

CSO Governance in the Western Balkans and Türkiye

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Advisory/Oversight Bodies in CSOs

- Importance of oversight in CSOs
 - Rely on advisory bodies to provide guidance, expertise, and oversight to ensure that they are effectively fulfilling their missions and serving their stakeholders
- Challenges faced by CSOs in governance and management (size, capacity, model of operation, model of financing, etc.)
- Structure of advisory/oversight bodies (professionals, experts, specific groups' representatives, etc.)



The Key Role of Advisory/Oversight Bodies

- Strategic Guidance
- Policy Development
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Risk Management
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Ethical Oversight
- Capacity Building



Challenges faced by Advisory/Oversight Bodies

- Lessons learned from participating in Advisory bodies in CSOs
 - Be proactive, get engaged
 - Act and help, advocate/lobby for the organization
 - Be assertive when possible