

# **ANNUAL ACTIVITY SURVEY**

## **ANALYSIS OF RESPONSES FOR THE EUROPE REGION**

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# How many respondents?



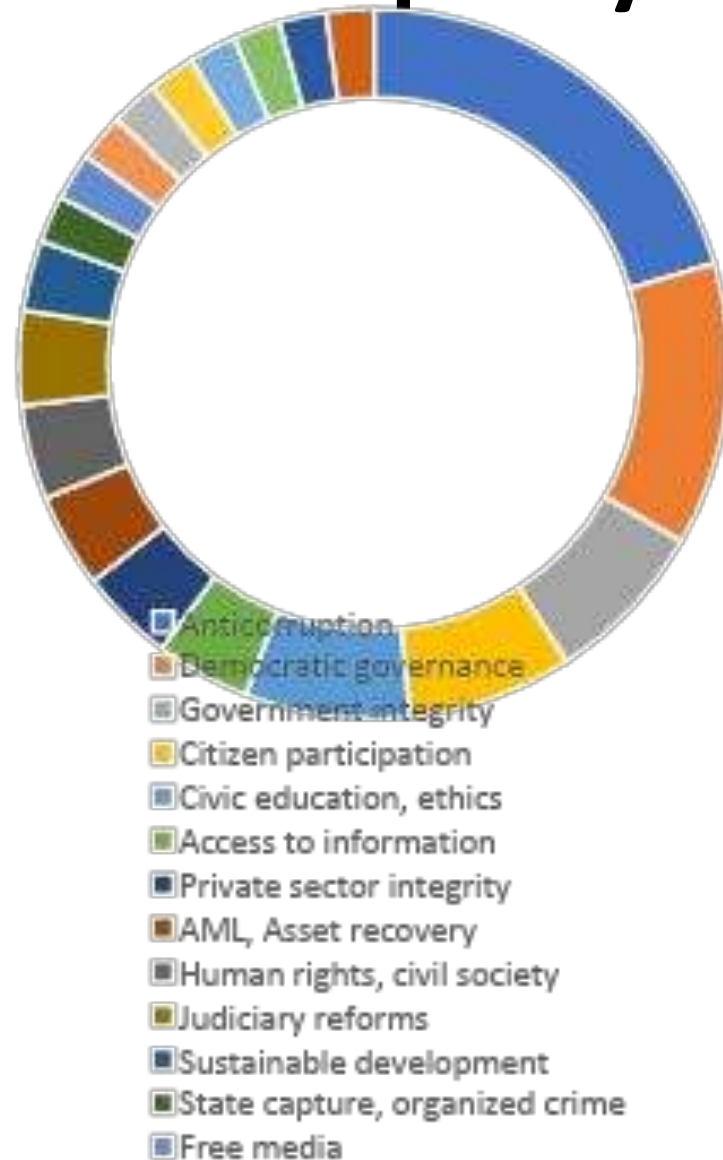
Members:        **EU: 11**  
                    Eastern Europe: 5  
                    Other: 4

Affiliated groups: EU: 1  
                         **Eastern Europe: 8**  
                         Other: 4

- Europe is the largest group; significant will to increase their involvement with the UNCAC Coalition.
- Almost half of the members (20/44), but only ¼ of the affiliated groups (13/50) and only 2 individual members responded the survey.

# **SELF-ASSESSMENT: ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES, PRIORITIES**

# Main policy areas



# International networks



- FOIANet - Freedom of Information Advocates Network
- Whistleblowing International Network
- ParliamentWatch Network
  
- Open Spending EU Coalition
- DARE Network (Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe)
- Southeast Europe Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI)
- Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN)
- Eastern European Network for Citizenship Education (EENCE)
- Southeast Europe Coalition on Whistleblowers' Protection

*(Global organizations: Transparency International, Partners Global)*

*(With governments: Open Government Partnership, UN Global Compact)*

- A majority of organizations (27/33) part of several national and international networks.
- Affiliated groups in platforms for CSO strengthening and knowledge sharing, not specific on anti-corruption.

# Has your organization contributed to transparency, accountability, anti-corruption?



Successful technical expertise and policy advise provided

Empowered civil society organizations and strengthened the civic space

Role of watchdog

- Improvements in corruption prevention, quality of legislation, participation and strengthened CSOs.
- Most results at national level, sometimes bringing in international best practices (OECD, EU, etc.) into various governance areas.

# Specific challenges and limitations ?

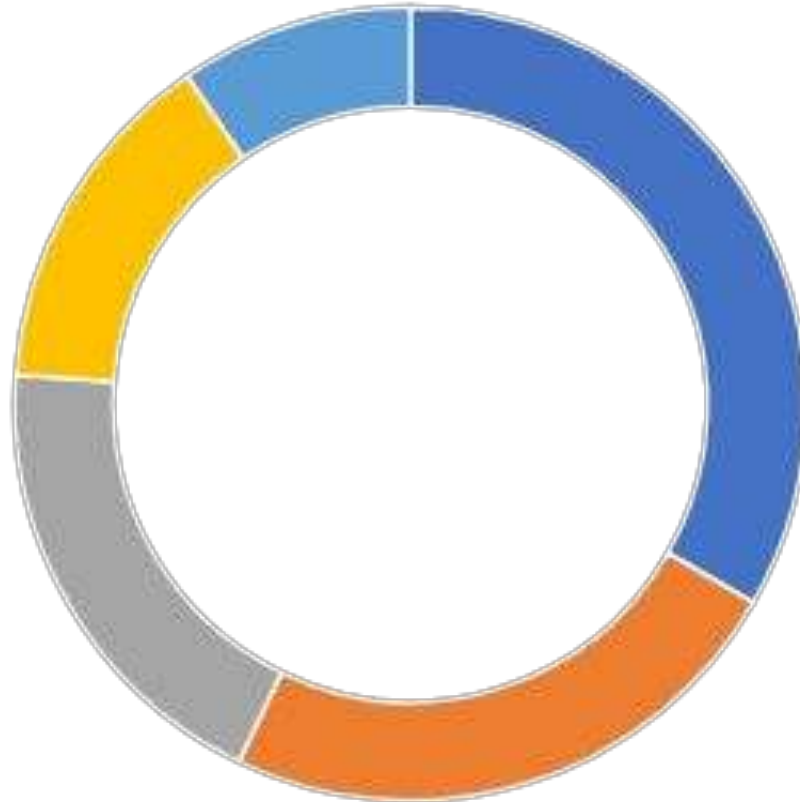
## INTERNAL

- ❑ Limited and unstable financial resources
- ❑ Limited and unstable human resources

## EXTERNAL

- ❑ Lack of political will/ governmental support
- ❑ Vulnerable (legal) environment for CSOs
- ❑ Difficulty to access to information
- ❑ Covid 19

# Anti-corruption priorities for 2022?



■ Public procurement, public budgets ■ Whistleblowing systems ■ Justice sector ■ Access to information ■ Beneficial ownership transparency



# **ENGAGEMENT WITH UNCAC AND THE UNCAC COALITION**

# Recently involved in UNCAC review and UNCAC-related activities?

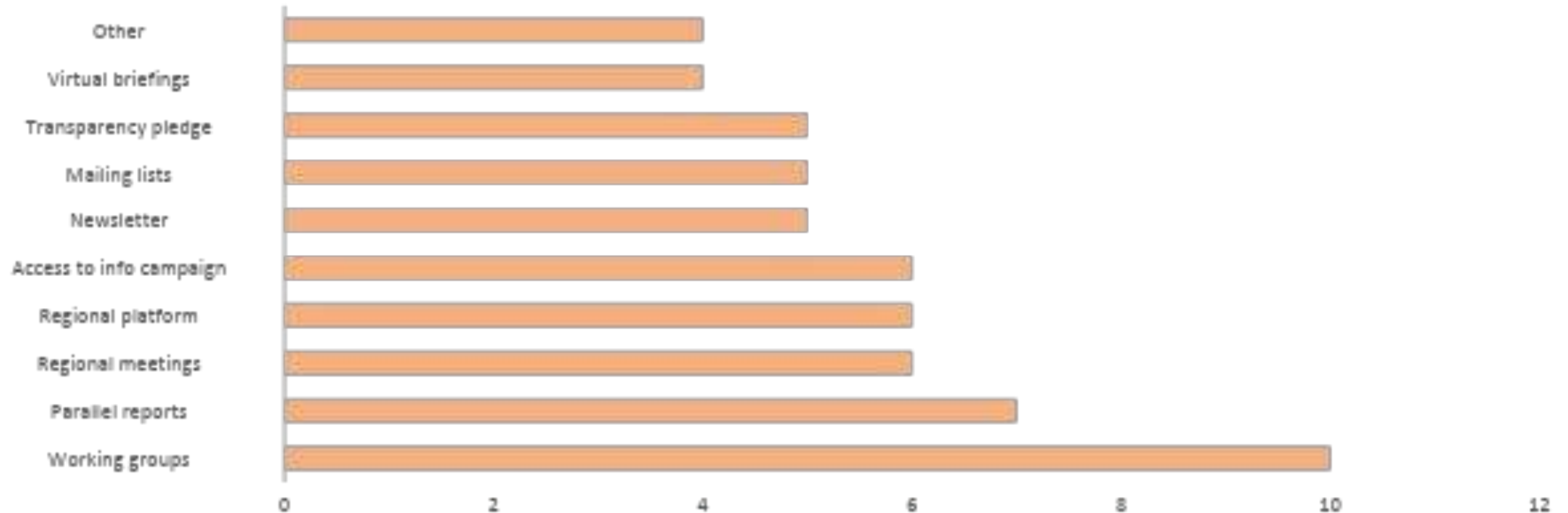


- Members: 7 (20)
- Affiliated groups: 3 (13)

Parallel reports (2nd review cycle): Armenia, Moldova, North Macedonia

- Very few parallel reports (several might take place this year)
- Much room for improvement in involvement with UNCAC review process and monitoring

# Relevance of UNCAC Coalition's initiatives (1)



# Relevance of UNCAC Coalition's initiatives (2)



- Most of UNCAC Coalition initiatives are considered valuable tools of information and participation.
  
- Suggestions:
  - Some groups expressed wish to be more involved; also, to better promote involvement with UNCAC-related activities in their country;
  - More exchange of information among members;
  - More advocacy for transparency, and to protect and promote civic space;
  - Data-sharing mechanisms.

# How can the UNCAC Coalition improve its work and better engage with your organization?



INTERNAL

Internal communications and institutional support

Regional meetings, technical expertise and knowledge sharing

EXTERNAL

Joint initiatives and collaboration for impactful advocacy

External communications

UNCAC review process and UNCAC promotion

# Priorities for the UNCAC Coalition in 2022?



1

- Environmental crimes and corruption, climate change
- Protection of whistleblowers and anticorruption activists

2

- Access to information
- Transparency of public spending, budgets
- Cross-border corruption
- UNCAC review and its reform

3

- Asset recovery and return
- Support victims of corruption
- Grand corruption
- Cooperation, joint projects
- Free media and journalists