

ECO SYSTEM

Environmental reforms supporting programme

EU Accession negotiation process of the Republic of Serbia is a perfect momentum to develop a culture of cooperation and dialogue, to learn what democracy in practice is.

The ECO SYSTEM programme will seek to inform citizens about the EU accession benefits in the environmental sector and speed up reforms in the environmental policy. It will also monitor environmental infrastructure development, while initiating necessary changes in the attitudes and practices of the citizens, local authorities, and state institutions during decision-making processes.

Location:

Republic of Serbia

Programme implementation period:

2020 – 2022

- A strong focus on gender-sensitive environmental planning.
- Environmental civil society organizations are main target group.
- Three years of a national environmental campaign.

Final beneficiaries are:

Municipalities, Citizens, Environmental Committee members and other MPs, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Negotiation team for Chapter 27.

The programme objective:

Enforce the reforms in the environmental sector in Serbia through more active involvement of civil society organisations (CSOs) in the implementation of EU acquis and constant cooperation of stakeholders.

Expected Results

- Improved knowledge of CSOs and stakeholders about the environmental policy.
- Improved dialogue and cooperation between institutions and CSOs on transposition and enforcement of environmental acquis in Serbia.
- Raised public awareness and citizens' involvement in the reforms of environmental sector.
- Increased visibility and influence of the environmental CSOs.
- Preconditions set up for gender-sensitive planning in the environmental sector.

ECO SYSTEM in Numbers

13

Minimum 13 projects developed and implemented by CSOs all over Serbia.

Programme will be implemented in cooperation with over 6 CSO networks, having more than 100 individual CSO members.

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Over 20 educational and capacity building events for CSOs.

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Thematic focus on 8 environmental topics covered under negotiation Chapter 27.

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Published 3 Shadow Reports by CSOs analysing state of the environment and progress in achieving standards of EU acquis.

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50+ dialogue meetings between CSOs and institutions on the national and local level.

Background

Environmental CSOs have the key role in monitoring and (re)directing strategic directions of the Serbian Government in the environmental sector. CSOs are the bridge between institutions and citizens and could influence citizens' support for environmental reforms.

Environmental CSOs in Serbia are numerous and well networked: there are over 3000 organizations confirmed being active in environmental protection and over 20 environmental CSO networks (mostly informal) exist.

At the same time, CSOs are facing a number of challenges in work such as:

- Lack of capacities of CSOs to advocate environmental protection and participate in decision making.
- Insufficient visibility (on the national and local level).
- Lack of environmental campaigns for citizens' awareness rising.
- Limited sources for CSO networks' functioning.

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