SENSE — Supporting Environmental Civil Society Organisations in Serbia

The SENSE programme helps civil society organisations (CSOs) to become involved in decision making on environmental issues, contributing to inclusive governance where decisions are consensus based.

Activities
- Providing grants to support CSO projects in the field of sustainable development
- Improving CSO skills and knowledge on legal recourse/advocacy, lobbying, watchdogging, public participation, gender equality, access to EU funds, and effective communication and public outreach
- Supporting dialogue between the civil and government sectors through consultations and networking
- Promoting CSO participation in decision making on environmental issues
- Building the capacity of media professionals

Impacts
- Strengthened CSO capacities for dialogue with government
- Proactive impact of environmental CSOs on decision making in policy drafting and implementation
- Improved environmental policies, strategic documents and laws, and their improved implementation

SENiOR-A — Support for Environmental Civil Society Organisations in Albania

The project supports CSOs through grants, capacity building, networking and viability assessment, and strengthens cooperation among CSOs and between authorities and civil society.

Activities
- Implementing junior fellowship programmes, organisational viability training, master classes and operational grants
- Improving environmental expertise and building capacities in relation to networking and grants
- Increasing collaboration and exchange via national forums and regional exchange and networking meetings

Impacts
- Transformation of weak organisations into strong, mission-driven, democratic CSOs with a clear focus and long-term sustainability
- Emergence of programme-based CSOs with long-term plans and specialist environmental expertise
- Networks and coalitions established for concrete cooperation on specific environmental topics

IN NUMBERS:
- Approximately 16 projects granted to 60 CSOs
- Total grants budget: EUR 960,000

IN NUMBERS:
- Duration: 2012–2015
- Donor: Government of Sweden
- Budget: EUR 2,246,980

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