Local Initiatives for a Sustainable Ukraine (LINK): Civil Society Support

The LINK CSO component helps civil society organisations to become involved in decision making on local environment and energy issues and supports them to become important drivers of change and development in Ukrainian society.

Activities
- Investing in leaders by supporting the professional growth and development of civil society leaders and organisations
- Investing in knowledge and building capacities on energy security, energy efficiency, advocacy, watchdogging, participation, communication, information technology, and partnership building
- Providing grants to CSOs from LINK target municipalities to implement priority actions on local energy security, energy saving, energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development
- Supporting the exchange of experience and increasing collaboration via forums, study tours and networking

Impacts
- CSO leaders and organisations with enhanced internal capacities enabled to become more influential, creative and innovative in Ukrainian society
- Strengthened CSO capacities for knowledge-based dialogue with local government
- Proactive approach adopted to solving local energy and environmental problems

Duration: 2016–2018
Donor: Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment
Budget: EUR 637,637

IN NUMBERS
- 17 CSOs and 40 CSO leaders involved in the organisational development course
- 5 grants of up to EUR 20,000 awarded to 16 CSOs
- 40 CSO members involved in the Energy Master Class

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE
Ukraine

Support to Establishing and Advancing PRTRs in the Western Balkans and Moldova

The project helps partner countries to initiate discussions on the development of pollutant release and transfer registers (PRTRs), put in place operational PRTRs, and improve the efficiency of existing registers.

Activities
- Facilitating national multi-stakeholder dialogue and regional experience sharing on PRTR development
- Assessing legal, institutional and technical conditions in each country
- Building the capacity of authorities, NGOs and operators on PRTR reporting
- Providing technical assistance for the installation, updating and use of reporting software
- Producing guidance materials on reporting in different sectors
- Transparent decision making on PRTR development and operation with the involvement of NGOs and stakeholders
- Increased awareness and better understanding of PRTR reporting obligations, procedures and practices among authorities, operators and NGOs
- Efficient PRTR systems and regular online reporting in Albania, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Progress achieved in PRTR development in Moldova, including the legal and institutional set-up

Duration: 2015–2017
Donor: German Federal Agency for Environment
Budget: EUR 289,425

IN NUMBERS
- 7 countries
- 20 events
- 500 participants

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE
Western Balkan countries | Moldova

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