Turning Education into Action for a Sustainable Future

The aim is to achieve educational reforms by obtaining support from governments and professional bodies for the inclusion of education for sustainable development (ESD) in formal curricula.

Activities
- Contributing to the implementation of the UN SDGs, the UNECE Strategy on ESD, and the UNESCO Global Action Plan on ESD by mainstreaming ESD into education policies
- Developing educational standards, programmes, curricula and practices
- Developing educational materials to meet curricula needs, including the flagship products Green Pack and Green Pack Junior
- Developing ESD training for teachers connecting the new curricula with the principles of sustainable development
- Organising events on ESD policy reform

Impacts
- Inter-subject topics on sustainable development officially integrated in the Montenegrin school system for all grades
- Partnerships created with ministries of education in Serbia and Kosovo* to integrate sustainable development into educational reforms as part of EU integration, and with EuropeAid in Serbia
- Programme selected as a best practice in the evaluation report “10 years of the UNECE Strategy on ESD, 2005–2015”
- Inclusion of sustainable development concepts into the new Kosovan framework and core curricula officially approved

Local Initiatives for a Sustainable Ukraine (LINK): Citizens Pack

The multimedia tool will integrate the principles of wise energy and resource use and sustainable development into all aspects of education, encouraging changes in knowledge, values and attitudes towards a better society for all.

Activities
- Carrying out a feasibility study and collecting materials
- Developing the country-specific Citizens Pack for the needs of Ukraine with a focus on the target regions
- Launching the Citizens Pack and organising a training programme for primary schools and civil society organisations (CSOs)

Impacts
- Improved understanding of the concept of sustainable development among school teachers, citizens, public administrations and CSOs
- Reinforced understanding of the importance of working at local level to increase citizens’ participation in local solutions
- Further capacity-building, education and awareness-raising initiatives inspired to promote sustainable development at national level

Duration: 2012–2017
Donors: Rockefeller Brothers Fund; Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Kosovo*
Budget: EUR 1.2 million

IN NUMBERS
- 10,000 teachers and staff from 163 schools trained in Serbia
- Approximately 70,000 students reached
- 16,000 teachers trained on ESD methods
- 7 educational tools produced in 6,000 copies

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE
Kosovo* | Montenegro | Serbia

Duration: 2015–2018
Donor: Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment
Budget: EUR 394,250

IN NUMBERS
- 11 regions

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE
Ukraine