

Project Objectives

The project aims at assessing the state of civil society in Bulgaria. **The Civil Society Index** is an action-research initiative covering more than 60 countries with a view of creating knowledge base and an impetus for civil society initiatives. Bulgaria takes part in the global survey for the second time (**first phase** was implemented by Balkan Assist 2003-2005). The survey will seek the answers to key issues within the development of civil society in Bulgaria through quantitative and qualitative methods.

Project Implementation Tools

- Memorandum of Understanding between Open Society Institute - Sofia and CIVICUS
- Memorandum of Understanding between UNDP in Bulgaria and Open Society Institute - Sofia
- Set-up of a national implementation team
- Set-up of a project Advisory Committees
- Identifying key issues within the civil society in the national context
- Mapping of secondary data on civil society in Bulgaria
- Quantitative surveys
- Regional focus groups
- Public discussion on the main findings
- Summing up the main findings and recommendations in analytical report and policy briefs
- Drafting of specific recommendations targeting the main areas of concern

Project Status

In progress

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