



# FORUM

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

**MORE VIEWPOINTS,  
BETTER DECISIONS**

- A network of more than 120 active NGOs from all over Bulgaria
- Non-for-profit public entity
- A platform for exchange of experience and expertise
- A tool for elaboration of consolidated positions
- Active participant in the policy-making processes

- Participatory planning
- Improvement of regulations regarding citizen participation
- Development and implementation of Strategy for support to the development of Bulgarian NGOs
- Capacity building, exploring and application of working practical models



- Members and other NGOs
- Municipalities and City Councils
- Regional and district administrations
- National institutions, ministries, agencies, MPs, etc.
- Member of the Danube Civil Society Forum



- Assessment of the previous programming period in terms of citizen participation
- Negotiations with Deputy Prime Minister for the EU funds in Bulgaria and responsible institutions
- Transparent procedure for selection of civil society representatives in Thematic Working Groups
- Better communication and collaboration between administration and civil society

- Nomination and selection of CPF representatives in the Ministerial thematic working groups
- Development of unified methodology and instructions to the CPF representatives in the Ministerial thematic working groups:
  - How to participate in work of TWGs
  - How to share/report their work within network
  - How to consult a common statement with other CPF members

- Monitoring of the policy development on a national level and suggestion of corrective measures/actions when needed
- Cooperation and collaboration with other coalition and networks representatives regarding joint involvement in the programming process
- Consolidation of opinion and positions

- Training for:
  - CPF representatives in TWGs
  - CPF Regional coordinators
  - Members, local authorities, citizens
- Training about:
  - Planning – what/why/how/who/when
  - Mechanisms for civic participation in the planning process
  - Civil society – government partnership
  - Network – how it works for large scale initiatives



- Networking
- Public forums and discussions
- Future-Search Conference
- Round table
- Focus groups, etc,

### **Definitely – not!!!**

- Lack of interest **from the authorities**
- Non consideration of opinion
- No transparent and timely information
- Short deadlines
- Lack of expertise **in some partners**
- Apathy, no initiative
- No dialogue – just confrontation



- Partnership is a win-to-win
- Priorities are broadly consulted
- Civil society has its representatives in Monitoring Committees
- € 10 M for civil society initiatives in Good governance OP
- 1 M BGN for civil society initiatives in the State budget



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