THE IMPACT OF NPOS' WORK

Throughout the discussion, concrete ways to increase the impact of civil society organizations were identified, such as ensuring sustainable financial support, strengthening networking and cross-sector cooperation, and promoting strategic partnerships with public institutions. The importance of coordinated action, experience sharing between organizations, and greater public outreach was highlighted as essential to creating stronger community impact and influencing public policy.

▪ MOTIVATION TO REMAIN ACTIVE IN CIVIL SOCIETY

In response to the question “What motivates you to stay active in this sector?”, participants shared powerful testimonies of dedication—from passion for the causes they defend and the values they represent, to a strong sense of mission to contribute to a more just and inclusive society. Hope for positive change and belief in the potential of communities were mentioned as ongoing sources of inspiration, despite daily challenges.

PROMOTION AND MEDIA COVERAGE





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