



Annual Report 2022



INTRODUCTION

20 Years of Eko-svest

During the summer of 2002, as a group of young environmental protection activists, we began to devise a new concept for raising environmental awareness. Hence the name of the organization - Eko-svest.

In those early beginnings, we found it unimaginable that one day, after 20 years, we'd be celebrating such a big anniversary. They say time flies when you enjoy it, and in our case, these 20 years have really passed by quickly! Eko-svest was based on everything we've learned from the Youth Action for Development and Environment, the youth branch of the Environment Union. Soon, Eko-svest engaged in close collaboration with the international CEE Bankwatch Network, as we learned from its members how to introduce European standards in our work. Using those standards and vision of how an advanced civic organization should work, we implemented our activities, concluded partnerships, worked with experts, founded coalitions and networks, and built the capacities of the younger organizations from our sector.

From the very beginning, one of the fundamental principles of Eko-svest's work was cooperation with different stakeholders. We can achieve a lot by building partnerships and having a joint approach. That is shown by our experience of founding the Climate Coalition which now counts over 80 member organizations and jointly acts for policy changes that will lead towards climate action.

The task of an eco-activist is a great challenge. We speak not in our name, but in the name of nature, we do not advocate in our interest, but in the interest of all humanity. Therefore, this work is supported by several organizations, foundations, and donors. Eko-svest is proud of its collaborations in 2022 with SIDA, Sigrid Rausing Trust, European Climate Foundation, CEE Bankwatch Network, Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust (PONT), The Nature Conservancy, Euronatur, CAN Europe, Europe Beyond Coal, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), Open Rivers Programme and Arcadia, National Democracy Institute, European Environmental Bureau and Germanwatch.

In our country, we've nourished a great collaboration with the Macedonian Ecological Society, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association, Front 21/42, Center for Climate Change, CNVP, and

many other organizations. In 2022, we also launched the activities of the expert advisory working group, composed of national experts in the domain of our work, with plans for its expansion in the years to come.

In the 20 years so far, Eko-svest has implemented over 80 projects, published some 100 publications, and has won 3 awards and recognitions. Over 300 civil sector representatives have been directly trained by Eko-svest, while over 30 organizations have become our grantees. This year Eko-svest opened the first electronic grant platform where 100 organizations applied in the first call for grants.

In 2022 alone, our public-raising awareness campaigns on climate change, nature and water protection, air pollution, energy transition, and green transformation have reached over 1 million citizens.

In 2022 Eko-svest got a new logo that resembles the old one a lot and includes the golden ratio which is present everywhere. In the Universe, nature, and everywhere around us. With this, we symbolize our presence and the need for environmental care to become evident in all pores of society.

Eko-svest's staff are our true eco-heroes. Each with their own superpower - incredibly creative, diligent, and dedicated to the mission, experts in what they do, they take the organization with them, wherever they are. Without them, the success of our organization would not be a reality.

Looking back at these 20 years and everything we have achieved, personally, I can only wish for many more years of work, partnerships, collaborations, and successes of Eko-svest!



Ana Colovic Lesoska

Executive Director

SPECIAL SUCCESSES IN 2022

A functional online platform for grants and calls has been established within the project "Civil Organizations in Action for the Climate", funded by Sweden, which aims to offer a transparent, clear, and efficient way of managing public calls for project funding. The platform could be easily adjusted to manage other calls for hiring experts or procurement of services. The platform includes various processes, such as user and organization registration, call publication, project registration, evaluation of project applications, and management of project activities by preparing narrative and financial reports. During 2022, 3 calls were published via the platform, over 380 users, 120 organizations, and 97 projects were registered.

Eko-svest's 20th Anniversary

- Within the 20th anniversary of the foundation and work of Eko-svest, we organized a gala event in Skopje. The marking of the twenty-year existence of the organization was under the auspices of the President Mr. Stevo Pendarovski. In his speech, President Pendarovski emphasized the role of Eko-svest as one of the leading organizations in the country in the sphere of environmental protection and public health,



which successfully exists for 20 years and leads policies for sustainable development, a green transformation of the society, and actively stands for reducing the consequences of climate change. At the ceremony, part of Eko-svest's work was conceptually presented through the chronological history of the numerous and significant activities realized over the past two decades. In these twenty years, Eko-svest has realized over 80 projects, implemented numerous campaigns that have reached over 1.2 million citizens, and has issued over 100 relevant publications.

Eko-svest Opens Local Office in Vevchani - The Center for Environmental Research and Information Eko-svest opened its local office in Vevchani on November 9, 2022, while also signing an Agreement with PONT (Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust) for the project "Supporting sustainable management of the Protected Area Vevchani Springs", which will be implemented until August 2025.



The goal of this project is to provide support for the sustainable management of the protected area, the natural monument "Vevchani Springs". The implementation of this project will provide effective monitoring of the key species in the natural monument "Vevchani Springs", placement of educational boards and signposts, the establishment of an eco-patrol, education on biological diversity, as it will also attract more visitors to the area. The new office and its team will support the implementation of the management plan for the protected area "Vevchani Springs" and will support the Municipality of Vevchani in the implementation of their activities for the protection of natural heritage.

Tree Planting Action in Skopje City Park - To honor the 20th anniversary of the foundation and work of the Center for Research and Environmental Protection "Eko-svest", today in the city park, with our partners and supporters from the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning and the Embassy of Sweden in Skopje, we planted 20 trees as a donation for the citizens of Skopje. Apart from our team, trees were also planted by the Minister of Environment and Physical Planning Naser Nuredini, the Deputy Ambassador of Sweden, Bibi Garmson, representatives from the

Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SWEPA), and representatives from PE "Parks and Greenery" Skopje.

Eko-svest had the leading role in organizing the **17th annual meeting of the civic associations working in the sphere of environmental protection and sustainable development** as well as the meeting of the Climate Coalition held on November 11 and 12, 2022, in Ohrid. The annual meeting was jointly coordinated with CNVP Macedonia and the Macedonian Green Center (MGC). 55 participants took place representing 38 civil society organizations. The purpose of the meeting was to: summarize the work done so far and the implemented activities of the CSO; define commitments and projects to strengthen cooperation; and build sustainable partnerships with local and national authorities and other relevant stakeholders. Conclusions and recommendations have been prepared and submitted to the MEPP, which represent a guide for further advocacy and action for civil society organizations before national and local institutions.



ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW BY AREA



Low-carbon Alternatives for Central Heating and Economic Development

The main project objective was to ensure that plans to phase out coal were not going to be delayed by designing and promoting two studies: Analysis of alternatives to coal-based central heating for the Bitola Region, and a Policy Paper on Carbon Compensation. The analysis that explored the alternatives for individual and central heating for the Bitola Region, published in [English](#) and [Macedonian](#), has shown that the establishment of central heating that is dependent on the thermal power plant REK Bitola is not the most lucrative and efficient solution for the citizens. In fact, the techno-economic analysis showed that the most efficient solution is the connection of photovoltaic systems to inverter air conditioners for individual houses and collective buildings, which will enable greater energy savings and reduced costs for the citizens. In addition, the Analysis was presented to the members of the Bitola Municipality Council at a hybrid round table in Bitola in November 2022, which provided a platform for the exchange of knowledge, experiences, and opinions regarding the findings of the study. Furthermore, the Carbon Compensation Policy Paper analyzes several scenarios for its introduction at the national level to avoid the implications of the introduction of the *CBAM* mechanism. All three scenarios assume a gradual increase in the price per ton of CO₂ each year, starting at a different price, until it reaches the level of the EU ETS system. Also, according to our legislation, the document proposes three possibilities of where the carbon compensation would be inserted, as well as where the funds would be collected and what they could be used for. The Carbon Compensation Policy Paper was presented at a round table in February 2023 where representatives from the energy-intensive industries, the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, as well as relevant civic organizations, showed their willingness to contribute as main stakeholders to the process of introducing carbon compensation at the national level.

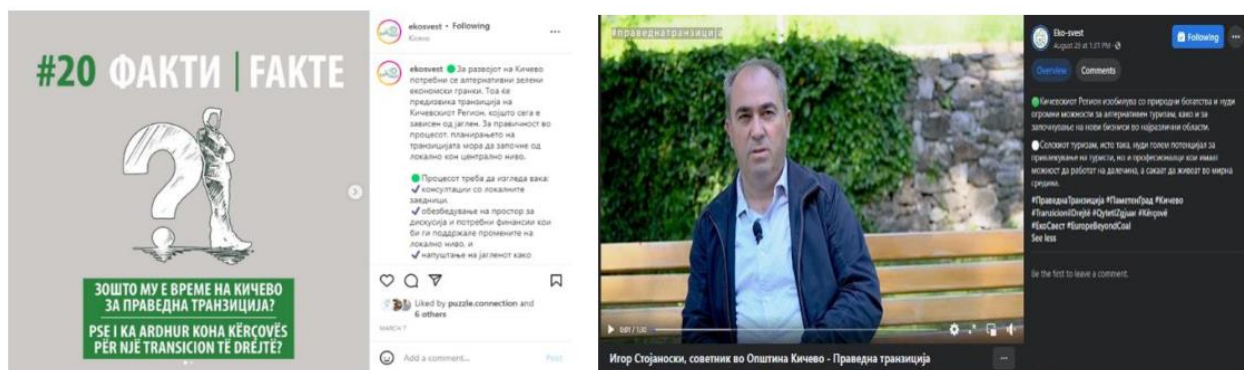
Decentralizing Just Transition

The purpose of this grant was to create a model for the participation of local communities in national processes for a just transition. To achieve this, Eko-svest cooperated with the local community in the village of Belica. For that purpose, we designed and published a case study on the decision-making processes in the village of Belica to give incentive to the preservation of tradition and development of the community. We also worked with representatives from the Municipality of Kichevo, the Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Local Action Group (LAG) in Kichevo, public institutions, NGOs, and citizens, to build their capacities and understanding of the just transition processes. In addition, through a public campaign on the importance of decarbonization and just transition at the local level, we worked to further raise awareness about the importance of participation of the local communities in the just transition process.

Following the example of Belica, the other neighboring villages, such as Svinjishta, founded associations, so they could act as a legal entity and work on the development of their village and the region.

The participation of local communities in the national programming and planning was also discussed at the "20 Years of Decarbonization" conference organized by Eko-svest in September 2022 with relevant governmental and international stakeholders.

Part of the social media campaign included video statements by local stakeholders that were played and used as an example at international events (Energy Community Just Transition Forum held in Sarajevo on July 12, 2022). The campaign reached over 90,000 views.



Raising Awareness About Just Transition and Renewable Energy Sources as Solutions to Phase Out Coal

A series of public events dedicated to just transition was held within the project framework, such as the just transition fair in Kichevo, workshops with local stakeholders in the Kichevo region and a workshop on just transition with stakeholders from Bitola. In addition, a working meeting was held with relevant institutions on electricity bill transparency, from which a series of conclusions and next steps emerged for more open and clear notification of the users about the amounts of the electricity bills.

At the same time, during the energy crisis, this project helped Eko-svest to put together messages for the future development of the energy sector, in response to the government institutions' plans to return to fossil fuels. The messages, combined with several activities, events, and publications, kept the attention of the public and the media and called for a low-carbon transition with renewable energy sources and energy efficiency as reinforced measures to fight the energy crisis.

Within this project, we published the new edition of the Team Eco comic book and enabled the translation of the two Team Eco episodes into 5 languages.

ENCLUDE

Within the ENCLUDE project, as part of the HORIZON 2020 EU Program, Eko-svest conducted research activities in three local communities (villages) during 2022 - Zhirovnica, Belica, and Tursko Rudare. The local communities were identified as specific cases of collective association for the prevention of SHPP and association in the form of energy communities for the development

of energy from renewables. The project aims to identify all factors that can help define the term "energy citizenship" as part of the future EU regulation.

Smart Energy Planning

In cooperation with The Nature Conservancy and the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts (MASA), Eko-svest worked on a project for smart energy planning in the country. By conducting focus groups and a representative sample survey, as well as a series of consultations with relevant stakeholders in the sector, Eko-svest developed the [Principles and Recommendations for Smart Energy Planning](#).

On the other hand, MASA designed a [study on the use of mine lands and other brownfields](#), i.e. smart positioning of projects on degraded lands. The first phase of the project identified 650 MW of capacity for these projects.

In the second phase of the project, the analysis and mapping of locations for the construction of such projects is continued according to established methodology, on land that has no other use value. Of course, the principle of protecting nature and the local population is key and driving values in this project. Additionally, an expert working group has been established to revise the work of MASA and to enable even higher quality research and results from this project.



Eko-svest's 2022 Energy program is financially supported through projects funded by the European Climate Foundation, CAN- Europe- Europe Beyond Coal, CEE Bankwatch Network, The Nature Conservancy and the European Commission.



Civil Society Organizations in Action for Climate

After the successful launch of the project "Civil Society Organizations in Action for Climate", financed by Sida, activities from the first and second project years have been implemented throughout 2022. A series of workshops were organized to strengthen the capacities of organizations working in the sphere of environmental protection and climate change, mentoring and free legal assistance were provided for specific issues and challenges that organizations have at a local level.

A sectoral analysis has been prepared in the sphere of management and sustainable use of forests in Macedonia as well as the first policy document for public participation in urban planning, posing as the first in a series of similar documents that should help CSOs be informed about priority topics they will represent before the national and local institutions.

Memorandums of cooperation were signed with 16 municipalities and four institutions, as the work of the Climate Coalition, which already includes 50 members, was supported. The traditional annual meeting of organizations working in the sphere of environmental protection and climate change was organized with the participation of representatives from the MEPP and over 45 civil organizations.

КРЕИРАЈ ИГРА ЗА ПЛАНЕТАТА

GJ+ Macedonia:
14-16 Октомври 2022 г.

Физичка локација:
KASARNA HUB Охрид

Виртуелна локација:
Цела Македонија

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Public climate action campaigns in 2022 reached over 1 million views on traditional and social media.



The Climate program by Eko-svest is financially backed by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).



Save the Blue Heart of Europe

In 2022, a significant step forward was taken in re-actualizing the issue with the re-proclamation of the Mavrovo National Park (NP). At the initiative of Eko-svest, after several years, a working meeting was held for the re-proclamation of the Mavrovo National Park, attended by the Minister of Environment, representatives from the nature department within the Ministry, the director and management board members of NP Mavrovo, the Macedonian Ecological Society and civil sector representatives. The attendees agreed on the scope of a study on the revalidation of natural values which is necessary to be carried out as an important part of the future sustainable management of the NP, in which the socio-economic aspects will be specifically investigated and the categories of infrastructure facilities that have been built or are under construction at NP Mavrovo will be specified. The meeting determined the necessary budget as well as a maximum two-year deadline for finalizing the study.

In 2022, Eko-svest carried out an intensive campaign to raise awareness about the negative impacts of small hydropower plants in protected areas. The activities of the campaign were carried out in direct cooperation with artists, producers, cultural centers, and festivals, which enabled a much greater presence in the public sphere and reached a very diverse and wide audience, including various cultural and social stakeholders, with a special focus on the youth. The



The campaign included various productions, such as the multimedia performance "Fludo" which was showing in Skopje (at the International Shadow Theater Festival "The Little Cloud's Dream"), in Rostushe (NP Mavrovo), and Bitola. The children's workshop "Captured Rivers" resulted in an exhibition at the International Shadow Theater Festival "The Little Cloud's Dream", and the short documentary "The Krapska River" was showing in the official program of the International Creative Documentary Film Festival MakeDox and became an integral part of the video materials in the teaching manuals for high school teachers in 2023.

The operation analysis of small hydropower plants, which was designed in cooperation with the Macedonian Association of Young Lawyers, and is intended for the decision-makers, institutions, experts, and the rest of the public provides a comprehensive overview of the domestic legislation in the sphere of small hydropower plants operation and its application. At the same time, the analysis offers an overview of the most important relevant directives of the European Union and provides a general assessment regarding the compliance of Macedonian and international law. The analysis clearly shows that there is an urgent need for harmonization of the domestic and European legislation to minimize their negative impact on the environment and ecosystems, as well as an urgent change to the subsidy system which favors small hydropower plants over other technologies for energy production from renewables.



In 2022, Eko-svest continued to actively advocate for the cancellation of the concessions for small hydropower plants on the territory of NP Mavrovo as a necessary step in the successful re-proclamation of the park, during which it implemented the campaign "Mavrovo without hydropower plants" which advocated for the implementation of the last decision of the Berne Convention on the termination of the concessions of the three small hydropower plants on the territory of NP Mavrovo (Zhirovnichka 5 and 6 and Ribnichka). The campaign was realized through various means such as public transportation in Skopje, social media, an exhibition of photo-video essays at the Cultural Center Jadro, as well as advocacy before domestic institutions.



United for Rivers

In cooperation with The Nature Conservancy and partner organizations from the region, Eko-svest founded the initiative "United for Rivers" aimed at river protection in the region. Within the scope of this cooperation, next year Eko-svest will work on the protection of the lower stream of the River Vardar and will lead an initiative to re-proclaim the Demir Kapija gorge a protected area, through which the waters of the River Vardar and its tributaries such as Doshnica, Boshava, Iberliska, and Klisurska will be protected.



Research on the Possible Removal of Obstacles on the River Pchinja

Eko-svest has joined the European program for open rivers (Open Rivers Program) within which, next year, in cooperation with the association Geobalkanica, it will conduct a survey of the River Pchinja basin area, through which an assessment of the dams, obstacles, and barriers of the river will be carried out as well as their impacts on the environment, biodiversity, socio-economic significance, and legal status. Based on the collected data, a methodology will be designed for the systematic classification of the barrier impact and priority locations for removal. The ultimate goal of the project is to develop a nationally applicable methodology for identifying river barriers and prioritizing their removal through the River Pchinja basin case study, to achieve the greatest possible connection of rivers and a positive impact on river ecosystems.

The Eko-svest Waters Program is implemented through projects funded by Euronatur, The Nature Conservancy, Open Rivers Foundation and Arcadia.



Citizen Science in Service to Nature

At the end of 2021, Eko-svest started applying citizen science as part of the project "Citizen Science in Service to Nature Protection" supported by PONT and CEPF. Within this project, we prepared three guidelines for the identification of the beech, oak, and chestnut. Also, training was organized for volunteers to identify and map plant species using the iNaturalist app, which is now also available in Macedonian. With the Handbook of educational activities for nature protection designed as part of this project, containing several practical tips and interesting fun and interactive games, we want to give incentives to students of all ages with their activities in the eco-sections and extracurricular activities to contribute to the preservation of nature and ecosystems.



Support for Sustainable Management of the Monument of nature "Vevchani Springs."



With the project "Support for sustainable management of the Monument of nature Vevchani Springs," Eko-svest continued the successful cooperation with PONT (Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust). A new three-year cooperation agreement was signed, which represents a continuation of the efforts of Eko-svest for the protection of the Monument of nature Vevchani Springs.

By opening a local office in Vevchani, Eko-svest increased its presence in the protected area to intensify its activities and increase its visibility. We started with the implementation of education with the local school, kindergarten, and visitors, monitoring and continuing the use of civic science to protect key species. We also conducted training for the ranger service. The goal of the project is to provide support for the sustainable management of the area and the implementation of management plans.

Protection of the Brown Bear

In partnership with organizations from the Balkans, Euronatur has started to take major steps to protect the bear population. This project, which is being implemented on the territory of Macedonia, Albania, and Greece, aims to undertake joint activities and procedures for the protection of the brown bear.



This process saw the creation of protocols for monitoring the bear, training for the ranger service in protected areas, as well as the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the ministries of the three countries. The ranger pieces of training represent a basis for building capacities for the formation of intervention teams.

Protected Areas for Nature and People

The project "Protected Areas for Nature and People" which was implemented regionally in partnership with WWF Adria, ended at the end of the year with the presentation of the document Roadmap for Nature Protection. The document is based on recommendations and solutions that were obtained through discussion with all stakeholders, which set the tone for which nature protection priority areas will Eko-svest advocate in the future. The promotion of nature protection is established in the Roadmap, referring to the strengthening of institutions and the legal framework for nature management, the improvement of the capacity for managing protected areas, and the establishment of a system for state financing of environmental protection.

Одржливо финансирање на ЗАШТИТАТА НА ПРИРОДАТА

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- Застапување на Фондацијата. Во државен фонд за заштита на природата немаат истапување со државни институции и институции.
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Through this project, grants were awarded to two organizations that support the management of protected areas, those being Ursus Speleos for the management of the Monument of nature "Slatinski Springs" and Izvor Kratovo for the promotion of the Monument of nature "Kuklica".

During October, the members of the regional Coalition 27 had a study visit to Brussels where they had meetings with representatives from the European Parliament and discussed the implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans and the need for a regional approach to environmental protection.

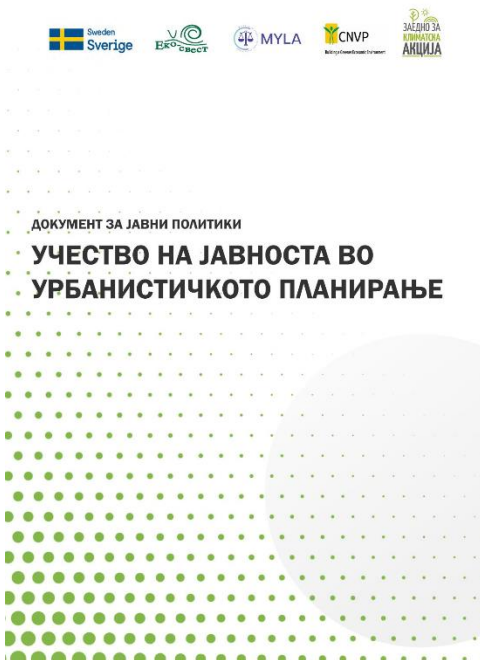
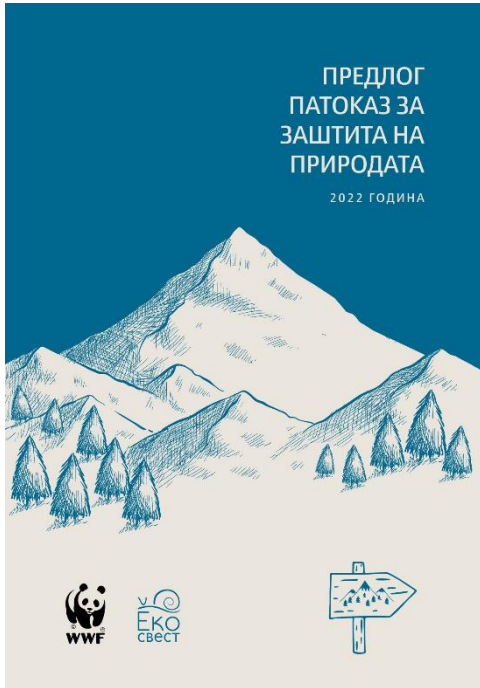
Within the framework of the project, a documentary video was prepared titled "Let's Preserve Our Most Valuable" telling a story about the role of the protected areas and natural ecosystems of NM Vevchani Springs, PENP Shar Planina, and PENP Galichica.

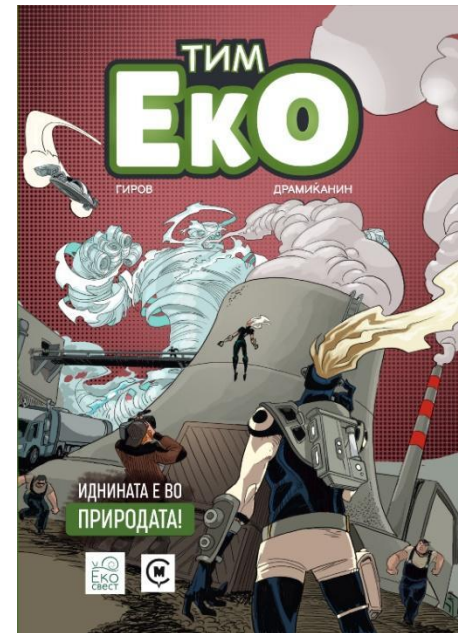
In addition to all of our activities, during July 2022, James Trentos stayed at Eko-svest as an intern of the Birthright Macedonia program of the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCIC), the United Macedonian Diaspora and Bitola Alliance (Bitola Alliance).

Eko-svest's Nature program was implemented through projects financed by Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund, Euronatur u WWF Adria (SIDA).

PUBLICATIONS IN 2022







Октомври 2022

ЕКО СЕСТ
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INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

Year ended December 31, 2022

(In Denars)

	Note	2022	2021
Revenues			
Revenues from projects implementation	4	47,810,205	37,365,637
Revenues from membership	4	25,000	4,440
Revenues from services provided and other revenues	4	1,976,889	595,221
Foreign exchange gain	5	61,685	121,500
Excess of revenues over expenses brought forward from previous year		18,349,792	7,753,287
		68,223,571	45,840,085
Expenses			
Operational expenses	6	(23,921,885)	(17,167,126)
Staff costs	7	(11,585,419)	(8,702,707)
Capital expenses	8	(2,378,064)	(1,514,219)
Foreign exchange (loss)	5	(626,749)	(44,118)
		(38,512,117)	(27,428,020)
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year before income tax	12	29,711,454	18,412,065
Income tax	3.3	7,503	-
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year		29,703,951	18,412,065

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2022

(In Denars)

	Note	2022	2021
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Tangible and intangible assets	9	5,227,718	2,837,251
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	29,451,903	18,537,880
Trade and other receivables	11	296,440	18,054
Total current assets		29,748,343	18,555,934
TOTAL ASSETS		34,976,061	21,393,185
FUNDS AND LIABILITES			
Funds			
Business fund	12	5,227,718	2,837,251
Total funds		5,227,718	2,837,251
Current liabilities			
Trade & other payables	13	44,392	143,869
Excess of revenues over expenses	13	29,703,951	18,412,065
Total current liabilities		29,748,343	18,555,934
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		34,976,061	21,393,185

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**REVENUES FOR PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION, DONATIONS,
MEMBERSHIP & SERVICES PROVIDED**

		In Denars	
		Year Ended	
		December 31,	
		2022	2021
1.Revenue from projects implementation			
Projects	Donator		
Civil Society Organizations in Action for Climate	The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)	23,045,600	18,065,400
Institutional grant	Sigrid Rausing Trust	5,463,056	5,331,523
Activities within the fossil fuels strategic area	CEE Bankwatch Network	3,477,583	1,567,338
1.Raising Awareness About Just Transition and Renewable Energy Sources as Solutions to Phase Out Coal			
2.Clean energy and just transitioning away from harmful fossil fuels for a carbon free future			
3. To minimize the intake of fossil gas in the Macedonian energy sector	European Climate Foundation (ECF)	3,178,049	1,737,550
1.Exploring pathways for low impact energy solutions in North Macedonia			
2. Promoting and implementing "Let the Rivers Flow" campaign activities	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	2,861,040	1,002,972
1. Support for Sustainable Management of the Monument of nature "Vevchani Springs			
2. Citizen Science in Service to Biodiversity Protection	Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust	2,393,178	615,234
Institutional grant for Eko-svest for 2020	European Commission Directorate	2,066,890	-
Protected areas for nature and people (PA4NP)	WWF Adria	1,493,658	2,060,447
Save the Blue Heart of Europe	EuroNatur Stiftung	1,170,533	-

		In Denars	
		Year Ended	
		December 31,	
		2022	2021
1.Revenue from projects implementation (continued)			
Communities for Just Transition	Climate Action Network Europe- Europe Beyond Coal	604,350	524,405
TriPoint Brown Bear project	MED	401,057	-
Citizen science in service to nature protection	Birdlife International	328,657	-
Fund for environment project	GEF SGP NM	129,482	1,025,451
Wetlands International - European		101,708	1,780,887
Cooperation on the preparation of the Shadow report for Chapter 27	CKP Gevgelija	59,819	-
Activities within the fossil fuels strategic area	CEE Bankwatch Network	-	1,695,902
Communities communicating climate change	Delegation of European Union in North Macedonia	-	414,667
Balcan green foundation		-	246,420
GLOBE sustainable program	US Embassy	-	1,033,826
Stay Safe and Speak Out	CZZS BIH	-	264,078
Total revenue from projects implementation		47,810,205	37,365,637
2. Revenue from membership		25,000	4,440
3. Revenue from services provided			
Germanwatch E.V.		924,080	-
Res Fondacija		385,594	-
Heinrich Boll Fondacija		293,488	-
Other (services provided)		147,186	595,221
		1,750,348	595,221
4.Other revenue		226,541	700
Total revenue from services provided		226,541	700
TOTAL REVENUE (1+2+3+4)		49,812,094	37,965,298

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

	In Denars	
	Year Ended	
	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Office materials consumed	312,044	947,020
Energy & communal expenses	105,518	21,028
Rent expenses	1,388,853	254,700
Post, telephones, internet	187,155	93,729
Bank charges	71,998	70,930
Intellectual services	7,214,961	5,458,354
Donations to other entities	10,747,270	8,709,213
Transportation	587,145	92,435
Promotional materials	418,455	341,182
Membership	18,262	66,012
Other miscellaneous	2,870,224	1,112,524
	<u>23,921,885</u>	<u>17,167,126</u>

Donations to other Entities in 2022 in the amount of 10,747,270 denars consists of:

- 15 sub-grants provided to CSOs within the project Action for Climate, of which 4 action grants, 7 institutional and 4 ad-hoc grants, with a total amount of funds of Den 22.118.512,00 out of which Den 9.950.370,00 were disbursed in 2022. Project teams of sub-granted projects consist of 60% women. Women and men hold project coordination roles equally.
- Funds in total amount of Den 213.118 for the partnership with Natura MK in the Monument of nature "Vechanski Izvori" for integration of citizen science in the monitoring of important forest species in the area.
- Within the project, Protected Areas for Nature and People II 2019-2022, founded through WWF Adria from Sida six grants were supported through the project with amount of Den 523,032.
- Funds in total amount of Den 60,750 have been allocated to Cultural Center Jadro for the collaboration in the project Save the Blue Heart of Europe.

STAFF COSTS

	In Denars	
	Year Ended	
	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Net salaries for employees	7,519,421	5,708,883
Mandatory contributions for salaries	3,894,914	2,902,040
Holiday allowance	171,084	91,784
	<u>11,585,419</u>	<u>8,702,707</u>

EKO-SVEST 2022 TEAM

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