

# The Role of Civil Society in Implementing the GAWB

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# Green Agenda for Western Balkans

5 pillars:

- Decarbonisation: climate, energy, mobility
- Circular economy: sustainable production and consumption
- Depollution: air, water and soil
- Sustainable food systems and rural areas
- Biodiversity: protection and restoration of ecosystems



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## Roles of Civil society: Creating space for public dialogue

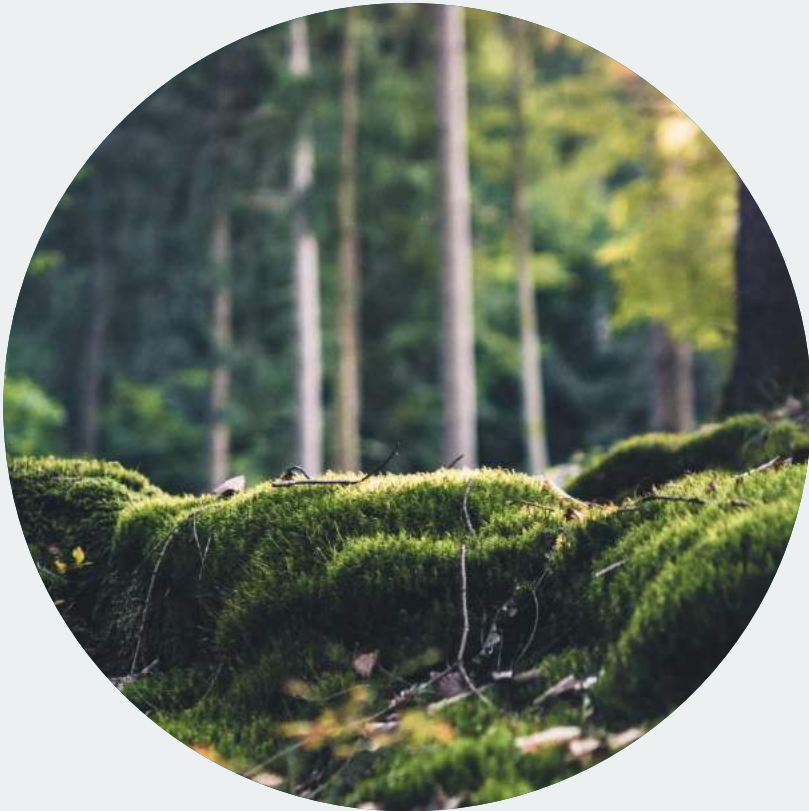
- Generate knowledge through research
- Provide solutions and policy recommendations
- Act as “voice of reason”
- Facilitating dialogue
- Explaining change to citizens



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## Roles of Civil society: Being “agents of change”

- Empowering citizens to act by providing them with relevant information
- Creating public pressure
- Increasing capacity of stakeholders
- Pushing for implementation and adoption of new policies
- Promoting innovation and innovative practices
- speaking publicly and openly about challenges and opportunities



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## Roles of Civil society: Monitoring

- Being the watchdog of the authorities and financing institutions
- Monitoring the alignment of policies with the requirements of the GAWB
- Holding decision makers accountable for non-implementation
- Publicly criticizing the lack of reforms

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# New developments



- New action plan in 2024
- Recommendations for improvements

## Our asks:

- Actionable goals
- Clear timelines
- Clear approach on regional level



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## CSO networks

- CEE Bankwatch Network
- EEB
- SEE.NET
- Informal group




# Thank you!

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