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| **CSOs role in promoting SDGs in Finland** |
| **Setting/problem** The United Nations’ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was approved three years ago. Finland promptly set to work to promote the 2030 Agenda programme of sustainable development. The state has the main responsibility for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda but the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can be achieved only in co-operation with all stakeholders, including civil society.  **Intervention**  CSOs Agenda 2030 work is implemented together with a larger civil society coalition involving such organisations as Kepa, the umbrella organisation for Finnish civil society organisations (CSOs) which is involved in development cooperation, [Finnish Youth Cooperation - Allianssi](http://www.alli.fi/english/), SOSTE Finnish Federation for Social Affairs and Health, Finnish Olympic Committee, various trade unions, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland.  Representatives of civil society have actively participated in the public discussion about sustainable development and issued statements to encourage political decision-makers to commit to promoting sustainable development in Finland and globally. Finland's civil society has called for sustainability to be taken into account for the state budget to be drawn up.  These organisations have arranged a series of events, prepared recommendations for the implementation of Agenda 2030 and published two times Finland and the Agenda2030 - a follow-up report by CSOs which focuses on the same Goals as each year’s High Level Political Forum does. The follow up report provides information about the state of sustainable development in Finland, describes visions about the future and above all makes specific recommendations for decision-makers to carry out the objectives discussed in the report.  **Outcomes**  CSOs have broad and permanent representation in such institutions as the Sustainable Development Committee and the Development Policy Committee. CSOs are also represented in the expert group formed for setting the national indicators.  Finland is one of the first countries in the world that is seeking to identify the connections between government budgeting and sustainable development.  **Implications**  Civil society has been widely involved in the implementation of sustainable development.  **Preferred presentation format oral** |