PROJECT FACTSHEET

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Environmental governance for the Western Balkans Green Agenda



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Project description:

'Environmental Governance for the Western Balkans Green Agenda' is a project focused on strengthening the environmental rule of law, institutional accountability, and public participation in environmental protection in North Macedonia. The action supports the implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans and alignment with EU environmental standards through legal analysis, policy advocacy, institutional capacity building, and civic engagement.

The project develops analyses and policy recommendations related to environmental legislation, environmental crime, biodiversity protection, air quality, renewable energy, and climate governance. It also strengthens cooperation among institutions, civil society organisations, academia, and media through the Environmental Justice Platform.

In parallel, the project enhances the capacities of judges, prosecutors, inspectors, and law enforcement institutions through specialised training and educational programmes. Through a re-granting scheme, local civil society organisations receive financial and mentoring support for environmental initiatives and advocacy activities. The project additionally contributes to international environmental governance by monitoring the implementation of UNESCO and Bern Convention recommendations related to the Ohrid Region and protected natural areas.

Expected results:

• Evidence-based recommendations and policy analyses developed to improve environmental legislation, institutional coordination, and implementation practices.
• Enhanced capacities of judges, prosecutors, inspectors, and law enforcement institutions through specialised training programmes and practical tools related to environmental justice and environmental crime.
• Strengthened cooperation between civil society, institutions, academia, and media through the Environmental Justice Platform and structured policy dialogue.
• Increased capacities and networking of local civil society organisations through mentoring, re-granting support, and environmental advocacy initiatives.
• Improved monitoring and reporting related to UNESCO and Bern Convention recommendations for the Ohrid Region, contributing to greater accountability and environmental protection.