

Agenda 2030 and SDGs:

Seeking for Regional Cooperation and Partnership

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Outline

Agenda 2030 and the implementation of the SDGs: what do the NGOs and think tanks (CRRC-Armenia's case)?;

SDGs: how relevant are for supporting regional cooperation (including within the Black Sea NGO Forum)?;

Multi-stakeholder partnerships: how to support the implementation of the SDGs in the Black Sea region and how can these partnerships be facilitated?

What are the CRRCs about (fact-tank, think tank)?

Policy oriented applied (data driven) research in social sciences;

Capacity building in South Caucasus;

Open data culture; Caucasus Barometer (ODA;)

Awareness raising and much more

Please check the [Black Sea NGO Forum - Newsletter Summer 2018](#)

Still looking for identity 😊 😞

CRRC-Armenia: some projects -1



Role of School Snacks on School Performance of Preschool Children in Armenia

WFP



Outcome Monitoring of Sustainable School Meal Provision

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Social Protection and Safety Nets for Enhanced Food Security and Nutrition

WFP



CSO Development Program

USAID

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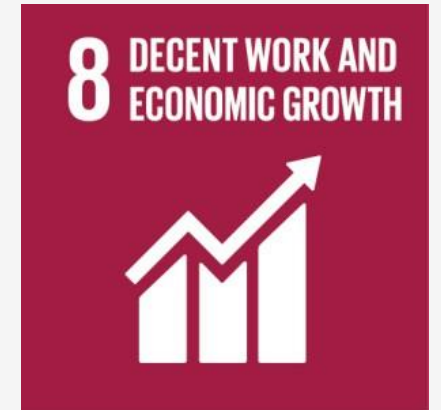
Open Youth Work - Empowering Young People in Gyumri

EU



Causes and Consequences of Women's Economic Inactivity and Engagement in the Informal Economy

UN Women



Tax Administration Modernization Project (TAMP) Evaluation

WB

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Tax Perception Survey within the Business Community

USAID

CRRC-Armenia: some projects -2



Migration and Development: Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration, and Development

OECD

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Elite Dispositions Towards Equality And Policy
Uppsala Univ.



Performance Evaluation of the Territorial and Administrative Reform of Armenia

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Civic Engagement in Local Governance

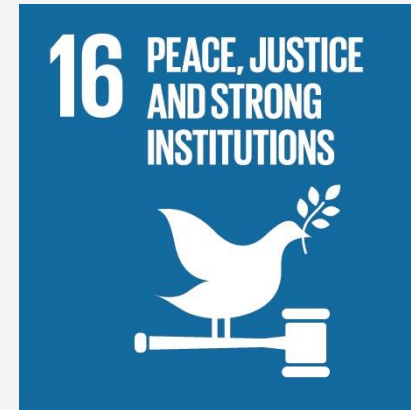
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Assessment of the Effectiveness of State Environmental Subventions

EU



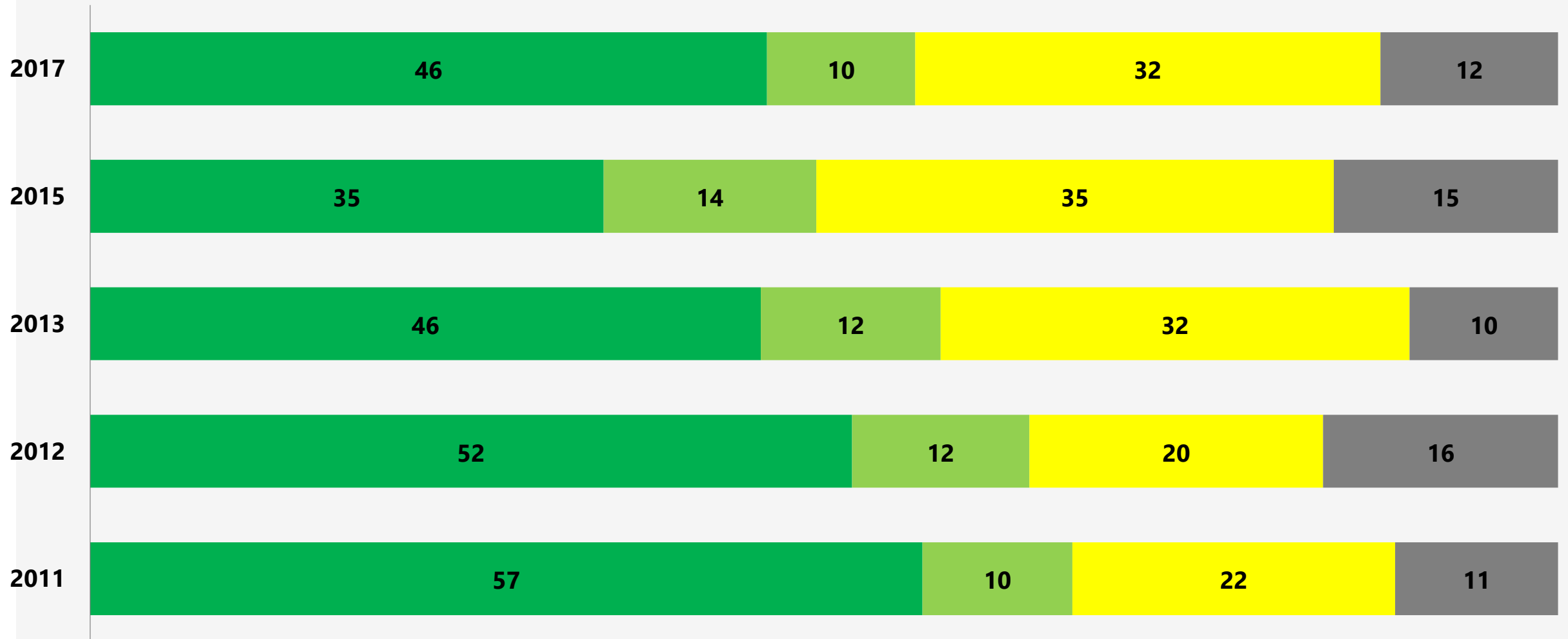
Access to Justice and Human Rights in Armenia
ABA-Roli, USAID



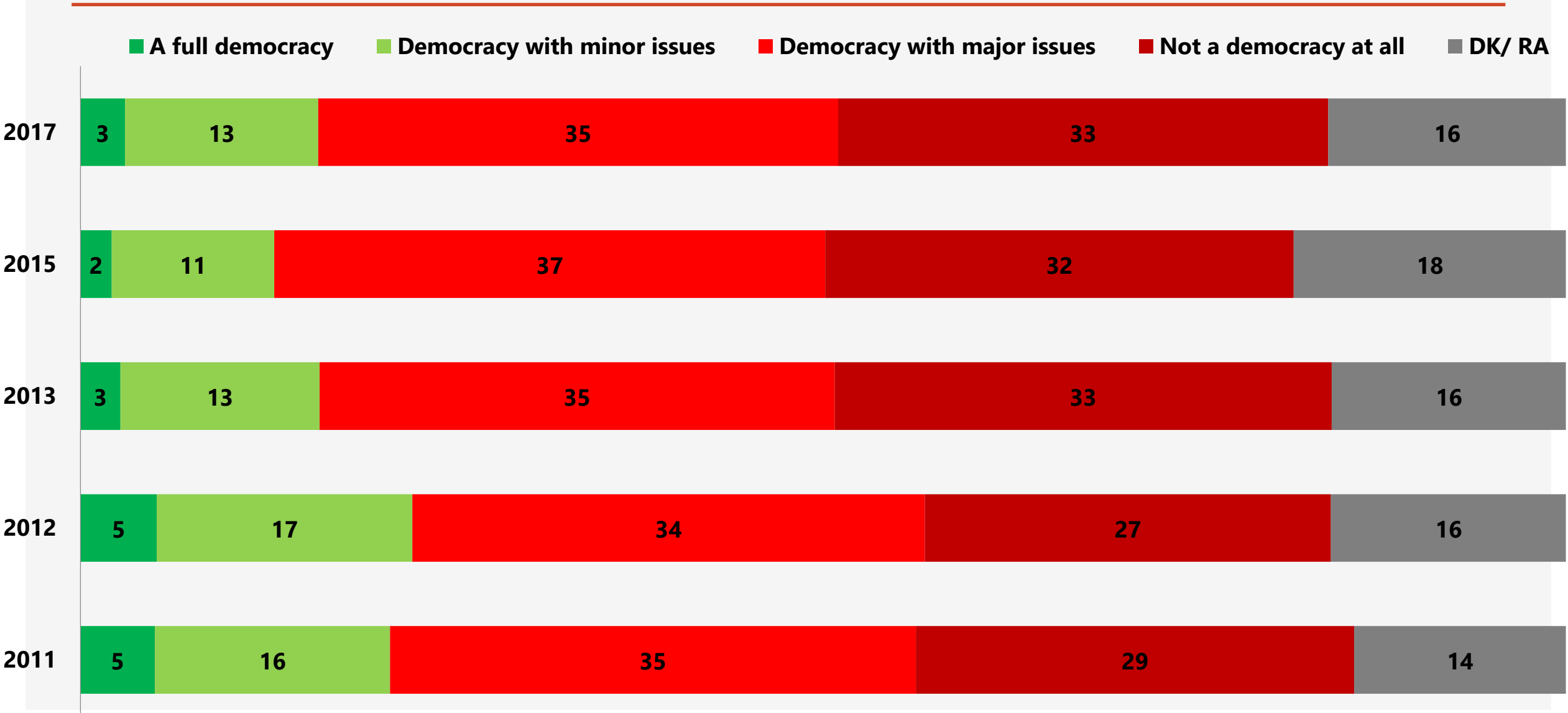
Understanding Forestry-Poverty-Energy Linkages in Armenia
WB

P21. Attitude towards democracy (CB 2011-2017)

- Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government
- In some circumstances a non-democratic government can be preferable
- For someone like me it doesn't matter
- Don't know



P20. How much of a democracy is Armenia today? (CB 2011-2017)



A special study: CSO engagement modality in the implementation of SDGs in Armenia: *'No Poverty' and 'Gender Equality' in focus*



Social

- Ministry of Labour and Social affairs
- Ministry of Health
- Goals **1, 2, 3, 17**

Economic

- Ministry of Economic Development and Investments, Ministry of International Economic Integration and Reforms
- Goals **7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17**

Working subgroups of Inter-Agency Committee

Legal Democratic Equality

- Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development
- Ministry of Justice
- Goals **4, 5, 10, 16, 17**

Environmental

- Ministry of Nature Protection
- NGO
- Goals **6, 13, 14, 15, 17**

A special study: CSO engagement modality in the implementation of SDGs in Armenia: *Outcomes of the nationalization process*

- Study participants stated that the outcome (the draft version of targets and indicators) of the working group has not been communicated to working subgroup participants.
- According to the [Roadmap](#), "Armenia–Nationalizing the 2030 agenda for SusDevelopment" the stages of integration, localization, monitoring and reporting do not intend to engage CSO representatives.
- The results of all these stages are being summarized in the form of [Voluntary National Report](#) (VNR) for presentation at the High-level Political Forum (July, 2018),
- The Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia has developed a set of all the indicators providing an assessment of current state of affairs with regard to the SDGs. <http://www.armstat.am/en/?nid=655>

A special study: CSO engagement modality in the implementation of SDGs in Armenia: Challenges

Monitoring revealed the following challenges in the working subgroups:

- **A limited timeframe provided for the recruitment and involvement of CSOs in implementation of the roadmap;**
- **Weak administration of the nationalization process, due to the coordination of subgroups has been assigned to ministerial staff, in addition to their overloaded ordinary schedule;**
- **Formal aspect of subgroup activity has been prioritized over the content one;**
- **Lowering interest and participation of CSOs in the SDGs nationalization process due to low trust towards the government;**
- **Lack of the SDG 2030 agenda ownership (plan of action for people).**

A special study: CSO engagement modality in the implementation of SDGs in Armenia: Recommendations

- **Creation of theme based targeted platforms with transparent selection mechanisms may be more suitable in terms of efficiency and complexity of administration of SDG 2030 nationalisation and implementation;**
- **Recruitment of trained (capacitated in SDGs) staff which will serve only, or at least mostly, for the administration of such platform(s) to properly organize the work;**
- **Introduction of online platforms for a more manageable and effective collaborative work process;**
- **Securing wider media coverage of the SDG agenda;**
- **Sharing work in progress with CSOs and general public regularly;**
- **Creation of joint-ownership by engaging civil society in the monitoring and reporting stages. This may lead to the introduction of an effective checks and balances mechanism for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals**

Multi-stakeholder partnerships: how to support the implementation of the SDGs in the Black Sea region and how can these partnerships be facilitated

CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) → GPEDC

The **Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation** is a multi-stakeholder platform to advance the effectiveness of development efforts by all actors (**PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS, DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, DOMESTIC ACTORS (including CSOs)**), to deliver results that are long-lasting and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

<http://effectivecooperation.org/monitoring-country-progress/making-development-co-operation-more-effective/#ktr>

Guidelines for CSOs on the GPEDC 3rd Monitoring Round (3MR)

http://effectivecooperation.org/pdf/2018_Monitoring_Guide_National_Coordinator.pdf

CPDE's webinar series: provide background information on the GPEDC 3rd Monitoring Round

SDGs: how relevant are for supporting regional cooperation (including within the Black Sea NGO Forum)?

WB/IMF Fall 2018 Meetings

IMPLEMENTING THE SDGS IN A CHANGING WORLD: LOCALIZATION, INCLUSIVENESS, AND INVESTING FOR IMPACT

<http://live.worldbank.org/implenting-SDGs-changing-world?CID=ECR TT worldbank EN EXTP AM2018-sdgs-pixbroad>

CIVIL SOCIETY TOWNHALL 2018

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Good luck!

Lucky windfall !!

Noble goldmine !!!