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## Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy – Eastern Partnership

### **Results of the Workshop 4. Strengthen cooperation between municipalities and civil society sector**

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## Cooperation forms with target groups



### Citizens (special attention to smaller municipalities)

-  Information environmental days and information campaigns (framework for activities with the citizens and media)
-  Capacity building activities (e.g. trainings, youth camps, youth energy auditors)
-  Financial support for small actions (grants and scholarships for the youth environmental actions)
-  Support of green start-ups initiated by youth and women

### Authorities (national and local level)

-  Platforms (National climate platform (GE), Environmental journalists platform (MD)) for stakeholders coordination, participation at strategies development
-  Implementation of pilot and innovative projects with municipalities (waste management, resource efficiency)





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## Role and importance of the CSOs



- Citizens involvement make strategies and decisions make viable and stable
- CSOs may represents citizens group and stakeholders on the national level in decision making process
- Consultations on legislation development, CSOs provide consolidated voice of the citizens during preparation of the law drafts and during public consultations
- Monitoring of the implementation of the climate related policies, plans and concrete projects
- Establishment of revolving funds in cooperation with municipalities to support residential cooperatives implementing energy efficiency measures (green municipality bank)





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## Mayors from NGOs expectations



- Addressing energy poverty issues in the smaller municipalities (not to cut all the trees around the municipality, environmental consciousness and information of the citizens)
- Promote waste management (support municipalities with introduction of waste separation with population of the cities)
- Cooperation on social projects, fundraising for non-profit projects to support most vulnerable groups
- Bringing knowledge and experience to the municipalities, which have lack of expertise and human resources





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