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CO-SEED – “Civil Society Acts for Environmentally Sound Socio Economic Development” - (EuropeAid/150147/DH/ACT/Multi; Grant Contract 2015/371-198)

WWF announces grant recipients within: CO-SEED Grant Program Civil Society Capacity Building and Advocacy Grant Program

Tirana - WWF is announces grant recipients within CO-SEED Grant Program - Civil Society Capacity Building and Advocacy.

The call for proposals for the CO-SEED Grant Program was announced in the period from July 11th till August 25th 2016, in the five countries that participate in the Civil Society Acts for Environmentally Sound Socio-Economic Development project. Upon application process, proposals were evaluated and following beneficiary CSOs have been selected as grant recipients:

Albania:

- CSO: Environmental centre for Development Education and Networking, Project title: Participatory society in decision making!
- CSO: Milieukontakt Albania, Project title: CSOs practicing EIA in all phases
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Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- CSO: Center for Environment, Project: "CSOs accountability and relevance in SEA/EIA consultations";
- CSO: LIR Evolution, Project: "Empowering CSOs Capacities on Advocacy and Lobbying of EIAs and SEAs Directives"

Montenegro:

- CSO: North Land Project title: Environmental networking towards sustainable development

Serbia:

- CSO: Belgrade Open School; Project title: Community Power - Improving Capacities of Civil Society Organizations in Protection of Environment and Natural Resources
- CSO: Center for Ecology and Natural Resources; Project title: Towards more sustainable development by acting in EIAs and SEAs

Turkey

- CSO: Chamber of Environmental Engineers ; Project title: EIA and participation
- CSO: Nature and Environment Foundation ; Project title: Active Civil Society for Sustainable Development





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- CSO: Karsikaya Social responsibility and Science Association ; Project title: EIA Experience and Participation
- CSO: Kazdagi Natural and Cultural Protection Association ; Project title: Advocacy and Capacity Development of the Ida Mountain and Regional Environmental Organizations
- CSO: TEMA Foundation ; Project title: Holistic Approach to EIA Processes Improvement

The aim of the CO-SEED Grant Program is to build capacities, increase knowledge and technical background of CSOs in providing sound comments in the Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) public consultations. Furthermore, the aim is to strengthen lobbying capacities of CSOs, which will enable them to constructively participate in public discussions related to EIA/SEA and in overall contribute to reaching project objectives. The above stated CSO's will through the implementation of awarded grants form a regional network together with project partners while actively participating in the main project activities.

The project CO-SEED is being implemented in the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey. Its Lead implementing partner (coordinator) is WWF Turkey from Turkey. Partners in the project are: INCA - Instituti per Rjuajtjen e Natyres Shqiptare, Albania, Udruga Dinarica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, WWF Adria, Croatia, Zeleni Dom – Green Home, Montenegro and Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia from Serbia.

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