

PROJECT INFORMATION

Engaging CSOs from the EECCA region in international environmental issues

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Background

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) works with different stakeholders to support the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 agenda. Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) across the world are key partners to advance environmental governance. However, CSOs from the EECCA and Western Balkans regions have not been very active in environment governance discussions and deliberations, in particular linked to the UN Environment Assembly, due to lack of funds and capacities

Project details

The aim of the project was to support the participation of CSOs of the target region in environmental governance issues, in particular, in the deliberations of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA). CSOs of EECCA and Western Balkan states do not have many opportunities to engage actively in the process. This project helped to create the space and visibility that was needed for civil society from this region to contribute to the deliberations of the Assembly and associated event held in March 2019. UNEP successfully organized a consultation in the margins of the Ministerial Conference on *Innovative Solutions to Pollution in South East and Southern Europe* in December 2018, and provided targeted briefings and updated information on UNEA. This helped increasing the awareness on environmental and business challenges relating to food systems, chemicals and waste, energy and the cross-cutting issues of resource efficiency. The project contributed to increasing the capacities of CSOs in the target countries to deliver on the environmental dimensions of the 2030 agenda.

Beneficiary countries: Countries of the EECCA and Western Balkan

Duration: 02/2019 – 09/2019

Beneficiaries: Civil Society Organisations of the target countries

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