

Role of civil society as measured by institutional capacity of NGO's

Dimension - Institutional Arrangements

Associated Key Factor:

Civil society and participation

Data Source:

Developing Cooperation

Cooperating for Cooperation, an organisation established in 1995 for establishing a world directory of development organisations and their programmes thus supporting cooperation and promoting efficiency in development aid. The organisation is based in Como, Italy

<http://www.coop4coop.org>

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General Availability:

Reporting unit: NGO

Reporting level: World-wide

The indicator:

Role of civil society as measured by the number and institutional capacity of non-governmental or civil society organisations.

Description

Can be used as a proxy of the strength and role of civil society in a particular country or federal state. Where it can be disaggregated by policy sector it provides information on the engagement of civil society in a specific policy process.

How is it measured?

As in indicator. The institutional capacity of NGOs must be established on the basis of criteria such as financing, internal democracy, expertise, etc. Additionally this indicator combines information on activities of NGOs in specific policy fields.

What are the advantages of the indicator?

Very important indicator for assessing the openness to participation of democratic societies -- in general and at the policy level.

What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?

Not available in the same format for all EU countries (future and new). There is more qualitative than quantitative information. Furthermore, such an indicator is only useful if constructed on a regular basis and the costs involved in this are medium- to high.

What is the policy relevance of the indicator?

The indicator is helpful in assessing the level of constructive dialogue between the decision-makers and the citizens'. It throws light on the scope and forms of citizen participation in a polity.

The Indicator is relevant for the following pathways of the FORESIGHT FOR TRANSPORT exercise:

Data Source:

Idealist

The Site of the organisation 'Action without borders' with information on 36,000 NGOs in 165 countries and

www.idealists.org

<http://www.idealists.org>

General Availability:

Reporting unit: NGO

Reporting level: National

Reporting period: regularly

Data available from 1995 to 2003

	Transport Impact	External Determining Variable	Intermediate Variable	Contextual Information
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More openness and participation in decision-making

Conflicts on land-use

Data Source:

The United States Agency for
International Development

The 2001 NGO Sustainability Index
for Central and Eastern Europe and
Eurasia, USAID, Order Number PN-
ACP-212. Previous reports cover all
years since 1997.

<http://www.usaid.gov>

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General Availability:

Reporting unit: Country

Reporting level:

Reporting period: annually

Data available from 1997 to 2002

Availability by country:

1997 - 2002: Accession
Countries