

Annual Report
Eko-svest
2016

Our achievements in 2016

- **Air quality plan and Government's reaction**
- **Businesses mobilization for air quality efforts**
- **Scientific air pollution conference**
- **Eko-svest in the coordination body for cooperation with the Ministry**
- **2050 calculator**
- **Education in schools and kindergardens**
- **Eco-school for energy**
- **Smart Ohrid concept**
- **Expert conference for Ohrid and the region**

Projects implemented

(1)Project- Activities of CEE Bankwatch Network

Activities of CEE Bankwatch Network, funded by the CEE Bankwatch Network via the DG Devco grant under the DEAR programme of the European Commission. These funds are mainly associated with the work of CEE Bankwatch Network project coordinator Ana Colovic-Lesoska, which entails coordination of a 3 year pan European project with 19 partners from EU.

(2)Project-Building partnerships for climate protection in Macedonia funded by the European Climate Foundation

The project-Building partnerships for climate protection in Macedonia builds a strong partnership among local communities, NGOs and institutions for a joint focus on protection of the climate by enabling sustainable and renewable energy solutions in Macedonia and discontinuation of harmful fossil fuel investment in the country.

(3)Project-Working together for the clear air funded by XminY foundation and the Embassy of the USA in Macedonia

The project-Working together for the clear air aimed at supporting local communities in voicing their concerns about air pollution in Skopje by providing them with mechanism, training and materials for actions, petitions and complaints towards the institutions. Additionally, the project aims to work with institutions and develop plans for air quality measures to be undertaken at central and local level in order to address air pollution in urban areas.

(4)Project-Save the blue heart of Europe founded by EURONATUR

The project-Save the blue heart of Europe, is aimed at protecting Mavrovo national park from the planned hydropower plant development. It entails international and national awareness raising about the impact of the planned projects on the national park, its species and habitats. The project is implemented by a partnership between the Eko-svest, Association, Front 21/24 and Macedonian Ecological Society with international NGOs such as Riverwatch and Euronatur. The funds from Euronatur originate from Mava foundation.

(5) Project-Coordination body between CSOs and the Government of Macedonia, supported by GEF Small Grants Programme in Macedonia

This project is a continuation of the efforts of environmental CSOs to establish a mechanism for the structural coordination and collaboration with various sectors within the Ministry of environment. The project aims to use Ekosfera.mk portal for the communication and coordination and to train, coach and improve the capacities of environmental CSOs in Macedonia and to ultimately joint their efforts in their deliberations for healthy environment. The project started at the very end of 2016.

(6)Project SEE SEP funded by EC

The SEE SEP project (South East European Sustainable Energy Policy) is implemented regionally and run by the SEE Change Net organization from Bosnia and Herzegovina and partner organizations from the Balkan area. Eko-Svest is a partner organization.

One of the main outputs of this project was the creation of the My 2050 Calculator, an energy calculator which is a web based tool for energy modeling, to be used by institutions, governments, but also citizens in order to raise awareness about the climate impacts of energy infrastructure.

The funds of the project come from European Commission.

(7)Project ETNAR funded by the EC

The ETNAR project (Advocacy CSs networks for sustainable use of energy and natural resources in the Western Balkan and Turkey) is implemented regionally and led by Zelena Akcija from Croatia, with partner organizations from Balkan and Turkey. Eko-svest is a partner organization in this project. The main focus of the project is to raise capacities of Western Balkan NGOs and implement awareness raising campaigns on climate and nature protection.

The funds for the project come from the European Commission. The project is planned to continue in the next 3 years, if fundraising is successful.

(8)Project City Tree in Macedonia, supported by private companies and the Embassy of Germany in Macedonia

This project has the aim to raise awareness about the impacts of climate change and air pollution and to install 2 CityTree installations in Skopje and Tetovo. The City Tree installations have been patented in Germany and are based on internet technology and the purification capacity of plants, such as mosses. The project is also supported by individual donations from private companies in Macedonia: Vezeshari, Diamed, DHL, Ekolog, EDS, Knauf, ProCreditBank and Pakomak. In 2016, the order for the two installations was made, purchasing the installations, and the actual placement of the CityTrees in Skopje and Tetovo was scheduled for early 2017.

(9) Project Protection of Galicica NP by promotion sustainable development supported by Heinrich Boell Stiftung

This project aims at raising the awareness of local population in the Ohrid region about the values of Galicica National Park and Ohrid lake and the need for their protection. It comes as a response to the plans for massive infrastructure developments in the region. The project activities stirred discussions among experts, local communities, touristic operators and other stakeholders.

(10) Project IPA2CSO, supported by the Delegation of the European Union in Macedonia

The aim of the project implemented in partnership together with Eurothink, Zenith Association and Reactor is to strengthen the established network of CSOs- the IPA mechanism in order to enable a structured dialogue with the Government of Macedonia for meaningful IPA funds programming.

The network of CSOs has grown to approximately 250 members in 2016.

(11) Project Strengthening civil society to advocate for sustainable energy transition, supported by CISU

This project is implemented in partnership with Inforce- the international network of CSOs working on sustainable energy issues. The aim of the project also implemented in Serbia, Ukraine and Moldova is to develop alternative energy development scenarios based on renewable energy and energy efficiency to help drive economies towards climate friendly developments.

(12) Evaluation of SLED project, in cooperation with Central and Easter European University Budapest, supported by REC (Regional Environmental Center Budapest)

This activity is associated with our work on the evaluation of a REC funded project, together with the team of the CEU in Budapest. The project evaluated was SLED- Supporting Low Emissions Development in the Balkan region which was implemented by REC office in Budapest. Eko-svest's task in this project was conducting 20 interviews with officials, NGOs, businesses and other stakeholders from 4 countries and providing expertise in the preparation of the evaluation report for this project.