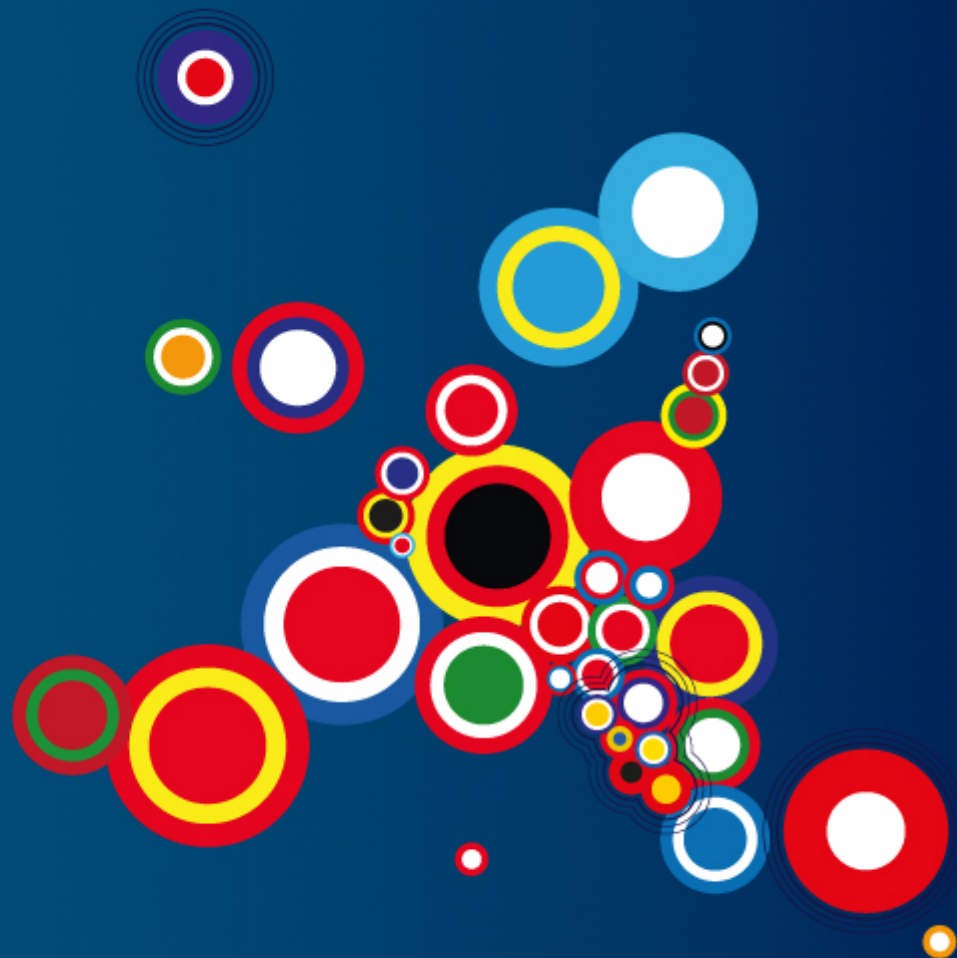




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# Support to civil society in the enlargement area with focus on environment and energy

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# Supporting civil society

## Policy context

- *Strengthening CSOs - core part of the Political Criteria for accession*
- *Enlargement Strategy 2014-2015 – key areas of action*
  - Public administration reform
  - Economic governance and competitiveness
  - Rule of law and fundamental rights

*"A culture of acceptance of the work of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and human rights defenders"*



- Communication COM(2012)492 "The roots of democracy and sustainable development: Europe's engagement with Civil Society in external relations"
- Guidelines for EU support to civil society in enlargement countries, 2014 – 2020
- Guidelines for EU support to media freedom and media integrity in enlargement countries, 2014 - 2020



## Civil Society Facility (1)

*Strong HQs – EUD coordination mechanism (CS task force, CS working group)*

*D5 support to EUD in policy dialogue with Governments*

*EU Guidelines for CS as main driving mechanism for results oriented assistance and policy dialogue*

*Highest visibility as funds are pooled from multi-country and countries' envelopes in one EC decision*



## Civil Society Facility (2)

*Direct Management (NEAR D5, EUD) avoiding governments' interfering into CSOs operations (watchdog)*

*Fast absorption of funds (N+1). All IPA I funds contracted. No need for financing agreements with countries*

**CSF 2014-2015** *(under implementation)*

*68 mln € total allocations, of which*

*30 mln € for regional actions, of which*

*> 6 mln € for actions related to environment and energy*

*(8 partnerships involving 67 CSOs)*

**CSF 2016-2017** *(under approval)*

*Total allocations 87 mln € (of which 38 € for regional actions)*



## Civil Society Facility (3)

*Approx. 170.000 registered CSOs\* and potential CSF beneficiaries in the Western Balkans and Turkey*

*Long-term grants, operating grants, sub-grants through CfPs, Grants to IOs, Service Contracts and Twinning*

*CSOs and external evaluations (2012) expressed high level of satisfaction with CSF and its implementation modalities*

*CSF evaluation in 2016*

*\*No data available for BiH; no formal obligation for CSOs to register in Albania*



## Civil Society Facility (4)

### Fields of action:

- Civil society development, CSOs/networks capacity building
- Local democracy
- Anti-corruption, good governance
- Social inclusion (non-discrimination)
- Media & freedom of expression
- **Environmental policies**
- **Energy policies**
- Support to social dialogue and social partners
- Gender and women rights
- Youth policies, Child rights
- Reconciliation, intercultural dialogue
- Technical assistance to govt, CSD
- **Sustainable socio-economic development (rural areas)**
- Rule of law and protection of fundamental rights (rights of prisoners, access to justice, to information)
- Business environment, social entrepreneurship, CSR
- Minorities rights (Roma, LGBTI)
- Other





# CSF Multi-country – Regional support to civil society in the areas of environment and energy

*Projects and regional networks working on environment, energy, sustainable economy are funded through Framework Partnership Agreements and Long-term grants*

**CSF 2013:** 2.3 mln € EU contribution for environmental, energy and sustainable economy projects

(26% of the total 8.9 mln € awarded)

**CSF 2014:** 3.9 mln € EU contribution for environmental and sustainable economy projects

(25% of the total 15.8 mln € awarded)



## CSF 2013 – Multi-Country: 4 ongoing regional projects

- *Development of the ENV.net in West Balkan and Turkey: giving citizens a voice to influence the **environmental process reforms** for closer EU integration*
- *South East European **Sustainable Energy Policy** (SEE SEP)*
- *ESSEDRA - Environmentally **Sustainable Socio-Economic Development** of Rural Areas*
- *Advocacy CSOs networks for **sustainable use of energy and natural resources** in the Western Balkans and Turkey – ETNAR*



# Development of the ENV.net in West Balkan and Turkey: giving citizens a voice to influence the environmental process reforms for closer EU integration

The project will:

- 1 **Analyse and monitor** the approximation process to the environmental *acquis* in the partner countries and identify the gaps at national level for joint strategies
- 2 Improve **environmental awareness** and state-civil society dialogue on environment issues
- 3 Make ENV.net play a leading role in **CSOs capacity development** on monitoring and advocacy for the EU environmental *acquis* approximation process

Total budget: € 644,765.67

## 7 Partners (coordinator in red)



\* This designation is without prejudice to positions or status, and in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.



# South East European Sustainable Energy Policy (SEE SEP)

The project will:

1. Increased **awareness of decision makers** on the best solutions for more sustainable energy policies in SEE and provide **policy products** (including the *My 2050 Calculator energy model*) to better understand the impact of policy decisions
- 2 **Support CSOs to increase their credibility** by articulating clearly and coherently needs and concerns of civil society on the key challenges in the energy sector in SEE
- 3 Design a **M&E system and leadership coaching** program for SEESEP partners

Total budget: € 964,900.09

# 18 Partners (coordinator in red)







# ESSEDRA - Environmentally Sustainable Socio-Economic Development of Rural Areas

## The project will:

Support **quality food production systems and small-scale farmers** and reach a critical mass in order to achieve a **behaviour change in consumers and institutions**, which will guarantee a sustainable future for food production and agriculture in the region through:

- Advocacy actions
- Grass-root projects
- Communication campaigns

Total budget: € 606,744.60

# 10 Partners (coordinator in red)







# Advocacy CSOs networks for sustainable use of energy and natural resources in the Western Balkans and Turkey – ETNAR

The project will:

- 1 Strengthen **regional networking** of CSOs on **energy, transport and natural resources** and the networking among WB&T CSOs and EU environmental networks and CSOs
- 2 Improve capacity of environmental CSOs in **policy analysis, policy monitoring and public advocacy**
- 3 Increase legitimacy of CSOs on energy, transport and natural resources and enhance their **dialogue with national stakeholders** (governments, experts, business and media)

Total budget: € 695,980.43

## 11 Partners (coordinator in red)





## CSF 2014 Multi-country: 4 ongoing regional projects

- *Smart Start - Sustaining civil society impact through **social entrepreneurship and innovations** in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey*
- *ALTER - Active Local Territories for **Economic development of Rural Areas***
- ***Sustainable agriculture** for sustainable Balkans: Strengthening advocacy capacities of CSOs and developing policies in the Western Balkans*
- *Civil society acts for **environmentally sound socio-economic development***



## Smart Start - Sustaining civil society impact through social entrepreneurship and innovations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey

The project will:

- 1 Strengthen 50 selected CSOs through **start-up financial support** and socially and environmentally responsible use of **self-financing strategies, social innovations and social enterprise**
- 2 Support networking of CSOs and other stakeholders, and conduct five national advocacy campaigns to **improve a social enterprise-friendly environment**
- 3 Encourage **social entrepreneurship throughout civil society** by sharing good practices in self-financing and social enterprise

Total budget: € 1,135,661.22

## 6 Partners (coordinator in red)





# ALTER - Active Local Territories for Economic development of Rural Areas

The project will, among other:

- 1 **Promote the concepts of sustainable socio-economic rural development**, social inclusion of rural communities, and **active involvement** of CSOs in the formulation and implementation of policies
- 2 Advance CSOs' and citizens' involvement in local governance, and promote **cooperation of stakeholders in rural areas**, based on the LEADER principle of Community Led Local Development
- 3 Develop the **Balkan Rural Development Network** as a regional platform for cooperation of national networks

Total budget: € 1,168,634.00



## 9 Partners (coordinator in red)





# Sustainable agriculture for sustainable Balkans: Strengthening advocacy capacities of CSOs and developing policies in the Western Balkans

The project will, among other:

- 1 Strengthen **advocacy capacities and the watchdog role** of CSOs and grassroots organisations working **on sustainable agriculture**
- 2 Facilitate the creation of an **enabling environment for grass-root organisations** advocating for sustainable agriculture
- 3 Increase the **public awareness of the importance of sustainable agriculture** for socio-economic development

Total budget: € 960,760.00



## 5 Partners (coordinator in red)





# Civil society acts for environmentally sound socio-economic development

The project will:

- 1 **Support 15 CSOs** and strengthen their knowledge and **capacities to engage in advocacy and participate** in decision-making processes related to **sustainable use of natural assets** and to Strategic Environmental Assessments **(SEAs)** and Environmental Impact Assessments **(EIAs)**
- 2 Work to **improve the regulatory framework** governing SEAs and EIAs
- 3 Improve **media understanding** of civil society's role and increase their **coverage** of civil society's engagement in decision-making processes, with a focus on EIAs and SEAs

Total budget: € 1,152,227.28

## 6 Partners (coordinator in red)



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