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Vision

Vision: Inform, Develop, and Motivate for a democratic and prosperous society. IDM provides expertise, policy analysis, applied research, and capacity building for key societal actors to drive reforms and engage in evidence-based policy processes.

Mission: Our mission is to advance societal capacities, generate and provide knowledge, skills, and expertise for inclusive policy-making and evidence-based alternatives to bolster democracy and sustainable development.

Mission

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Our network

The institute is an active member of the following regional and wider networks

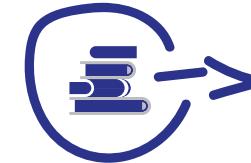


2021 factsheet

A total annual budget of € **921,445.89** from donor organizations has supported our work in 2021.



24 projects lasting from 6 months to 4 years, were implemented by the Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM) in 2021.



IDM published **42 publications** in 2021; including research studies, monitoring reports, policy briefs, policy papers, handbooks, integrity instruments, brochures, and several other outputs such as blogs, and bulletins.



277 public in-person and online events were organized by IDM in 2021 including 13 national and regional conferences, 73 training workshops, 138 consultative meetings, 27 roundtables, 4 policy forums, 2 launching events, 13 networking events, 3 awareness-raising video spots.

Over 3257 people attended our events in 2021. Most of the participants were from government, institutions, and civil society; academia; societal groups; religious communities; media; local businesses; youth, and the international community.



In 2021 IDM was **featured more than 260 times** on television, online news media, academic blogs, and other media outlets.

Publications

In 2021, IDM has published 42 publications tailored to a broad interested audience including government officials, other policy stakeholders, and the general public. Our publications aim to inform, guide, develop and motivate different audiences across the country and internationally on common political, social, or regional interests.

Also, in 2021, IDM became part of the publications database of Columbia University Press, Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO). This database has been updated so far with some of IDM's publications over the years in areas such as good governance, national security, civil society, regional and international cooperation.

42 publications

- **2 research studies** related to the democratic control of the Albanian armed forces and deconstructing of state capture in Albania.
- **8 monitoring reports** on transparency and accountability at the local self-government level, civil society empowerment and supporting CSOs in social care services.
- **4 blogs** on the Open Balkan Initiative, EU enlargement in the Western Balkans, Turkey's influence in the Western Balkans and media reporting of security sector issues in Albania.
- **4 policy papers** on reintegration challenges of Albanian returnees, State Police integrity and accountability, prevention strategies towards violent extremism and Albania's national security.
- **7 policy briefs** on regional civil society empowerment, oversight, accountability, national security, building integrity and fight against money laundering.
- **5 handbooks** on reintegration of returning nationals, rural development and civic monitoring of transparency and accountability.

3 online resources

- **7 reports** on integrity building on anticorruption, trust in governance, preventing violent extremism, increasing research capacities of regional CSOs in the area of organized crime, CSOs sustainability index and rural development.
- **1 bulletin** on integrity building to improve performance and sustainability of anticorruption in the Albanian State Police.
- **3 brochures** on citizen engagement in decision making, empowering the local community in preventing any form of violent extremism through multi-sectorial prevention measures and CSOs sustainability index.
- **1 integrity plan** for Durres Municipality.
- **2 online platforms**, one intended to survey the voices of the youth, propagate them and stimulate discussion regarding various topics, among which internet freedoms, issues regarding the environment and rule of law and the second one on the empowerment of Western Balkan Civil Society for a Reformed Public Administration (RAP).
- **1 podcast** discusses an innovative initiative in Albania, aiming to promote the cooperation of local authorities and provide a sustainable approach to the fight against crime in the country.



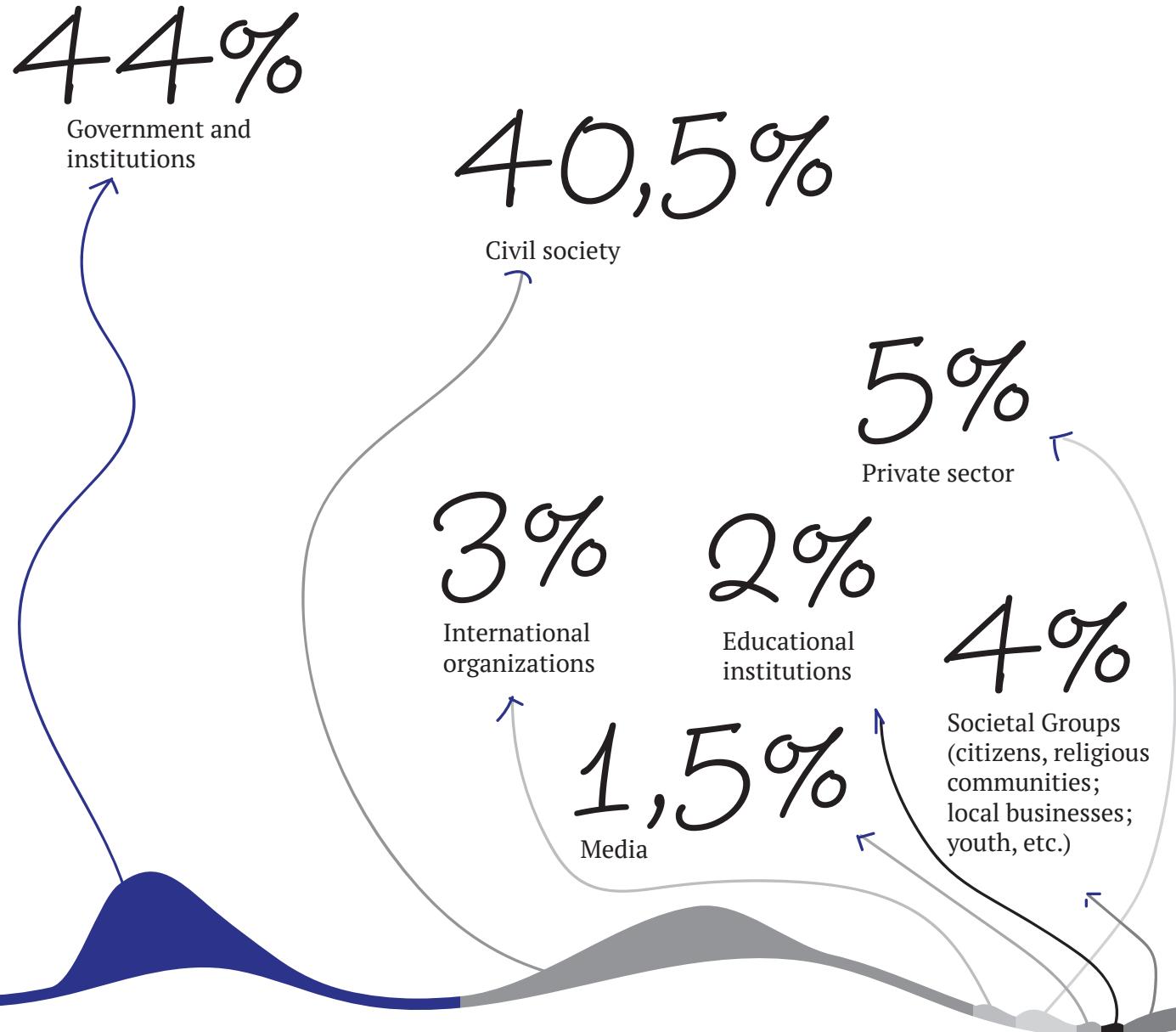
Projects of 2021

Empowering local community at preventing any form of violent extremism through multi-sectorial prevention measures in Kamza Municipality	03.07.2019	18.02.2021
“School as community Center” – Expanding the network of resilient communities in Albania	01.01.2021	31.03.2022
Building Integrity to improve performance and sustainability of anticorruption in the Albanian State Police”	01.07.2018	31.01.2021
Oversight, Accountability and Other Challenges for the Democratic Control of the Albanian Armed Forces	01.02.2020	31.03.2021
National Security vs. Transparency: Finding the right balance	01.02.2020	31.01.2021
CIVIC MONITORING of transparency and accountability at local self-government level	15.01.2020	15.04.2021
“Civil Society for Good Governance and Anti-Corruption in Southeast Europe: Capacity Building for Monitoring, Advocacy and Awareness Raising (SELDI	10.05.2018	09.05.2022
Facilitate the project implementation of "Ending impunity for grand corruption in the Western Balkans and Turkey", through the provision of grant funding from the European Commission	01.08.2019	01.06.2021
Make Future Together: EU and Western Balkans from the Youth Perspective	09.03.2020	08.09.2021
Developing Capacity, Cooperation and Culture in Overseeing Sectors of Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia	01.08.2019	01.07.2022

Preventing Violent Extremism in the Balkans and the MENA: Strengthening Resilience in Enabling Environments - PREVEX	01.01.2020	31.12.2022
Trust in Governance 2020	15.10.2020	15.03.2021
Countering violent extremism in Albania – Persisting VE forms and threats and the way forward to reinforced PVE	01.10.2020	31.03.2021
Widening the Democratic Space in Albania through Citizens Engagement in Decision Making	15.07.2020	30.10.2022
Western Balkan Civil Society Empowerment for a Reformed Public Administration (WeBER 2.0)	1.12.2019	22.11.2022
Increasing Research Capacities of WB CSOs in the Area of Organized Crime	01.03.2020	01.03.2021
Company or organization to support CSOs in 6 target municipalities on integrated social care services, expenditure monitoring and accountability for gender equality through watchdog monitoring reports contract no. ALB-2021-02	15.05.2021	15.12.2021
Sustainable community-based reintegration of Albanian nationals returning from Syria	01.06.2021	31.11.2023
Consolidating the role of Albanian Network for Rural Development toward a functional model of bottom-up and participatory perspective in national rural agenda	1.02.2018	31.03.2021
Good Governance in Cybersecurity in the Western Balkans	15.10.2021	31.03.2024
Supporting the Fight against Money Laundering in Albania	01.11.2021	15.09.2022
Standard Municipal Integrity Planning Practice Expanded Across Municipalities	01.06.2021	30.09.2022
Engaging communities in civic education in Albania	01.09.2021	31.08.2022
Civil Society Organization Sustainability Index (CSOSI)	22.11.2019	31.08.2022

Our audience

The audience that attended our events in 2021:



Deliberative polling “Shqipëria n’ Kuvendim”: the first social experiment of deliberative democracy in Albania



For the first time in Albania, about 110 citizens from across the country were gathered in the largest exercise of deliberative democracy “Shqipëria n’Kuvendim” held from 18th to 21st of November 2021, in Tirana. Deliberative Polling is a unique form of public consultation that combines techniques of public opinion research and public deliberation to reveal what public opinion would be on a particular issue if citizens were given a chance to become more informed. This deliberative democracy exercise was carried out in Albania, thanks

to this collaborative effort of the Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM) in the framework of the PACEP a project of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by NDI – National Democratic Institute.

For four days in a row, the selected participants from a sample of 1,200 pre-surveyed citizens, deliberated on issues such as parliamentary oversight and citizen participation, internal democracy of political parties, electoral system reform, environmental protection, and economic immigration. They were provided with the opportunity to discuss the issues with fellow participants in moderated small groups based on impartially written briefing materials provided beforehand, and the chance to question balanced panels of experts on each topic. About 20 renowned experts and 15 moderators were actively involved and interacted with the participants.

Here are some of the participants’ testimonies after the event:

“Shqiperia n’Kuvendim” is an excellent way to discuss and clarify our opinions on issues that affect us in real life.”

“I am extremely happy to have been selected as a participant in this event. I would like these activities to be not a one-time event and to find a way for our voice to really reach the parliament.”

“The activity provided us with valuable information on the topics and the opportunity to consider different perspectives on the problems posed and discuss them with specialists in the field.”

The body of knowledge generated through the deliberative polling exercise includes the main report that explores the shift in attitudes that can be brought about by access to information by examining the differences in perceptions between the participants of the deliberative poll and control group participants. This report is supplemented by a

set of seven thematic briefs which present the national perceptions and attitudes of citizens (national survey) on each of the target themes – citizen participation, parliamentary oversight, internal party democracy, electoral reform, diaspora voting, climate change, and economic immigration.

The evidence produced serves the PACEP project to inform parliamentary stakeholders on possible avenues for reform in each of the target themes and also on ways to boost citizens’ engagement in parliamentary activities and decision-making. *You can find more at:*

<https://idmalbania.org/shqiperia-nkuvendim-the-first-national-deliberative-democracy-exercise/>.

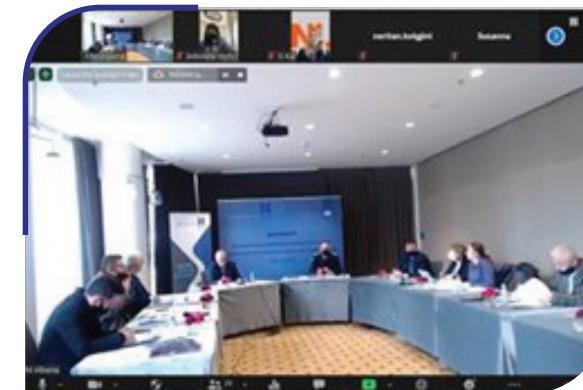


2021 highlights per research area

Governance

During 2021, Governance Program’s continued to contribute significantly to integrity and anti-corruption issues in the country, public trust in governance, monitoring of the public administration reform, as well as the consolidation of the institutional integrity practice to the local government level. The key milestone of the program was the application of the standard municipal integrity planning piloted successfully in 2020, in fourteen municipalities in the country. This intervention shed light on one of the most intractable challenges faced by municipalities in the country, such as enhancing an ethical and integrity public management culture.

We continued to step up our efforts in developing a series of integrity tools that aimed to assist the public sector with evidence-based research and strengthen institutional integrity by applying inclusive policy-making processes. They included amongst others: 1. the development of



the evidence-based report on the integrity of the state police; 2. a performance assessment report on the implementation of the six municipal Integrity Plans piloted in 2020, with lessons learned and actionable recommendations; 3. provision of technical assistance to enhance skills and capacities of local public officials from 14 municipalities on how to draft and monitor institutional integrity plans.

Furthermore, IDM drafted a country report with Transparency International, as part of a regional initiative that sought to provide a systemic analysis of state capture in Albania by examining its enabling mechanisms.

This report is based on a collection of grand corruption cases during the period 2008 - 2020 that cover both the networks of clientele and corruption in the judiciary and tailor-made laws in Albania.

The eighth edition of the annual public opinion poll “Trust in Governance 2020” explored citizens’ trust in public institutions, institutional transparency, and accountability, corruption, the level of citizen engagement in policy- and decision-making, satisfaction with public service delivery, and the management of natural disasters by public entities. A milestone for measuring citizens’ perceptions on governance, the report has become a valuable point of reference for public institutions, civil society, development partners, and scholars.

Lastly, the WEBER 2.0 project launched the National PAR Monitor Albania, 2019 – 2020. The report was widely consulted with central public stakeholders and civil society organizations, leading national level government-CSO policy dialogue on PAR. In its second monitoring cycle, the report is steadily adding evidence-based monitoring to a crucial area of governance at the central level, empowering civil society in engaging with the public administration reform (RAP). Additionally, six local CSOs implemented their projects in the framework of the small grant facility,

strengthening the engagement of local CSOs in local-level PAR and improving public awareness for PAR at the local level.

EU & the Balkans

2021 was another missed opportunity as regards the EU enlargement in the western Balkans. While Serbia and Montenegro concluded another year of negotiations, the next two in line – Albania and North Macedonia – did not start accession talks with the EU due to the Bulgarian veto.

Further to its contribution to EU integration and development related reforms preparing Albania for a solid path toward EU membership in the areas of security, good governance and integrity, local development, civic space, and democratic institutions, IDM has continued to contribute to policy debates on enlargement, in Albania, the WB region and at EU level. The need to reform enlargement policy and possible avenues to reinforce EU credibility and leverage in the WB region was broadly discussed by IDM experts and policy analysts. As a member of BiEPAG, IDM program director Gjergji Vurmo reviewed the enlargement policy 2014-2021 in his paper “**The EU and the Western Balkans – Serving the purpose of enlargement**” while the IDM position

was made present in several other **regional roundtables** organized by Think for Europe – TEN Network members and partner think tanks in various EU capitals such as Brussels, Berlin, Paris. IDM joined TEN members in sharing with the **Slovenian presidency** some ideas to overcome the enlargement impasse in June 2021 and has contributed to the implementation of the research project of TEN and Netherlands Institute of International Relations ‘Clingendael’ “**EU as a promoter of democracy or ‘stabilitocracy’ in the Western Balkans?**”

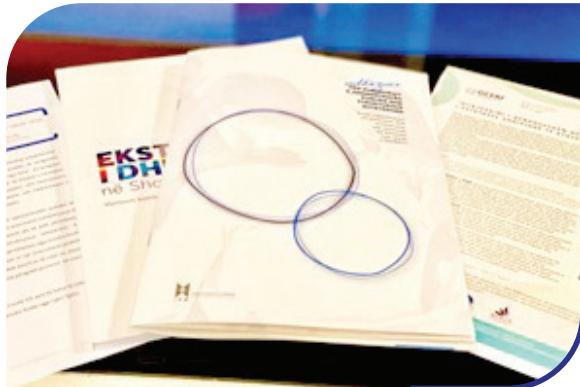
A remarkable contribution and experience were developed through the regional project “**Let’s build the future together: the EU and the Western Balkans from the youth perspective**” where IDM researchers co-authored with their peers from the region, Italy, and Poland a **compilation of policy briefs** as a contribution to the debate on the future of Europe.

From a national perspective, IDM was present throughout the 2021st at the meetings of the National European Integration Council (NCEI) and has interacted with state institutions in charge of Albania’s EU accession process.

Security

In 2021, **IDM's Security Program** continued its tradition of providing policy research and advice on security issues. The three leading pillars of the Security Program's activity have been **research, capacity building, and advocacy**. The Security Program featured projects with international partners such as *US Embassy in Tirana, the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), Balkan Trust for Democracy, Center for European Security Studies, and the Balkan Security Platform*; in close cooperation with governmental institutions such as the Ministry of Interior, the Albanian State Police, the Coordination Center for Countering Violent Extremism, and local government units. Some of the issues covered this year were prevention of violent extremism, transparency and





oversight of the defense sector, security procurement, and understanding organized crime in Albania.

IDM has successfully piloted the **"triangle" model of public accountability for crime prevention** focusing mostly on Elbasan municipality. The "triangle" meetings model, incorporated in the Local Public Safety Council Regulation, aims to bring citizens closer to governance in terms of public

order and security, as well as to increase citizens' confidence and cooperation with law enforcement authorities, and prevent crime through a proactive approach by local institutions. IDM advocates for shared responsibility and closer cooperation across multiple agencies and stakeholders in the context of public safety.

Furthermore, IDM has continued its work in enabling local communities to prevent violent extremism through long-term collaboration among community actors in Albania by **promoting schools as community center**. The approach has been implemented in eighteen municipalities and twenty-two communities in Albania, with the goal of expanding the model to a national scale in the following years.

Contributions to IDM's Security Program include the **2021 national assessment of drivers, forms, and threats**, focused on enabling a better-informed public debate on violent extremism and supporting the shaping of prevention policies and disengagement programs. Following a first baseline assessment in 2015 and a subsequent national assessment of drivers of violent extremism in Albania in 2018, the 2021 study provides an overview of the state of affairs following six years of P/CVE actions, and the salience of drivers and other related factors that feed into or enable violent extremism.



A member of the PREVEX Consortium, IDM researchers further contributed to a **working paper on enabling environments, drivers, and occurrence / non-occurrence of violent extremism in the Balkans**.

To ensure sustainable and effective rehabilitation and reintegration of returning Albanian men, women, and children from Syria, since June 2021, IDM is working on



fostering community resilience and enhancing the capacities of central and local institutions, frontline responders, and media to increase R&R management, cooperation, social cohesion, and empower RTFs and their families.

In the upcoming year, IDM's security program plans to extend its advocacy and capacity-building programs while continuing to build on its present research. The program will specifically address key security concerns such as serious and organized crime, illegal migration and trafficking, and security sector reform.

Local governance and integrated development

2021 marked a new era with strong ambitions in the efforts of Local Governance and Integrated Development (LGID) to



animate and intensify the bottom-up and participatory advocacy in integrated and sustainable rural development. The efforts of LGID in the last six years in strengthening the role of the civil society sector in rural development policy formulation and implementation through consolidating the role of the Albanian Network for Rural Development (ANRD) – a genuine rural movement, reached its climax. The organization of the 2nd Albanian rural parliament as a bottom-up and participatory advocacy platform to advance rural communities’ interests and priorities marked a unique landmark of rural advocacy, networking, and exchange bringing together over 600 participants, ensuring inclusiveness under pandemic conditions and partnership with all involved actors.

Another important highlight during 2021 is the new initiative implemented by ANRD which is centered around the rural youth and issues related to rural youth capacity building, their involvement in agriculture and rural development, as well as the ever-increasing trend of their migration. The rural women event also represents an important focus area of ANRD and its member organizations for the social and economic empowerment of women and girls in rural areas. These initiatives are built upon processes led by LGID that have required ongoing advocacy, capacity



building, consulting, and networking efforts, while being partnership-driven and involving all relevant stakeholders.

Promotion of the Leader/CLLD approach has been a key methodological tool invested by the department to further develop civil society efforts in building effective dialogue within the rural population, local public and private actors, facilitating in this way good governance through local partnerships. Moreover, LGID has advocated for a strengthened role of local self-government units toward integrated and area-based development of local communities.

Civic Space

IDM’s Civic Space program continued to provide research and support on matters of citizens’ engagement, public accountability, and civil society development.

Within the Support to Parliament and Civic Education Project (PACEP) project, IDM held the first national deliberative polling exercise where about 110 citizens from across the country gathered in Tirana, on 18th to 21st of November 2021, in the largest exercise of deliberative democracy “Shqipëria n’Kuvendim”. The exercise covered topics of civic engagement in the parliamentary activity, parliamentary oversight, internal democracy of political parties, electoral system reform, diaspora vote, environment, and climate change,



and economic immigration in Albania. Within the same project, IDM also trained 90 local CSO representatives and activists on mechanisms to participate in the parliamentary process aiming to encourage citizens' engagement.

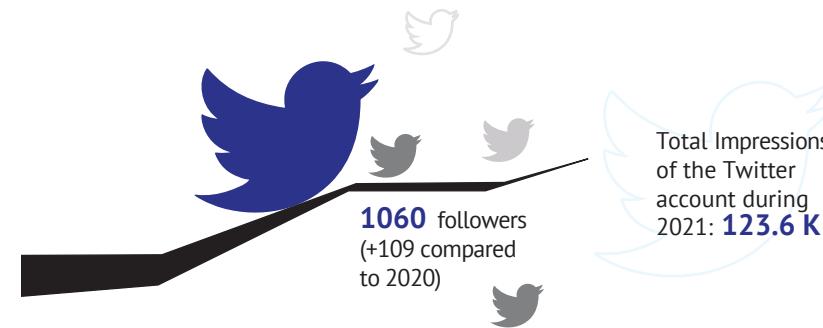
Further, building on civic monitoring conducted in 12 municipalities, IDM published a report on transparency and accountability at the local government level. IDM also conducted policy analysis on the enablers and repercussions of circumventing public consultation processes, the findings and recommendations which were presented in a forum with key stakeholders. Lastly, since 2010, IDM has drafted the annual Civil Society Organization Sustainability Index for Albania, an assessment of the strengths and viabilities of the civil society sector that covers 73 countries.



Online outreach

In the second year of our communication strategy implementation, IDM refined its communication, bringing it closer to the targeted audience and increasing its online visibility. The implementation of the communication strategy, increased cooperation with the press and networking brought positive results in growing online audiences and their engagement in IDM posts. These results were reflected in the data extracted from reports on our social networks, Twitter and Facebook, as well as on its official website www.idmalbania.org.

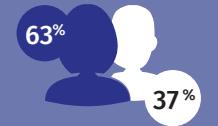
IDM maintained a strong presence on social networks, which is one of the ways IDM communicates the most with its audience. Our online outreach for 2021:



In November 2021, we launched our new revamped website www.idmalbania.org to provide users with a more user-friendly design that better presents our research and advocacy work



The majority of our audience resides in Albania, but IDM also has a substantial following in France, the United States, Kosovo, Germany, United Kingdom, Italy and Netherlands.



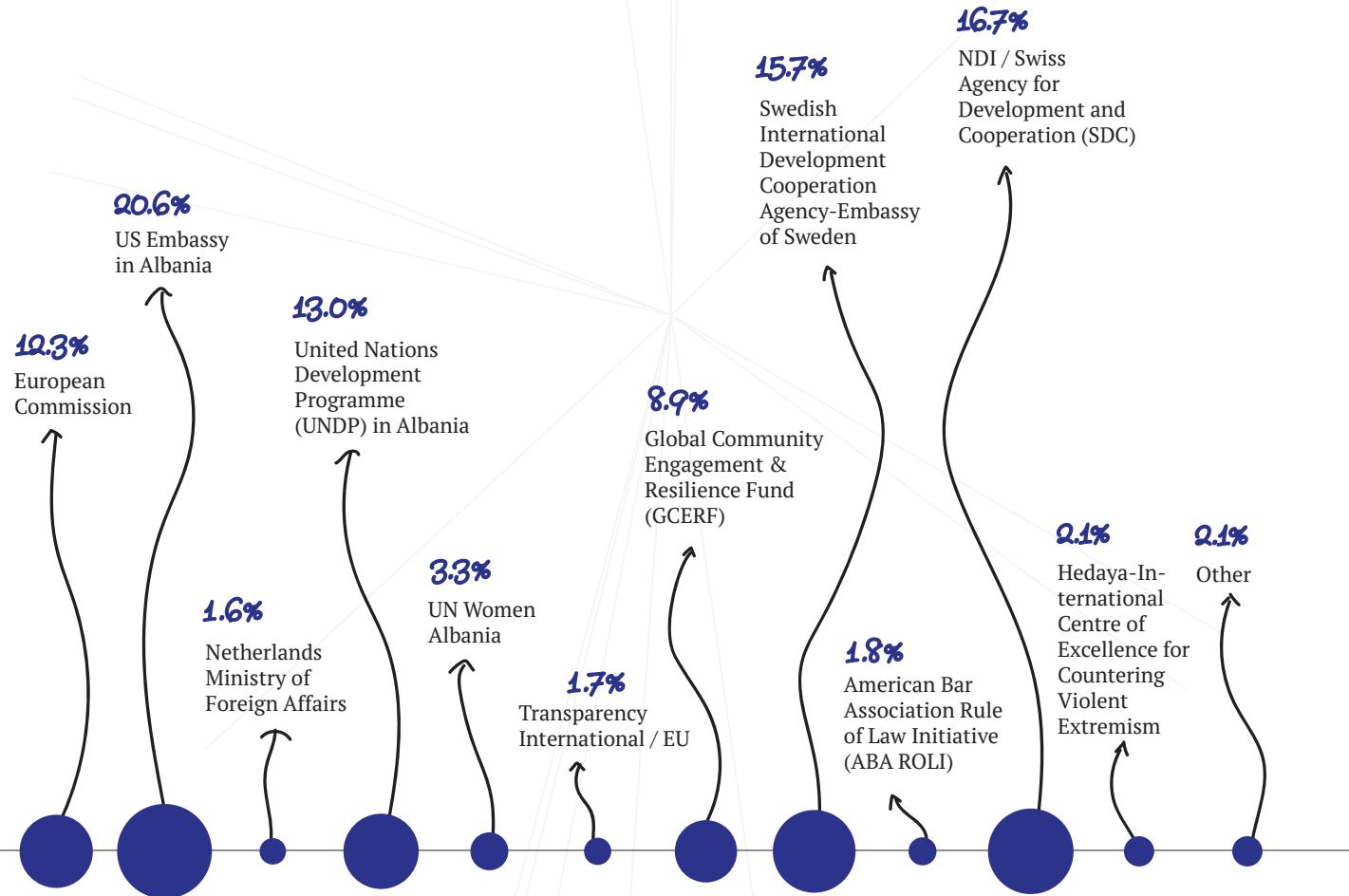
314.7K
Total Reach

6730
Page Likes

+1059
compared to 2020



Finance & donors



Media mentions

In 2021 the Institute of Democracy and Mediation staff, events, and publications were mentioned **267 times** in international, national, and local news outlets with around 96 appearances on TV through interviews, videos, live streaming, and 171 articles, blogs, and publications.

IDM’s staff members were present in TV panels discussing IDM’s research studies and current events in the country and abroad; wrote blogs and opinion articles on various topics relevant to the public debate.

IDM appeared in the following broadcast media: A2 CNN, Voice of America (VOA), Top Channel, Euronews Albania, Ora News, ABC News, Syri TV, Vizion plus TV, Top News, etc. Relevant print and online news outlets including Gazeta Panorama, BalkanWeb, Exit, Reporter, Euronews, Lapsi, Telegraf, Mapo, Politiko, Deutsche Welle, Euractiv, etc.

Highlights:



The IDM’s report with Transparency International “Deconstructing State Capture in Albania: An

Examination of Grand Corruption Cases and Tailor-Made Laws from 2008 to 2020” was the main and most debated news on national and international media.

In June 2021, IDM published the Opinion Poll “Trust in Governance 2020” an annual exercise used to measure citizens trust in public institutions. Each

year the report attracts substantial media attention. The Opinion Poll generates data that feeds into the





enhancement of major reforms related to good governance, anti-corruption, judicial reform, and cross-cutting issues such as gender equality and social inclusion. Its findings are covered extensively in many media outlets and IDM staff is invited to discuss these findings in various interviews.

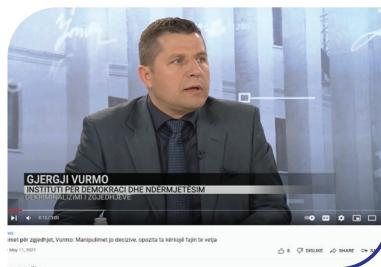
Also, in November 2021, IDM held the first national deliberative polling exercise and social experiment of deliberative democracy “Shqiperia n’Kuvendim” drawing the attention of the media.

Televisions, newspapers, and important media platforms in the country wrote articles and talked about Albanian citizens’ perception of growing

corruption in the police sector, findings from the report “Building Integrity to the improve performance and sustainability of anticorruption in the Albanian State Police” a project that ended in 2021.

In 2021, IDM’s Executive Director, Sotiraq Hroni gave interviews regarding the changes in the police leadership and police reform.

IDM Program Director, Gjergji Vurmo was present in multiple media outlets to speak about the IDM’s report on state capture and tailor-made laws and provided his opinion on other important events such as the EC report for Albania and EU accession processes., parliamentary elections, etc.



IDM’s researcher, Alban Dafa contributed to the policy brief “The Western Balkans and the COVID-19: Effects on good governance, rule of law and civil society” which was mentioned in the September 2021st Council of the European Union “Think Tank Review”. This policy brief underscores outstanding issues that emerged during the COVID-19 crisis with possible long-term consequences on the functioning of democracy and rule of law in the six countries of the Western Balkans – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia”.

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Romario Shehu, March 2021

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Erinda Bllaca, 2021

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