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ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE OF THE GREEN AGENDA FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS

The overall objective of the action is to strengthen the environmental rule of law particularly combating environmental crimes and other serious offenses by effective administrative and criminal enforcement in line with the EU standards and the Green Agenda for the Western Balkan.

Specific Objectives:

1. To improve enforcement of environmental legislation through regular legislative impact assessments.
2. To improve capacities for environmental law enforcement of the Ministry of Interior, Public Prosecution, Judiciary, and the State Environmental Inspectorate.
3. To enhance collaboration among CSOs, academia, media, state institutions and the private sector to influence environmental public policies and decision making.
4. To strengthen the capacities of local and grass roots CSOs to monitor environmental protection and react to competent institutions.



Final Beneficiaries:



Citizens, Environmental CSO's, Municipalities of protected areas, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, State Environmental Inspectorate, Academy for judges and public prosecutors, Macedonian Judges Association, Association of Public Prosecutors, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Prosecutors, Judges and employees from the Ministry of Interior, Members of the Parliament, Media (journalists).

Lead applicant:
Center for Legal Research and Analysis (CLRA)

Co - applicants:
Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA) and Front 21 /42



The key facts & figures relevant to the project:



Project duration:
36 months

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90%



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Activity 1.1

Conducting Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Law on Environment with a focus on the EIA (Environmental impact assessment) and SEA (Strategic environmental assessment) Directives;

Activity 1.2

Conducting assessment of the institutional framework for enforcement of environmental legislation;

Activity 1.3

Monitoring criminal proceedings for crimes against the environment.



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Activity 2.1

Ensuring structured dialogue among CSOs, state institutions, media and private sector by implementing sessions of the established Platform for Environmental Justice;

Activity 2.2

Producing 6 policy papers (recommendations) by the Platform for Environmental Justice on improvement of legislation, policy and practices on environmental protection and climate change;

Activity 2.3

Communication, lobbying and advocacy activities for improvement of legislation, policy and practices.



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Activity 3.1

Developing Training Needs Assessment (TNA) Report and Training Action Plan for judiciary, public prosecution, Mol, MoEPP and SEI;

Activity 3.2

Drafting training curricula;

Activity 3.3

Implementing a comprehensive training programme for capacity building of judges, public prosecutors and inspectors.



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Activity 4.1

Drafting Guidelines for applicants for the Call for financial support to third parties and selection of sub-grantees and selecting CSOs;

Activity 4.2

Organizing launching event for the sub-grantees;

Activity 4.3

Mentoring, monitoring and evaluation of the third parties receiving the financial support;

Activity 4.4

Monitoring of and contributing to the implementation of the recommendations of UNESCO for WH Ohrid Region and the recommendations from the Bern Convention for Lake Ohrid and Galichica National Park Candidate Emerald Sites.