



SEE SEP

South East Europe Sustainable Energy Policy

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Project objective

To enhance the collaborative capacity of CSO networks and empower citizens to engage in fact based dialogue with key decisions makers to influence policy and practice for a more sustainable energy system in South East Europe, aligned with key EU Policies and Directives.

Project activities

1. Development of Low Carbon Energy Strategy for SEE based on a selected energy model, which produces material for policy options based on various scenarios;
2. Public Advocacy and Campaigning;
3. Monitoring (including Red Flag Reports on Corruption, EIA/SEA, IFI investments and Annual Monitoring Reports).

Results expected

- i. increased awareness and acceptance amongst all decision makers regarding best practice solutions for a more sustainable energy policies in SEE, which is better aligned to EC Policies and Directives;
- ii. improved public support for and faith in CSOs to articulate clearly and coherently needs and concerns of the "silent majority" in relation to key challenges in the energy sector in SEE;
- iii. public more easily able to grasp the impact of policy decisions on their lives and key decision makers guided to actions which will lead to a fairer, less corrupt, cleaner and safer energy system in SEE.



There are approximately 25 million potential new EU citizens in SEE and every single one of them is an energy consumer. Energy is perhaps one of the most complex issues facing the region with inter-related and far reaching impacts on several thematic areas including society, the economy and the environment of SEE, as it faces the imminent deregulation of the market in 2015 in less than ideal governance environment.

The contribution of the SEE SEP project will be to empower CSOs and citizens to better influence policy and practice towards fairer, cleaner and safer energy future in SEE.

The SEE SEP will link regional knowledge network with the best of European Sustainable Development Institutes and employ a combination of effective and innovative best practice methodologies to achieve the desired result of active and effective network of CSOs providing analysis, advocacy and monitoring in the energy sector in SEE.

By using specific tools for energy modelling and scenario building, the SEE SEP network will introduce an alternative Sustainable Energy Policy for SEE, complementing and enhancing (rather than duplicating) the existing reports, studies and strategies. Through strategic advocacy and monitoring, the SEE SEP network will work to raise awareness of impacts of current energy policy vs. alternative, low carbon, sustainable policy for citizens and their future generations.

True and enduring change derives from people centred approach and constructive collaboration between Governments and Civil Society. The SEE SEP network will perform timely consultations with citizens, pool expertise and produce high quality research, monitoring and strategic advocacy as well as create a platform or safe space for tripartite dialogue between Government, Civil Society and Business at the local, national, regional and European level.

The goal is to recognise key aspects of energy sector mismanagement (including energy poverty, corruption, environmental damage and poor application of EU laws and directives), to acknowledge the value of civil society participation in energy sector reform processes, and to look at solutions for generating wealth and opportunities for the citizens of SEE by doing what's right



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EDEN Center - its mission is to contribute to a sustainable development and healthy environment by informing, educating and offering services in partnership with the interested actors. EDEN Center is one of the most active non-governmental organizations in Albania. It promotes the concept of sustainable development among governmental institutions and assists state authorities in drafting environmental policies and programs. It also supports initiatives for environmental education and strengthens cooperation among environmental NGOs, local structures, business and other key actors. EDEN center develops educational programs, publishes related materials and organizes public events aimed at increasing public awareness about the environment. The organization runs an Environmental Resource Centre and has groups of professional trainers and experts delivering capacity building programmes.



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The Ekolevizja Group - Eco Movement - aims to unite and strengthen the voice of civil society in order to protect environment and contribute to the sustainable development, to be a factor in decision-making process through consolidation and integration of the environmental association node, to increase public awareness and participation of citizens. Eco Movement group is based in Durres but also extended in many other Albanian cities with a membership of 27 environmental NGOs.



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Center for Environment is dedicated to protecting and improving the environment, advocating principles of sustainable development and increasing public participation in decision-making about the environment.



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Public Interest Advocacy Center is dedicated and well known in Bosnia and Herzegovina for running nationwide advocacy campaigns related to the budget expenditures and other public finance issues.



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Society for Sustainable Development Design: DOOR's mission is promotion, education and communication of sustainable development and energy. The main goal of the organization is promotion of sustainable development principle in all segments of society and at local, regional and national level, by: raising public awareness on energy, environment and sustainable development issues; training of experts and teachers on sustainable energy technologies; Information dissemination to business sector on investment possibilities in the field of sustainable energy; Addressing the question of public participation and sustainable energy strategies to the government and local municipalities.



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Advocacy Training and Resource Center works on increasing citizen and civil society participation in decision-making, as a prerequisite for a developed democratic society and regional stability. ATRC trains and assists non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Kosovo to professionalize their work, articulate their demands and press government structures for change. ATRC also hosts a library with publications on social, political, and economic issues related to Kosovo and the Balkans. It has a pool of experts and organizes public debates and legislative briefings on pressing issues.



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Analytica is dedicated to supporting individuals and institutions with aim to foster lasting improvement in the democracy and governance in FYR Macedonia, the SEE region and wider in the EU. Analytica acts as independent Think Tank, conducting policy research and advocacy in the framework of four programs: Public Policy Analysis and Administration, EU Approximation and Integration Advocacy, Security and Foreign Policy and Energy and Infrastructure. The outputs include: regular research reports, briefs, newsletters (Enlarge EU), journal (Analytical), conferences, workshops and policy dialogue events.



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Eco-Svest has 10 year experience with coordination and implementation of national and regional projects. Eko-svest has successfully implemented more than 20 projects on various topics, including energy and environmental issues, capacity building, networking etc. As a member of CEE Bankwatch Network, Eko-svest has extensive experience in coordination of regional activities (Eko-svest is coordinating Bankwatch related activities in the Balkan region) as well as coordinating regional projects.



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Front 21/42 is a non-profit, non-governmental, environmental organization, registered as Citizens Association in January 2005. The ultimate mission of Front 21/42 is harmonization of the society with nature. Through its activities Front 21/42 aims to contribute towards active environmental civil sector, which participates in the policy creation and decision-making processes inside FYR Macedonia.



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Forum for Freedom in Education, has almost 20 years of experience in education, teacher training, youth empowerment and training, scholarship management, policy advocacy and volunteers' coordination. Main topics concerned are civic education, human rights and democracy, anticorruption education, education for sustainable development, education on EU, mediation and non-violent conflict resolution, etc.



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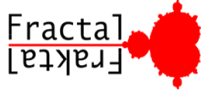
Green Home works on environmental protection and improvements that foster a sustainable future and lead to social and economic improvements in communities at national level. In order to do this, Green Home is committed to work with different range of stakeholders to foster partnerships and work together to provide sustainable future and have strong recognition worldwide as Ecological State of Montenegro.



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MANS is a non-governmental organisation that supports the development of Montenegro and poverty reduction by promoting good governance and strengthening citizens participation in the decision-making process. MANS is dedicated to raising public awareness of social, economic and civic rights; supporting citizens and their associations to participate actively in development, implementation and monitoring of social policies; and promoting cooperation and information exchange between all social groups.



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NGO Fractal acts as action oriented think-tank organization with mission to work towards improvement of communication, trust and cooperation between people of different backgrounds. Since 2001, it has actively supported peace building and development in the region of Western Balkan. Through its projects Fractal has developed capacities and knowledge in areas such as: cross-border regional cooperation and promotion of common goods and interests; civic participation and transparent, direct communication and cooperation between different communities and groups; Advocacy and vertical linking.



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CEKOR is one of the most recognized environmental organizations in Serbia carrying work at the international, national, regional and local level. Areas of work include: promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency, sustainable urban transport, waste, environmental policy and monitoring of IFIs in Serbia. During 2007 and 2008 CEKOR was selected to participate and represent environmental NGOs in Serbia drafting National Strategy for Sustainable Development. In May 2010 and March 2011 it participated in the Environment Forum project of the European Commission, Directorate-General Environment. CEKOR is selected to partner with the Serbian government in developing a Programme of cooperation with CSOs in Serbia. It will also participate in programming and monitoring of IPA funds on environment & energy while developing a model for broader CSOs participation in IPA programming and monitoring. CEKOR has extensive knowledge on public participation and legal issues with a network of contacts and cooperation with environmental NGOs in South-Eastern Europe.



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Nativa, Institute for Sustainable Growth is a non-profit, non-governmental institute - its mission is to promote and support sustainable economic development in Slovenia and in the wider region by facilitation, training and innovation fostering that can enhance collaboration of relevant stakeholders and contribute to sustainable revival of regions and countries. Nativa's special concern is always placed in the deeper values and concepts of authentic economic development. Its founders and experts - members of Nativa's network - have authored and co-authored several national and regional sustainable economic development and competitiveness policies, adopted by authorities of SEE countries.



WWF EUROPEAN POLICY PROGRAMME ROME BRANCH

World Wildlife Fund, WWF. Since 1961 WWF has grown up to be one of the largest environmental organizations in the world. WWF European Policy Programme-Rome Branch has a 15-year experience in working in nature conservation in the Western Balkans, out of which at least 6 years on environmental policy issues, and in particular the EU legal framework (WFD, EIA and SEA Directives,) as well as promoting sustainable hydropower. Moreover, WWF European Policy Programme-Rome Branch has a strong track record in working with civil society and NGOs within the Western Balkan region, fostering their involvement, their capacity and their empowerment in areas related to sustainable development and nature conservation.



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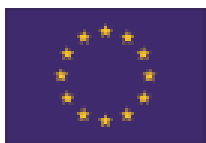
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CEE Bank Watch works across the central, east and south east Europe, investigating and advocating for environmentally and socially friendly investments. CEE Bankwatch calls for public money to be spent on climate-friendly development that is not driven by economic growth per se but by benefits to society and the environment in economically sustainable ways.



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