

Center for Climate Change

SHORT PORTFOLIO

Core programmes and organizational experience



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Climate Action | Energy | Air Pollution

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Mission

"The mission of the Center for Climate Change is to lead systemic solutions for environmental protection and urgent climate action. Through expert support to institutions, industry, and the civil sector, we enable sustainable development and build a resilient society where a healthy environment is the foundation for a quality life for all citizens."

Vision

"Our vision is full decarbonization and the establishment of sustainable systemic solutions. Our goal is a society where energy efficiency, advanced waste management, and climate adaptation are the standard, not the exception. We aim to build an ecosystem that protects natural resources through smart energy management and strategic environmental care."

Programmes in Center for Climate Change

CCC work is based on strategic planning and direct support to municipalities and institutions, enabling them to transform environmental challenges into sustainable local policies. Through the promotion of sustainable energy and concrete measures to reduce pollution, we are paving the way toward a just transition that places the quality of life of every individual at its center. We believe that real change is only possible through a strong civil society and democracy, which is why we actively establish mechanisms for participatory decision-making. By combining expert knowledge with the voice of citizens, we are building an inclusive system where environmental responsibility is a shared foundation for a prosperous and clean future.

The activities are grouped in 6 key programmes based on their strongest thematic fit. Some initiatives are cross-cutting by nature and can also contribute to other programmes, especially where youth participation, local governance, awareness raising or EU environmental alignment are involved.

01 Climate Action Climate resilience and risks and vulnerability assessment, local climate planning, participatory tools, regional cooperation and public engagement.	02 Energy Promote renewable energy, energy efficiency and support just transition processes, promoting prosumers, energy communities and energy management in small and medium enterprises, industry and households.	03 Air Pollution Clean air, indoor air quality, health risks assessment, establishing monitoring systems, industrial pollution and local advocacy.
04 Green Agenda Green Agenda implementation, Chapter 27, EU environmental policy, local green governance and public dialogue.	05 Circular Economy Waste management, waste prevention, sorting and recycling, green economy, e-waste and transformation of waste into a resource.	06 Democracy, Youth and Civil Society Public participation, youth activism, civil society monitoring, advocacy and inclusive environmental decision-making.

Cross-cutting organizational strengths

Contributing towards local environmental and climate governance through strong support and municipal cooperation	Securing democracy through civil society participation, advocacy and public dialogue	Youth and community empowerment Environmental education in formal education Improving training curricula in environmental and climate topics
Policy monitoring, developing and introducing new operational methodologies, strategic roadmaps and digital tools	Capacity building for institutions, CSOs, businesses and communities	Public awareness campaigns, behavioral change and knowledge-sharing formats

Programme description

Activities within this programme translate climate policy into practical local action through data-informed planning, citizen participation and cross-sector cooperation.

What it delivers	Main stakeholders	Typical outputs
Improved climate resilience, local climate planning, participatory tools, regional cooperation and public engagement.	Municipalities, public institutions, civil society, youth, communities and businesses.	IT tools, trainings, strategic roadmaps and plans, campaigns, monitoring systems, local pilots and policy recommendations.

Selected experience within the Climate Action Programme

Project	Description	Results/Outcomes
Green B-LEAF: Green Participatory Budgeting for Local Environmental Action and sustainable Future	Empowers rural Mediterranean communities to drive climate adaptation and sustainability through Green Participatory Budgeting (Green PB). By equipping municipalities and residents with data-driven tools and methodologies, the project fosters community-led climate action.	Green participatory budgeting tool, climate data tools, climate risk and vulnerability assessment matrix, improved local and rural climate resilience.
Increasing resilience to climate change on local level	Project focused on improving municipal planning, involving relevant stakeholders and strengthening their awareness and competencies for data collection, their analysis and use in the processes of preparing risks and planning measures for prevention, protection and appropriate answer. One of the biggest benefits of the project is that it actively and constantly worked to involve all stakeholders, inform them and improve the dialogue between them.	Developed Local Climate and Energy Action Plans for Prilep, Demir Kapija and Centar municipality, developed climate projections for temperature and precipitation change in the next 50 years, identification and mapping of potential for climate risks on local level. Developed GHG inventories and climate risk assessment. Climate resilience improved, municipal planning established

Project	Description	Results/Outcomes
Development of baseline emissions inventories and risk & vulnerability assessments	The primary objective of this project is to support the City of Skopje, the Municipality of Kumanovo, and the Municipality of Berovo in paving the way toward a sustainable, low-emission, and climate-resilient future. By aligning with the rigorous methodological standards of the EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (CoM), the project aims to equip these local self-government units (LSGUs) with the critical diagnostic tools—specifically Baseline Emission Inventories (BEI) and Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (RVA)—needed to develop their comprehensive Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs). This empowers local authorities to make data-driven decisions, mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, and actively prepare for localized climate change impacts.	Developed Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventories for Skopje, Kumanovo, and Berovo, establishing a clear emission baseline in strict compliance with CoM guidelines. Comprehensive climate vulnerability profiles tailored for each municipality, deeply analyzing five vital local sectors: Agriculture, Forestry, Water Resources, Public Health, Socio-Economic Impact.
Roadmap to Your Eco-Smart Municipality	Overall project goal is to provide a healthy and clean environment on local level throughout increased use of renewable energy, expanded green spaces, improved energy efficiency in public buildings and increased use of sustainable transport in the everyday life. In addition, the action will contribute at increasing awareness and knowledge dissemination among young people and the local population on the importance for taking an active role in environmental and climate change actions.	Developed local roadmap for renewable energy, green spaces, energy efficiency, sustainable transport and waste selection for Municipality of Aerodrom and Strumica.
Constraints and gaps, and related financial, technical and capacity needs” within the second biennial update report (SBUR) on climate change	The main aim of the project is to assist the country in mainstreaming and integration of climate change consideration into national and sectoral development policies by providing continuity to the institutional and technical capacity strengthening process, partly initiated and sustained by the National Communications and the First Biennial Update Report on Climate Change (FBUR). As per the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) guidelines, the BURs should also provide updated information on financial resources, technology transfer, capacity-building and technical support received from the Global Environment Facility, Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other developed country Parties, the Green Climate Fund and multilateral institutions for activities relating to climate change, including for the preparation of the current biennial update report.	review the relevant chapter of the First BUR, recommendations from the technical revision of the First BUR, and latest UNFCCC guidelines for preparation of BURs; Identify data gaps and inconsistencies, and possible reasons for the data gaps and inconsistencies; Identify additional relevant national data sources and databases which can be utilized for the needs of the BURs preparation; Propose method(s) that will improve collection of data and information on national resources allocated for climate change; Review the state and budgets of the local governments, identify relevant budget lines that can be used for climate finance reporting, and prepare a summary of the financial information (state and local levels).

Renewable energy, energy efficiency, just transition, prosumers, energy communities and energy management.

Programme positioning

Supports a fair energy transition by combining technical tools, capacity building and practical clean-energy solutions for municipalities, businesses and communities.

What it delivers	Main stakeholders	Typical outputs
Contribute at renewable energy utilisation, energy efficiency improvement, just transition, promotion of prosumers, energy communities and energy management.	Municipalities, public institutions, civil society, local communities, industry and businesses.	Tools, trainings, roadmaps, campaigns, monitoring systems, local pilots and policy recommendations.

Selected experience

Project / initiative	Description	Results/Outcomes
Powering the Transition: Public sector energy data integration for climate and energy planning	The main objective is to establish a centralized digital system in accordance to the legal requirements, with potential to automatically reads and records electricity consumption data (in kWh) for each public institution upon invoice issuance. This system will create a secure, standardized, and continuously updated energy database that will serve as a foundational input for energy investments in renewables and energy saving measures.	Establishing a formal regulatory Rulebook within the Ministry of Energy, developing a secure API-based software platform ("Energy Tracker"), and conducting peer-to-peer exchanges with Croatian and regional WB experts
Boosting Positive Perception of Just Transition Processes at Local Level	The project aims to support the just transition processes in North Macedonia by raising awareness, fostering visible (bold) campaigns, and mobilizing all relevant stakeholders at the local level	Awareness raising on prosumers, energy communities and positive local clean-energy examples. Five solar fairs conducted and more than 500 people mobilized and informed about the process of becoming prosumers.
Enabling Just Transition in Macedonia by Increasing Opportunities for the Use of Renewable Energy Sources	The main goal of the project is to promote the utilization of solar energy as a key component in the just transition process, addressing both the high levels of pollution in the region and the economic challenges associated with the phase-out of coal. By harnessing the potential of solar energy, the project will help reduce carbon emissions, ensure a stable energy supply, and create economic opportunities for the local population.	Solar potential mapping in just transition regions, GIS digitalization and renewable-energy opportunities in coal-dependent regions. Developed software for RES energy management.

Project / initiative	Description	Results/Outcomes
Increasing the Resilience of MSMEs through Reducing Energy Costs	The project action aims to increase resilience by reducing energy costs, made possible by introducing energy-saving measures and diversifying energy sources in industrial facilities (for production purposes, as well as for heating, cooling, transport, etc.). These activities should result in improved competitiveness and upgraded services that will provide better business services and performance, as well as increased resilience to the new energy conditions resulting from the energy crisis	Energy management training, feasibility studies and energy audits, on-site support and a digital energy management tool for businesses.
Improving Energy Management at Macedonian Industry	Project provided technical support for introducing of better energy management practices at Macedonian food processing industry and will assist at implementation of the energy management standard ISO 50001:2011 at several companies. Realization of the project resulted in improving energy performances at Macedonian industry, enhancing their capacities in order reducing energy consumption and easier identification of energy saving measures.	Support for ISO 50001 energy management for 7 companies and improved industrial energy performance. Developed. Energy audits conducted and improved energy performance.
Promotion of Waste Management and Energy Efficiency Practices - PWM-EE	Project aim to provide technical support for introducing of better energy management practices at Macedonian food processing industry and assist at implementation of the energy management standard ISO 50001:2011 at several companies.	Energy-efficiency and waste-management practices for SMEs in the cross-border region Macedonia and Bulgaria.
Cleaner and More Cost-Effective Industry in Macedonia	The project addressed barriers to project implementation by building local competence, increasing awareness, developing a pipeline of climate projects ready for financing, as well as improving the dialogue between the authorities, academia, project developers, industry and financial institutions. The project had three components: Energy Efficiency, Environmental Management Systems and Student Exchange.	Cleaner production, resource efficiency and reduced energy consumption in industry. 13 studies for energy efficiency in 3 year period developed, implemented EMS at 4 companies, conducted student exchange, improved dialogue among ministries, relevant institutions, international finance institutions, municipalities, universities, increased local capacities among young engineers in developing EE studies and providing consultancy, raised awareness for implementing energy saving measures.

Clean air, indoor air quality, health risk assessment, monitoring systems, industrial pollution and local advocacy.

Programme positioning

Strengthens evidence-based clean-air action by connecting monitoring, awareness, youth participation and institutional capacity.

What it delivers	Main stakeholders	Typical outputs
Clean air, indoor air quality, public health, monitoring systems, industrial pollution and local advocacy.	Municipalities, public institutions, civil society, youth, communities and businesses.	Tools, trainings, roadmaps, campaigns, monitoring systems, local pilots and policy recommendations.

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Project / initiative	Description	Results/Outcomes
Developing Air Quality Plans for 5 Municipalities	The primary goal of this assignment is to improve/develop five gender responsive local air quality plans i.e. to: 1. Improve the four already existing Local Air Quality Plans for the Municipalities of Kavadarci, Kumanovo, Gostivar and Struga, including the Air Quality Action Plans, and present them to the Municipal Councils. 2. Develop a new Local Air Quality Plan for Municipality of Strumica, including the Air Quality Action Plan and present it to the Municipal Council.	Updated four existing Local Air Quality Plans, developed one new Local Air Quality Plan for Municipality of Strumica.
Youth Action for Clean Air	The proposed activities aim to develop the skills of existing youth-led organizations and networks, for air quality advocacy and activism on air quality.	Youth participation, local advocacy, Speak-UP forums and action plans for cleaner air.
Improving air quality through behavioral change for utilization of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources (ACT FOR AIR)	The purpose of the project is to reduce air pollution through increased application of energy efficiency (EE) practices and awareness for utilization of renewable energy sources (RES). Main aim is to change consumption behavior through measuring the electricity consumption at households, calculating the costs effectiveness of RES utilization and increased energy savings.	Changed behavior of citizens through increased energy savings at their households and awareness for RES utilization. Wide information campaign and policy document developed within the project.

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Increasing Awareness about Indoor Air Pollution at Primary Schools	Main aim of the project is to increase awareness of general public, relevant authorities as well as pupils and teachers about indoor air pollution at primary schools in North Macedonia and consequences to children's health from particular exposure to air pollution. In order achieving this the applicant is going to install sensors for PM10, PM 2,5, CO2, VOCs, including temperature and humidity inside the primary schools. Particulate Matter (PM) is the pollutant of greatest concern to health as tiny particles can enter the bloodstream.	Monitoring and awareness on indoor air quality and children's health in 10 primary schools in the country.
Transboundary Air Pollution Health Index Development and Implementation - TRAP	Strategic objective of TRAP project is the creation of an ICT application integrating Air Quality Monitoring with Air Pollution Health Indicator (APHI). The project improved management and protection of areas at both countries by establishing air quality monitoring networks. The measurements of all stations in areas involved in this project will create a system that will display real-time measurements through the internet.	Air-quality monitoring networks and health-related air pollution indicators. • Permanent transnational network established among partners • Target groups reached through communication means within project areas • Improved air quality monitoring mechanisms to CB area • Demonstration of integrated ICT tool for air quality and health indicator • Skilled personnel of monitoring authorities • Promotion and dissemination of air quality and health models Procured and installed new monitoring station for AAQ in Gevgelija, updated equipment for the monitoring station Bitola 1 both part of the national monitoring system for AAQ maintained by the Ministry of Environment.
Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control in Macedonia - IPPC	Project aims to improve management of industrial emissions by adjusting legislative framework and increasing the environmental competence in authorities, non-governmental organizations and industry.	Capacity building for industrial emissions management and environmental permitting. Developed new template for A IED permits.

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Strengthening Capacities for IPPC and Hazardous Waste Management	Three year programme consisting of two separate components: Component 1 –Integrated Pollution and Prevention Control (IPPC) will address both the imminent need for assistance regarding the issuing of IPPC adjustment permits to Macedonian industry, and securing the long term technical capacity in the governmental institutions to perform IPPC related tasks and issuing IPPC permits in accordance with IPPC Directive and future EU related integrated pollution directives, in particular the emission control directive. Component 2 (HAZARDOUS WASTE) focusing on the hazardous waste problem that is evident in Macedonia. Key element in this component is to map and systemize industry that are generating hazardous waste as a result of their daily operations; including characterization of types, volumes and assessment of treatment systems.	Institutional strengthening for industrial pollution prevention and hazardous waste management. Provided support to Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning.

Green Agenda implementation, Chapter 27, EU environmental policy, local green governance and public dialogue.

Programme positioning

Bridges EU environmental priorities with local action by supporting policy development, monitoring tools, roadmaps and participatory governance.

What it delivers	Main stakeholders	Typical outputs
Green Agenda implementation, Participation at Green Agenda policy making, Chapter 27 alignment, EU environmental policy, local green governance and public dialogue.	Municipalities, public institutions, civil society, youth, communities and businesses.	Tools, trainings, roadmaps, campaigns, monitoring systems, local pilots and policy recommendations.

Selected experience

Project / initiative	Portfolio relevance	
Regional Partnership for Better Implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans at Local Level	The main goal of the project is to enable the transition of Macedonia towards the EU goals for a carbon neutral society, through inclusive and transparent implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans. The main objective will be achieved by fulfilling the following specific objectives: 1: Strengthening the capacities of CSOs and LGUs for better involvement in the implementation of the Green Agenda and stimulating cooperation between CSOs and LGUs 2: CSOs to support LGUs in the process of creating local policies for the implementation of the Green Agenda at the local level 3: To raise the awareness of RSM citizens about the benefits of the Green Agenda	Improved local implementation, policy mapping, screening the challenges and level of implementation on the Green Agenda on local level, developed Green Agenda roadmaps, implemented regional workshops, forums and thematic forums on different topics relevant to Green Agenda, developing of the monitoring strategy and tools.

Project / initiative		Portfolio relevance
Youth Activism for Greener Municipalities	The general objective of the Project is to strengthen the impact of youth activists and youth organizations on environmental protection policies and processes implemented at the local level. The project has the following specific objectives: • Strengthening the capacities of youth activists and youth organizations to conduct effective advocacy activities at the local level; • Establishing partnerships between key stakeholders to ensure the implementation of the standards established in Chapter 27 of the European <i>acquis</i> in at least 12 municipalities; and • Increasing the number of environmental protection initiatives by youth activists and youth organizations at the local level.	Youth activism increased, local youth councils empowered and strengthened, Chapter 27 standards are secured through implementation of the municipal environmental initiatives.
Climate Bridges - Network in Action	Project aim to extend its impact across the wider Western Balkans by emphasizing the critical role of collaboration between civil society organizations (CSOs) and (semi-) governmental bodies at national, regional, and transnational levels. This collaboration fosters an environment conducive to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through effective climate mitigation governance mechanisms. By promoting behaviour change within civil society, private sector and all community members, and the economic sector, the project facilitates coordinated actions that lead to substantial and lasting reductions in GHG emissions. Furthermore, the project aligns with and supports the implementation of ambitious climate policies outlined in the Western Balkans Green Agenda and the EU Green Deal. It advocates for sustainable practices, enhances stakeholder engagement, and fosters dialogue between CSOs and governmental bodies, laying the foundation for robust climate policies across the region.	Regional cooperation, Local Green Agendas for Municipality of Prilep, public campaigns for air pollution and urban greenery, climate networking and improved climate governance on local level.

Project / initiative		Portfolio relevance
Providing Services for Management of Natural Resources - RE-Source	The project's overall objective aims to increase the governance capacity and corresponding delivery regarding environmental legislation. the project worked with: • Upgrade and customization of existing digital tools and services concerning the application of 1) precise irrigation, 2) evaluation of codes of good agricultural practices and 3) large-scale soil erosion risk assessment. • Delivery of these tools and services to end users from the local public administration authorities of five (5) countries (Greece, Bulgaria, Albania, Republic of North Macedonia and Cyprus). • Provision of scientific and technical support and the conduction of training seminars and workshops targeting the personnel of public authorities focusing on the use of the digital tools/services, water and soil resource management, good agricultural practices and related legal framework implementation • Diffusion of knowledge to all interested parties and individuals and the raise of public awareness on environmental issues and regulatory commitments.	Natural resource management, Good agriculture practice, developed sublegislation for better compliance with EU legislation on Good Agriculture Practice, regional cooperation and sustainable local development.
Fostering sustainable ways to work in the new digital era – SUSTAINABLE project	The overall objective of the SustainABLE Project is to contribute to the behavioral change of adults working mainly in community – based, non-governmental organization and civil society organization by raising awareness and developing competencies for implementing sustainable work practices base on key sustainable principles (i.e. circular economy, energy efficiency, sustainable food and mobility, remote work, etc.)	Developed SustainABLE Guide and a Roadmap, SustainABLE Training Programme, SustainABLE Training for Educators, Case studies of civil society organisations, Dissemination and exploitation package to maximise the impact and outreach of the project

Waste management, recycling, waste prevention, green economy, e-waste and transformation of waste into a resource.

Programme positioning

Develops practical circular solutions through municipal systems, public awareness, school-based action, rural engagement and green entrepreneurship.

What it delivers	Main stakeholders	Typical outputs
Waste management, recycling, waste prevention, green economy, e-waste and transformation of waste into a resource.	Municipalities, public institutions, civil society, youth, communities and businesses.	Established waste collection systems, protocols for waste management, analysis, developing training programmes, conducting trainings, roadmaps, social media campaigns, local pilots and policy recommendations.

Selected experience

Project / initiative	Description	Results/Outcomes
Youth and Women Leading Rural Waste Transitions - We LEAD Rural	We LEAD Rural' aims to improve sustainable waste management practices and promote circular economy principles by empowering youth and women in rural municipalities	Rural plastic waste systems established in 3 municipalities, circular economy trainings conducted and youth and women empowered to lead the transition towards circular economy.
Baseline assessment supporting the implementation of EBRD pilot programme on inclusive and socially responsible procurement (ISRP) in the solid waste sector in the Republic of North Macedonia	Conduct a comprehensive analysis of labor market demand in the solid waste sector within the target regions, map relevant stakeholders in training and employment, and assess skills gaps to ensure employment needs of the identified target groups.	Five education and employment pathways are designed to address critical skills gaps. These pathways provide entry points for workers at every level—from operational roles requiring practical skills to specialist positions demanding advanced technical knowledge. Each pathway responds to documented employer needs while creating sustainable career progression opportunities in the growing circular economy sector.

Project / initiative	Description	Results/Outcomes
Cross-Border Partnership for Environmental Protection and Better Quality of Life - Waste EDU	Main aim of the WasteEDU project is to increase both the level of awareness and knowledge of the project target groups and stakeholders for environment protection by promoting actions related to waste management, reducing and recycling waste	Increased awareness and knowledge on waste reduction, recycling and environmental protection. Implemented wide information and promotional campaign among educational institutions on the territory of the cross-border region in BG and MK; Increased interest of young people towards the issues related to waste reducing, recycling and prevention; Improved awareness and knowledge of younger generations on the topics concerning environmental protection, waste prevention and recycling; Fostered direct involvement and participation of young people in environmental protection campaigns; Fostered experience and best practices exchange between various stakeholders related to environmental education of the cross-border area in BG and MK Developed training manual for waste education integration into the formal education curricula in the primary schools.
WEEE Creates Possibilities	The project was working with raising public awareness for proper WEEE management (waste from electrical and electronic equipment) in Macedonia. In particular, highlight is given on the need for separate collection of WEEE in order to influence the behavior of end users of EEE products.	Increased awareness and established collection systems for waste electrical and electronic equipment in 15 primary schools in the country Improved cooperation among PRO companies and end users of EEE.
Improving CSO Capacities for Implementation of the Green Economy Concept	The main objective of the project is to improve the role of civil society organizations in implementing the green economy concept in Macedonian companies. Specific objectives of the project are: • Raising awareness among civil society organizations and companies about the importance of the green economy and green entrepreneurship; • Strengthening the capacities of local civil society organizations regarding the importance of the green economy and green entrepreneurship	Capacity building for civil society organizations to apply green economy principles.

Project / initiative	Description	Results/Outcomes
Increase Innovative Business in Sea, Environment, Agriculture and IT - IBiSEAit	The main scope of the proposed project is the creation of a pre-Incubator in the areas that will be involved in the project for the hosting of new innovative entrepreneurs in order to exploit the infrastructure, the characteristics and the advantages of the cross border area through implementation of innovative and green practices at their daily routines.	Green entrepreneurship, innovation and incubator support in environment-related sectors. Support to SMEs and start ups for introducing innovative and green practices.

Democracy, Youth and Civil Society

Democracy and Good Governance, Public participation, youth activism, civil society monitoring, advocacy and inclusive environmental decision-making.

Programme positioning

Strengthens democratic environmental governance by enabling citizens, youth and CSOs to participate meaningfully in policy processes and local action.

What it delivers	Main stakeholders	Typical outputs
Public participation, youth activism, civil society monitoring, advocacy and inclusive environmental decision-making.	Municipalities, public institutions, civil society, youth, communities and businesses.	Tools, trainings, roadmaps, campaigns, monitoring systems, local pilots and policy recommendations.

Selected experience

Project / initiative	Description	Results/Outcomes
Increased Participation of Civil Society in Environmental Decision-Making	General objective of the project is increased involvement of civil society organizations in the environmental decision-making process at the local level. Specific objective is improved cooperation between the civil sector and local self-government in the field of environmental decision-making at the local level	Action plans for public involvement, cooperation with municipalities and an informal monitoring network is established.

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Youth Activism for Greener Municipalities	The general objective of the Project is to strengthen the impact of youth activists and youth organizations on environmental protection policies and processes implemented at the local level. The project has the following specific objectives: • Strengthening the capacities of youth activists and youth organizations to conduct effective advocacy activities at the local level; • Establishing partnerships between key stakeholders to ensure the implementation of the standards established in Chapter 27 of the European <i>acquis</i> in at least 12 municipalities; and • Increasing the number of environmental protection initiatives by youth activists and youth organizations at the local level.	Youth-led advocacy, environmental legal empowerment and local environmental initiatives.
Youth Action for Clean Air	The proposed activities aim to develop the skills of existing youth-led organizations and networks, for air quality advocacy and activism on air quality.	Youth participation, local advocacy, Speak-UP forums and action plans for cleaner air.
Citizens Platform for Following the EU Negotiation for Chapter 27	Overall objective of the project is strengthening the role of CSOs in the field of environment in the process of rapprochement and preparation for negotiations with the EU on Chapter 27.	Civil society monitoring established and structured engagement in EU environmental reforms. Developed First Shadow Report on Chapter 27.
Analysis of the progress of the compliance and implementation of the EU legislation on environment and climate change with national legislation (Shadow report for Chapter 27 for 2022 - second shadow report)	The goal of the project is to strengthen the role of CSOs in monitoring the environment and climate change legislation from the point of view of harmonizing the EU environmental and climate legislation, its implementation and the administrative capacities for implementing environmental legislation. The short-term goal of the project is to raise the awareness of CSOs about the need for active monitoring of environmental conditions and climate change through continuous improvement of their monitoring capacities.	Developed second shadow report on Chapter 27 for all sectors from the Chapter 27. Increased capacities of the CSOs for monitoring, lobby and advocacy.

Project / initiative	Description	Results/Outcomes
Get involved for a healthy environment	The main objective of the project is to strengthen the capacities of the informal network 'Get Involved for a Healthy Environment!' (<i>Включи се, за здрава животна средина!</i>) for transparency and accountability. Specific objectives: - Improving the transparency and accountability of the network through the creation of codes of conduct; - Improving the involvement of members in decision-making and the implementation of codes of conduct for better transparency and accountability."	The network capacities are increased and cooperation among Municipalities and CSOs is sustained.
Together for Better Environment in the Municipality of Karposh	The general objective of the project is to increase the involvement of civil society in the process of participatory democracy at the local level. Regarding the specific objectives of the project, two have been defined: - Improved cooperation between civil society and local self-government through the implementation of joint actions and activities; - An increased number of joint actions implemented between citizens and the municipality with the aim of improving the quality of the environment, health, and safety of citizens in the Municipality of Karposh.	Local environmental actions for increased safety, waste selection, clean air, municipal cooperation and public participation.

Networks and membership in international bodies

Within the UNCCD 14th Conference of the parties (COP14), held in New Delhi, India from 2nd-13th September 2019) Center for Climate Change received status of accredited party to the Convention.

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) provides an excellent platform for the full participation of CSOs not only at national level as stakeholders responsible for implementing UNCCD, but also at the level of decision making ensuring their participation in Conference sessions of the Parties (COP) to the Convention. CSO representatives can participate as facilitators at the official sessions of the COP and its affiliates to represent the population living in the affected areas of the international arena.

Starting from 2025, CCC is member of Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe

Starting from 2020, CCC is member of Climate Coalition.

Our networks

1. Network of LSGUs and CSOs "GET Involved for BETTER Environment"
2. Platform for Environment – Platform 27

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