Civil Society Sector in Serbia

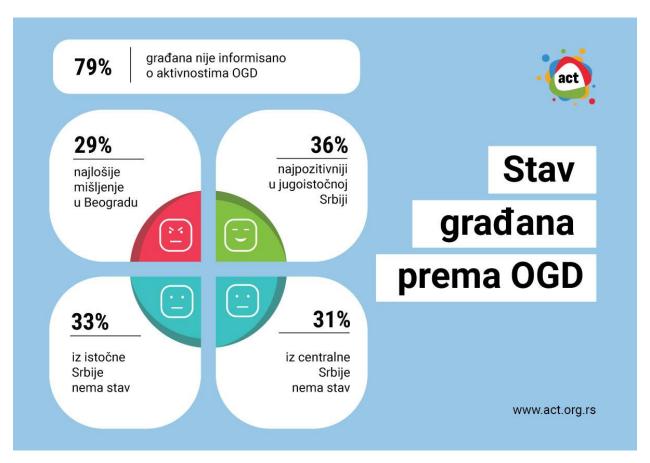


The number of civil society organisations doubled from 2011 to 2019.



#MYTH: CSOs are financed by foreign donors.

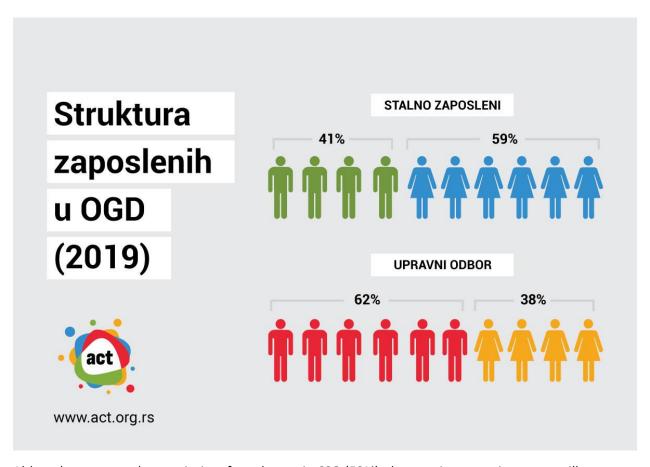
<u>#TRUTH</u>: Most organisations are self-financed and only 15% are financed by the international donor community.



In our study "CSO Sector in Serbia in 2019", we asked the citizens how well informed they are about the work of civil society organisations and 79% feels they are not very well informed. Informing the citizens of the role and importance of CSOs and a direct contact with the citizens would lead to a higher citizen engagement in the work of CSOs.



As much as **83%** of CSO employees are volunteers, while only **2%** are fully employed. On the one hand, this data reflects the commitment and will of the people to donate their time and knowledge to a cause they deeply believe in. But on the other hand, it shows a need for the professionalisation of the organisations in order to ensure better results and sustainability of those organisations.



Although women make a majority of employees in CSO (59%), the steering committees are still dominated by men (62%) and as many as 2/3 of directors and presidents of organisations are also men.