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How you assess the **Civil Society Forum** 4-5 October, Chisinau, Moldova



Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum
Brussels, November 2013

Dear Forum participants,

Thank you so much for your responses that will help all of us make the next Civil Society Forum in Georgia even better! 93 participants have filled in the questionnaire on the Civil Society Forum in Chisinau.

Below is a brief summary of the trends in your responses:

- More than 70 per cent of the respondents believe that 2-day format of the Forum is **optimal**,
- About 20 per cent of respondents believe that the number attendees of the Forum can be **decreased**,
- According to the respondents, welcome speeches, adoption of resolutions, election sessions are rivalling each other for the status of **the least interesting part of the Forum**. This goes in line with the suggestions to decrease the length and number of welcome speeches, make the elections process more structured, and move resolution proposing and adoption online,
- The alarming tendency is that 14 per cent of respondents have **not attended any Working Group meeting**. This data goes in line with the view of 47 per cent of respondents that **Working Group dimension of the Forum needs strengthening** most of all,
- According to the respondents, the plenary and panel sessions should allow **more opportunities for interaction** with the audience,
- **Networking, relations building, and advocacy** were identified as the main reason for participating in the Forum by the majority of the participants.

Some revealing quotes:

"The Forum was surely an excellent networking opportunity."

"To me - not clear what the longer term actual results were or what is the future of the Forum and how I can contribute to its growth."

"...the organisation of each section needed more structure. The speakers often spoke for too long or did not share relevant information."

"There is a need for more youth involvement in higher positions, people with motivation to make change."

"This Forum and the structures around it (ex. national platforms) are so fortunate: with such a high level of political attention, resources and wonderful staff and supporters. It has all the assets needed for big achievements. The Forum could be a real game changer for civil society in the region."

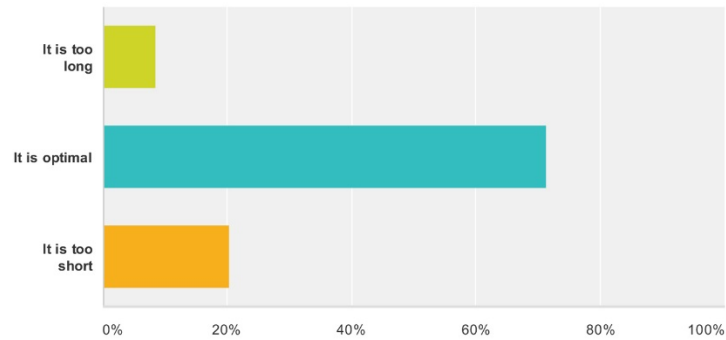
Look forward to working together with you and making Forum "a real game changer for civil society" and for the reform process in the region! It is only with energy, involvement and motivation of all of us, representatives of National Platforms, Working Groups, Sub-Groups, Steering Committee and the Secretariat that we can make the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum a strong structure that can fulfil its goals and objectives.

Best regards,

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How did you find the 2-day format of the annual Forum event?

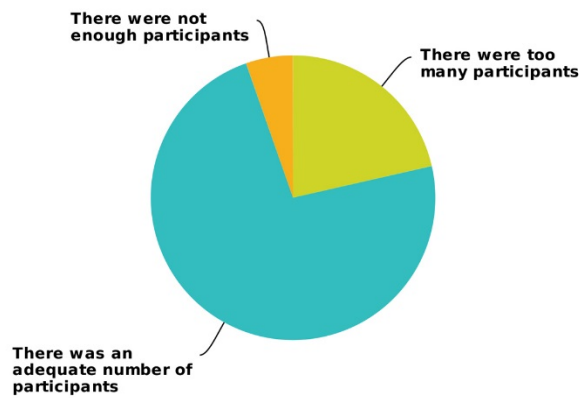
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| It is too long | 8.47% | 5 |
| It is optimal | 71.19% | 42 |
| It is too short | 20.34% | 12 |
| Total | | 59 |

How did you find the number of attendees?

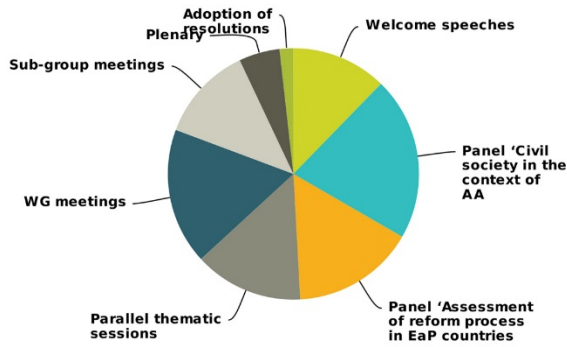
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| There were too many participants | 21.43% | 12 |
| There was an adequate number of participants | 73.21% | 41 |
| There were not enough participants | 5.36% | 3 |
| Total | | 56 |

What part of the Forum event was 'most' useful/interesting to you?

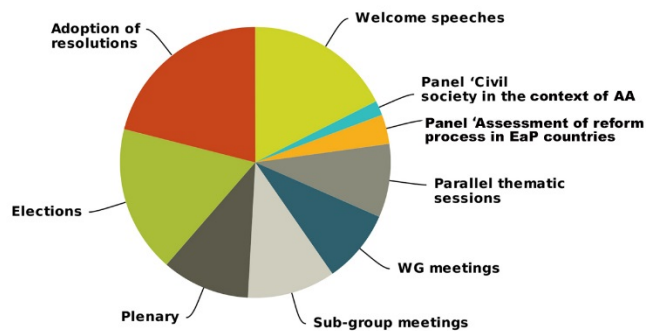
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| Answer Choices | Responses |
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| Welcome speeches | 12.28% 7 |
| Panel 'Civil society in the context of Association Agreements: before Vilnius and after' | 21.05% 12 |
| Panel 'Assessment of reform process in EaP countries: European Integration Index and Road Map Monitoring' | 15.79% 9 |
| Parallel thematic sessions | 14.04% 8 |
| WG meetings | 17.54% 10 |
| Sub-group meetings | 12.28% 7 |
| Plenary | 5.26% 3 |
| Elections | 0% 0 |
| Adoption of resolutions | 1.75% 1 |
| Total | 57 |

What part of the Forum event was the 'least' useful/interesting to you?

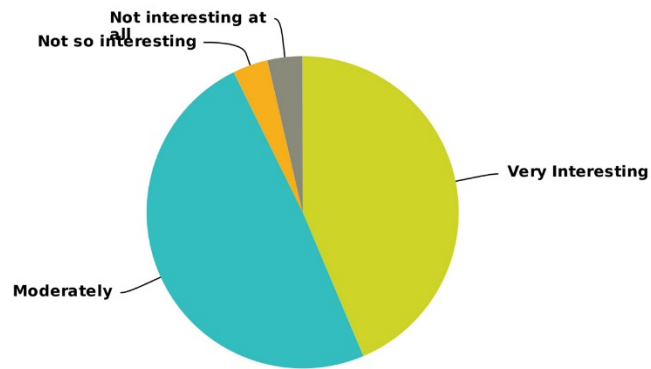
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| Answer Choices | Responses |
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| Welcome speeches | 17.54% 10 |
| Panel 'Civil society in the context of Association Agreements: before Vilnius and after' | 1.75% 1 |
| Panel 'Assessment of reform process in EaP countries: European Integration Index and Road Map Monitoring' | 3.51% 2 |
| Parallel thematic sessions | 8.77% 5 |
| WG meetings | 8.77% 5 |
| Sub-group meetings | 10.53% 6 |
| Plenary | 10.53% 6 |
| Elections | 17.54% 10 |
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How interesting was the topic and the speakers of the first panel 'Civil Society in the Context of Association Agreements: before Vilnius and after'

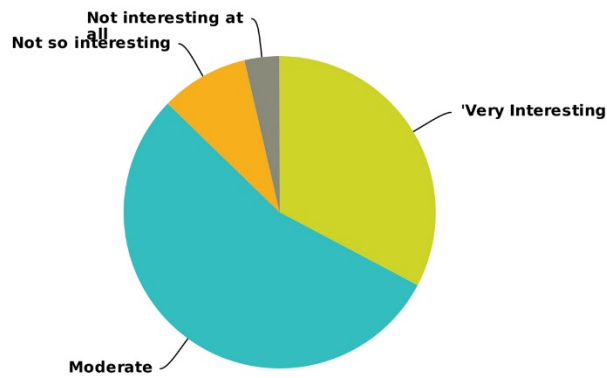
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| Answer Choices | Responses | |
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| Very Interesting | 43.64% | 24 |
| Moderately | 49.09% | 27 |
| Not so interesting | 3.64% | 2 |
| Not interesting at all | 3.64% | 2 |
| Total | | 55 |

How interesting was the topic and the speakers of the second panel Assessment of reform process in EaP countries'?

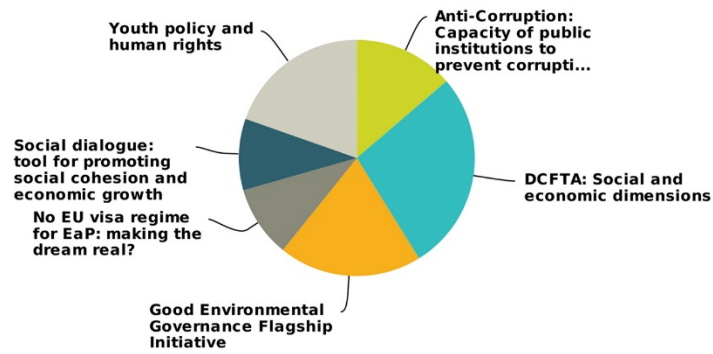
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| Answer Choices | Responses | |
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| Very Interesting | 32.73% | 18 |
| Moderate | 54.55% | 30 |
| Not so interesting | 9.09% | 5 |
| Not interesting at all | 3.64% | 2 |
| Total | | 55 |

What parallel thematic session did you attend?

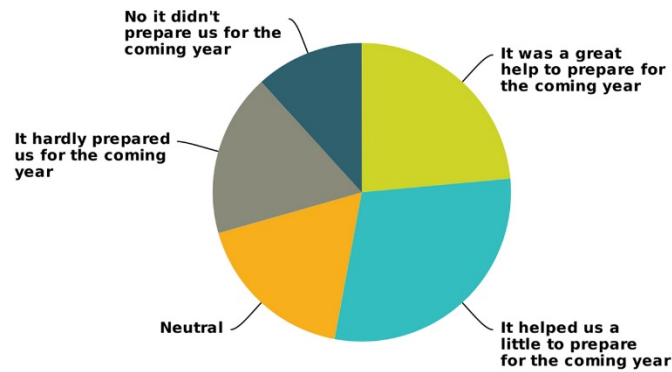
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| Answer Choices | Responses |
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| Anti-Corruption: Capacity of public institutions to prevent corruption and Impunity | 13.73% 7 |
| DCFTA: Social and economic dimensions | 27.45% 14 |
| Good Environmental Governance Flagship Initiative | 19.61% 10 |
| No EU visa regime for EaP: making the dream real? | 9.80% 5 |
| Social dialogue: tool for promoting social cohesion and economic growth | 9.80% 5 |
| Youth policy and human rights | 19.61% 10 |
| Total | 51 |

Do you think the meeting of your Working Group will contribute to an effective functioning of the group the coming year?

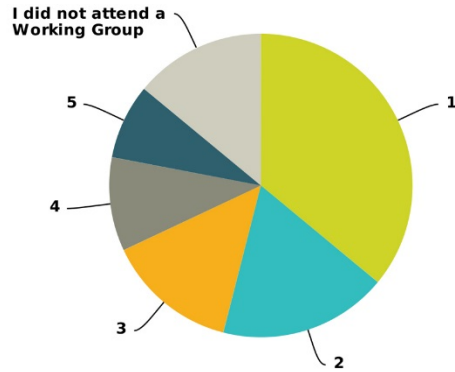
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| Answer Choices | Responses |
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| It was a great help to prepare for the coming year | 23.53% 12 |
| It helped us a little to prepare for the coming year | 29.41% 15 |
| Neutral | 17.65% 9 |
| It hardly prepared us for the coming year | 17.65% 9 |
| No it didn't prepare us for the coming year | 11.76% 6 |
| Total | 51 |

Which Working Group did you attend?

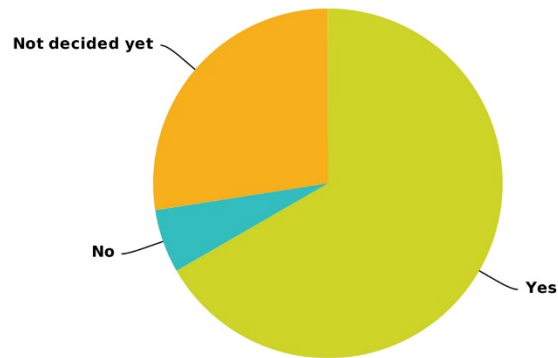
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| Answer Choices | Responses | |
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| 1 | 36% | 18 |
| 2 | 18% | 9 |
| 3 | 14.00% | 7 |
| 4 | 10% | 5 |
| 5 | 8% | 4 |
| I did not attend a Working Group | 14.00% | 7 |
| Total | | 50 |

Are you planning to take part in the work of a sub-group?

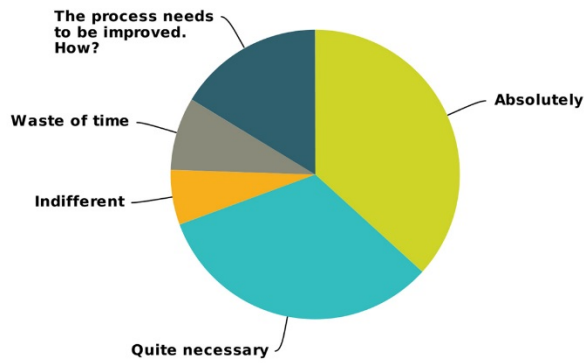
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| Yes | 66.67% | 34 |
| No | 5.88% | 3 |
| Not decided yet | 27.45% | 14 |
| Total | | 51 |

Please comment on the process of election of the National Coordinators, Working Group and EU Coordinators. Do you think the election is a necessary part of the Forum?

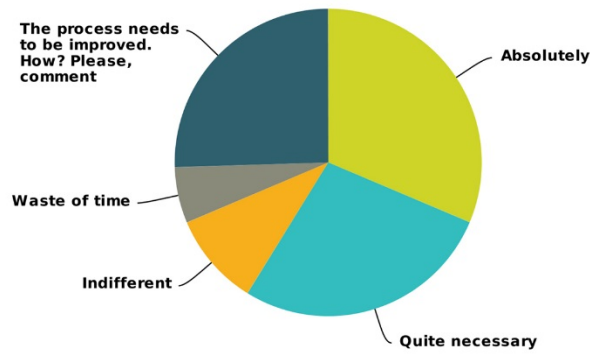
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| Answer Choices | Responses | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Absolutely | 36.73% | 18 |
| Quite necessary | 32.65% | 16 |
| Indifferent | 6.12% | 3 |
| Waste of time | 8.16% | 4 |
| The process needs to be improved. How? | 16.33% | 8 |
| Total | | 49 |

Do you consider adopting resolutions by the Forum as an essential element of the Forum?

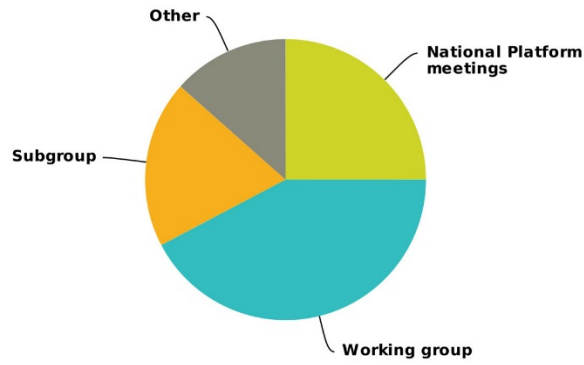
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| Answer Choices | Responses | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Absolutely | 31.37% | 16 |
| Quite necessary | 27.45% | 14 |
| Indifferent | 9.80% | 5 |
| Waste of time | 5.88% | 3 |
| The process needs to be improved. How? Please, comment | 25.49% | 13 |
| Total | | 51 |

How are you planning to be involved in the work of the Forum between October 2013 and the next annual Forum event?

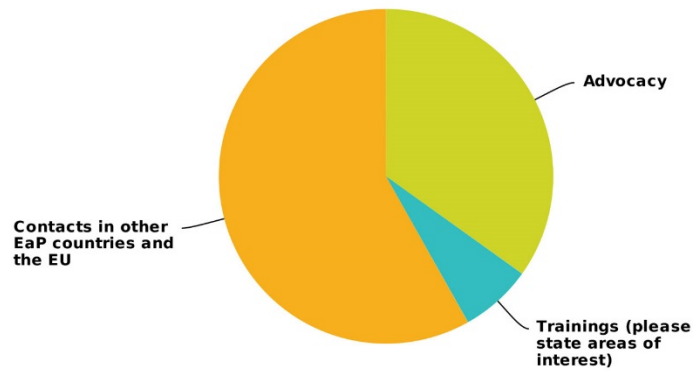
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| Answer Choices | Responses | |
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| National Platform meetings | 25% | 13 |
| Working group | 42.31% | 22 |
| Subgroup | 19.23% | 10 |
| Other | 13.46% | 7 |
| Total | | 52 |

How can Forum help you in your activities within the realm of Eastern Partnership?

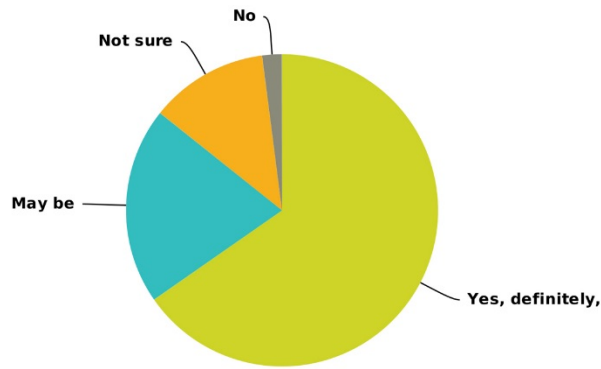
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| Advocacy | 34.88% | 15 |
| Trainings (please state areas of interest) | 6.98% | 3 |
| Contacts in other EaP countries and the EU | 58.14% | 25 |
| Other | 0% | 0 |
| Total | | 43 |

Will you recommend to attend the Forum to other organisations?

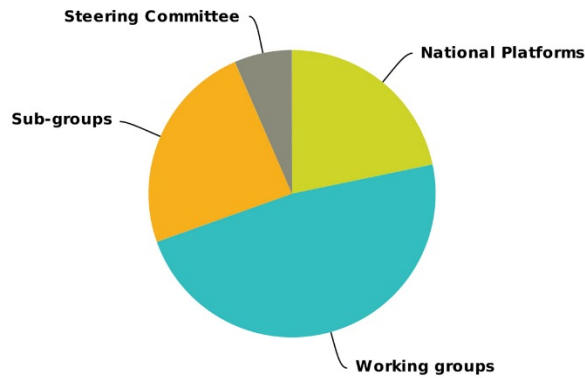
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| Yes, definitely, | 65.31% | 32 |
| May be | 20.41% | 10 |
| Not sure | 12.24% | 6 |
| No | 2.04% | 1 |
| Total | | 49 |

What should be done to improve the work of the Forum in general? Which dimension of the Forum activities need to be enhanced?

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| Answer Choices | Responses | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| National Platforms | 21.74% | 10 |
| Working groups | 47.83% | 22 |
| Sub-groups | 23.91% | 11 |
| Steering Committee | 6.52% | 3 |
| Total | | 46 |