

Annual report

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ECO-TEAM
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

About us

Mission: The mission of the NGO Eco-team is to protect the environment and promote the sustainable use of natural resources through public advocacy in policymaking, education of the public and private sectors, and public engagement in decision-making processes

Vision: Ecological, economic, and social well-being of Montenegrin society

Projects:

The non-governmental organization Eco-team has implemented numerous projects through its three programmes: (i) the environmental protection programme, (ii) the climate and energy programme, and (iii) the youth empowerment programme. Below is an overview of the key activities carried out in 2025 concerning ongoing and completed projects.

Environmental protection programme

Project: Boosting GHG sequestration capacities of the Dinaric karst

This project focuses on the critical conservation and restoration of karst peatland in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro.

In 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- In April 2025, the third educational workshop *“Peatlands – Forgotten Heroes of Nature”* was held at Camp Lad in Virpazar, within Skadar Lake National Park. The workshop brought together 20 students from the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades, along with two teachers from the primary schools “Sutjeska” and “Oktoih” in Podgorica. The workshop was applied “school in nature” approach, through which students, via games and hands-on activities, gained knowledge about the importance of peatlands, their role in water retention and filtration, and their contribution to biodiversity conservation.



Workshop: „Peatlands – Forgotten Heroes of Nature“, Podgorica, April 2025.

- As part of the project, a *Guide for the conservation and sustainable management of the Skadar Lake peatlands* was developed. The Guide represents a key document based on an analysis of the current state, threats, and ecological characteristics of peatlands. It provides an overview of their importance, an assessment of threats such as pollution, tourism, and climate change, as well as recommendations for protection measures, improved management, and the sustainable use of this ecosystem.
- *An analysis of the potential for developing a pilot project for generating carbon credits from peatlands at Skadar Lake and Livanjsko Polje* was conducted. The analysis covered the key steps required for project development, including peatland mapping, carbon stock assessment, and the application of international methodologies. It also provided recommendations on the use of existing certification standards to enhance credibility and unlock financing opportunities for conservation and restoration measures.
- In September 2025, a workshop titled *“Potential for developing a pilot carbon credit scheme through peatland conservation and restoration”* was held at the Science and Technology Park in Podgorica. The workshop brought together 15 representatives of institutions, the private sector, international and national organisations, as well as independent experts. The results of the study on the potential for developing a pilot project were presented, followed by discussions on the opportunities for Montenegro to engage in the carbon credit market, as well as key challenges such as data gaps and the need to strengthen institutional support.



Workshop: „Potential for developing a pilot carbon credit scheme through peatland conservation and restoration“, Podgorica, September 2025.

- In October 2025, a press trip dedicated to the importance of the Skadar Lake peatlands was organised, with the aim of raising public awareness of their role in carbon storage, water regulation, and biodiversity conservation. The activity brought together 11 representatives of leading national media outlets and production companies, who, during a field visit to peatlands in the Virpazar area, had the opportunity to learn more about their significance and vulnerability.



Press trip, Virpazar, October 2025.

- In December 2025, a training titled *“Peatlands of Montenegro: conservation, restoration and potentials”* was held in Podgorica, with the aim of strengthening the knowledge and capacities of relevant stakeholders for the protection and sustainable management of peatlands. During the training, key findings from the recently developed Guide were presented, along with opportunities for developing carbon credit projects, as well as the role of institutions and organisations in enhancing peatland protection.



Workshop: „Peatlands of Montenegro: conservation, restoration and potentials“; Podgorica, December 2025.

Project: Initiative „United for River“

Eco-team, within the framework of the regional "United for rivers" Initiative, led by the global conservation organization The Nature Conservancy, is working on advocating for the protection of the Čehotina, Mrtvica, Morača, and Bistrica rivers (Đalovića gorge).

In 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- Four information days were organised in the streets of Pljevlja (10–13 July 2025), featuring info stands where citizens were informed about the process of protecting the upper course of the Čehotina River. Through direct engagement, views of the local community were also gathered, with a significant level of support expressed for the establishment of a protected area.



Information days, Pljevlja, July 2025.

- Approximately 10 km of fishing trails along the upper course of the Ćehotina River were cleaned and maintained, enhancing access to the river, improving conditions for the sustainable use of the area, and promoting its natural and cultural values. The activity was implemented in cooperation with a local fishing club.



Clearing and maintenance of fishing trails, Pljevlja, May 2025.

- In May 2025, an educational youth camp titled “United for Rivers” was organised along the upper course of the Ćehotina River, with the aim of raising awareness about the importance of river protection, strengthening young people’s connection with nature, and engaging the local community in conservation efforts.



Youth educational camp „United for Rivers“, Pljevlja, May 2025.

- A media award competition for journalists on the protection of the Mrtvica and Ćehotina rivers was organised, encouraging media coverage on the importance of preserving river ecosystems and further increasing the visibility of these issues in the public.
- In June 2025, a field visit to the Mrtvica River was organised for representatives of institutions, the diplomatic corps, the media, and civil society, with the aim of showcasing the river's natural values and the challenges related to its protection.



Field visit to the Mrtvica River , Kolašin, June 2025.

- An analysis of the potential for the sustainable valorisation of the future protected areas of the Mrtvica and Morača rivers was conducted, in the context of ecotourism development and rural development.
- A social media campaign was carried out, accompanied by the distribution of promotional materials, reaching a total of approximately 222,000 people on Facebook and Instagram. As part of the campaign, four videos about the Mrtvica River were produced, along with an educational video on the importance of protecting the upper course of the Ćehotina River, which was broadcast on local television and further contributed to raising public awareness about the importance of preserving river ecosystems.
- Throughout the year, public advocacy activities were carried out, alongside cooperation with local authorities, state institutions, civil society organisations, and the media, as well as social media campaigns and the distribution of promotional materials. These efforts further enhanced visibility and support for river protection processes in Montenegro.

Project: Three River Guardians

The main goal of the project is to support the manager of the protected area “Đalovića Gorge.”

During 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- During 2025, the key focus was on the establishment and operationalisation of the Agency for the management of natural assets of the municipality of Bijelo Polje. Following the completion of the necessary legal and administrative procedures, the Agency was officially registered and became operational on 25 July 2025.
- An Executive Director was appointed, key internal acts were adopted, and initial activities to establish the protected area management system were launched. Eco-team provided continuous expert and technical support throughout the establishment process and additionally secured 88.500 € in funding for the Agency’s first year of operation.
- In parallel, preparations for the development of the management plan were initiated, along with efforts to strengthen capacities for monitoring and managing protected areas within the territory of the Municipality of Bijelo Polje.

Project: Identification and prioritisation of barriers suitable for removal in the tributaries of Lake Skadar

The goal of the project is to enable the removal of barriers in the tributaries of Lake Skadar, restore river connectivity, and improve ecological status, thereby contributing to the long-term protection of biodiversity and the sustainable management of freshwater ecosystems.

- During 2025, key activities were carried out to identify and analyse small dams and other barriers in the tributaries of Lake Skadar. An introductory roundtable was organised with representatives of relevant institutions and local authorities, formally presenting the project and securing institutional support for its implementation.



Round table: Identification and prioritisation of barriers suitable for removal in the tributaries of Lake Skadar, Podgorica, May 2025.

- A field inventory of barriers was conducted across several tributaries of Lake Skadar, resulting in the identification and documentation of over 80 barriers, including the collection of GPS data, photographs, and assessments of their condition. These data represent the first comprehensive database on hydromorphological pressures in this basin and provide a foundation for further ecological and socio-economic analysis.
- The Guideline for the removal of obsolete barriers in the tributaries of Lake Skadar was developed, providing a clear legal and procedural framework for planning and implementing barrier removal in Montenegro.
- As part of the awareness-raising campaign, informational leaflets and two video materials were produced—an animation on the importance of free-flowing rivers and a documentary video on the results of the fieldwork, which was premiered within the International day of action for Rivers, further increasing the visibility of river ecosystem restoration.

Project: Preparatory activities for the removal of a barrier on the Glisnica River

The goal of the project is to establish ecological, social, technical, and legal preconditions for the removal of the barrier from the Glisnica River.

During 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- A Feasibility Study for the removal of the barrier on the Glisnica River was developed, covering a technical assessment of the structure, an estimation of removal costs, and a legal review of ownership.
- A Baseline Biodiversity Study was conducted, including field surveys of fish (ichthyofauna), macroinvertebrates, amphibians, flora, and Natura 2000 habitats.
- Guidelines for the removal of the barrier on the Glisnica River were developed, providing technical and ecological recommendations for safe removal and site restoration.
- A stakeholder mapping and engagement process was carried out, including meetings with the Municipality of Pljevlja, the water inspection authority, the local community, and the fishing club SRK "Lipljen."
- An educational brochure titled *"The importance of barrier removal for nature and people"* was developed and printed and used during meetings and consultations.
- A formal initiative requesting an inspection was submitted to the Water Inspection of the Municipality of Pljevlja, initiating administrative proceedings for the removal of the illegal barrier.

Climate and energy programme

Project: Supporting and facilitating a just and sustainable transition for the Pljevlja region

The main goal of the project is to support and facilitate a just and sustainable transition of the Pljevlja region from coal dependency to a green, low-carbon economy.

During 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- Active participation in the public consultation on the Draft National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), including the submission of comprehensive comments to the Ministry of Energy and Mining, with a particular focus on the need to develop a Just Transition Plan for Pljevlja.
- The inclusion of a measure to develop a Just Transition Plan in the final version of the NECP was initiated, along with measures to establish Renewable Acceleration Areas (RAA).
- A meeting was held with the Minister of Energy and State Secretaries, where key requests related to just transition and energy policy were presented.
- A workshop was organised with members of the Just Transition Platform, including the participation of young people from Pljevlja, to strengthen dialogue and define priorities for the establishment of a Just Transition Fund.
- Preparations for a public campaign and petition advocating the establishment of a Just Transition Fund were initiated.
- Continuous engagement in media and public advocacy on issues related to decarbonisation, the operation of the Pljevlja Thermal Power Plant, and the socio-economic aspects of the transition.
- Active monitoring of legislative and strategic processes, including the adoption of the Law on Climate Change and other relevant documents.
- In November, a workshop was held in Pljevlja with members of the local Just transition platform, including representatives of political parties, civil society organisations, experts, citizens, and the local government. During the workshop, a petition for the establishment of a dedicated Just Transition funding programme was presented, and a dialogue was initiated on its key demands and priorities. Participants shared their views on employment, reskilling, environmental remediation, and the development of alternative economic sectors. The collected comments and recommendations were incorporated into the final version of the petition, further strengthening its legitimacy and alignment with local priorities.



The workshop with the members of the local Just transition platform, Pljevlja, November 2025.

Project: Through energy transition to the accelerated economic and ecological development of Montenegro

The goal of the project is to accelerate the decarbonisation process in Montenegro through advocacy and participation in the development of a Just Transition Plan for the Pljevlja region, while simultaneously enhancing public awareness and understanding of just transition principles.

During 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- A conference titled *“Decarbonisation and Just transition – How is Montenegro responding to the set targets?”* was organised in March 2025 in Podgorica. The aim of the conference was to open a dialogue on progress achieved in the field of just transition, challenges related to financing the transition process, the protection of workers, and the future economic development of Pljevlja as the only coal-dependent region in Montenegro.



Conference: „Decarbonisation and Just transition – How is Montenegro responding to the set targets?“, Podgorica, March 2025.

Project: Generate

The goal of the project is to identify social, spatial, and political inequalities that lead to energy injustice, as well as initiatives related to the growth of low-carbon production in less developed regions and communities.

During 2025, the following activities were carried out:

A workshop titled “Gvozd wind farm as case study of energy transition” was held in October 2025 at the Innovation and entrepreneurship center Tehnopolis in Nikšić, with the aim of opening a dialogue on energy transition in Montenegro through the example of this project.



Workshop: "Gvozd wind farm as case study of energy transition", Nikšić, October 2025.

Project: Linking climate action and social justice: A just transition for Pljevlja

The objective of the project is to contribute to a just and inclusive energy transition in Montenegro by raising public awareness, actively engaging citizens, and advocating for the establishment of a national Just Transition Fund in line with the needs of affected communities.

During 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- An initiative for the establishment of a Just Transition Fund was prepared and developed through the drafting and planning of a national petition advocating the creation of a dedicated financial mechanism within the Eco-Fund to support workers, local businesses, and the community in Pljevlja.
- A consultative meeting was held in Pljevlja with representatives of the local government, civil society organisations, and other stakeholders, during which the

objectives and priorities of the future petition were presented, and comments and recommendations for its improvement were collected.

- A multimedia awareness-raising campaign on just transition and climate justice was launched, including the production of video and animated materials that explain the socio-economic challenges of the transition in a coal-dependent region in an accessible way.

Project: Development of a national study on optimal locations for solar and wind power – Montenegro Energy Growth and Acceleration (MEGA)

The MEGA project was launched in October 2024 and continued throughout 2025, with the aim of mapping high-priority areas for the development of solar and wind power projects that, in addition to having strong development potential, also have the least negative impact on natural and social values.

During 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- Constraint maps were developed, excluding all locations unsuitable for solar and wind energy development due to legal, biophysical, infrastructural, and economic limitations.
- Development potential maps were produced, identifying and mapping locations where the development of solar and wind energy projects are economically feasible based on resource availability. The maps were developed using solar irradiation data for solar energy and wind speed and consistency data for wind energy.

Conflict maps were developed for locations that were not excluded in the previous steps. Evaluation of the level of conflict for each criterion is carried out independently of the other criteria. The scoring is defined based on the type of available data, the importance of the data and experiences from renewable energy project development in Montenegro, the region and the EU. Conflict-level scores are separately assigned to the zones on the map for each criterion, using a scale from 0 to 5.

- Resulting maps were produced by combining the identified zones with a low level of conflict for the development of solar and wind power projects with the corresponding maps of technically available potential.
- The MEGA study also included an analysis of the potential for utilising solar energy in degraded areas, so-called brownfield sites.
- In three Montenegrin municipalities (Cetinje, Nikšić, and Pljevlja), a new approach was tested for the first time - a Public Participation GIS (PPGIS) tool developed to

collect spatial input from citizens. Workshops were organised separately in each municipality to gather spatial and descriptive data for predefined groups of social values, which were then used to validate the results of the conflict mapping.



Workshop with the local community in the municipality of Nikšić as part of the PPGIS process, Nikšić, Septembar 2025.

Project: Green Agenda Navigator - Empowering civil society to support development of climate-neutral and climate-resilient economies in the Western Balkans

The goal of the project is to empower the capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs), support regional cooperation, and create opportunities for their engagement in decision-making and policy-making processes within the framework of the Green Agenda

During 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- A report on the implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans in Montenegro was developed. The report assesses the current level of progress in the preparation and implementation of national legislation, provides an overview of the institutional framework and administrative capacities, stakeholder participation, financing, and other relevant aspects in the areas of decarbonisation (climate and

clean energy) and biodiversity, and concludes with key findings and recommendations to address the identified challenges.

- A conference titled “Montenegro on the path to achieving climate and energy targets and nature protection” was held in December in Podgorica, with the aim of opening a multi-stakeholder dialogue on challenges related to the recently introduced Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), as well as on challenges in nature protection in Montenegro.



Conference „Montenegro on the path to achieving climate and energy targets and nature protection“, Podgorica, Decembar 2025.

Project: From Brownfields to Green Energy: Enabling Just Transition for Net-Zero Industries

The objective of the project is to foster institutional cooperation among relevant stakeholders and set the foundations for future projects and initiatives aimed at the redevelopment and sustainable valorisation of brownfield sites in Montenegro.

During 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- An Advisory Committee was established, composed of key stakeholders, enabling institutional cooperation and setting the foundation for an integrated approach to the valorisation of brownfield sites in Montenegro.
- The first meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on 17 April in Podgorica, during which the members of the Committee were introduced, along with the methodological approach that will use for preparing the report with recommendations for the redevelopment of brownfield sites in Montenegro. In addition, views were exchanged and a discussion was initiated on possible models for the valorisation of these areas in Montenegro.
- A Report with recommendations for the redevelopment of brownfield sites in Montenegro was prepared. The report provides an overview of the strategic and financial framework for the revalorization and reuse of brownfield sites in the European Union. It analyses relevant strategic and spatial planning documents for the redevelopment of brownfield locations in Montenegro, as well as financial and investment frameworks, regulations, and mechanisms, including investment incentives and tax reliefs, with the aim of identifying both incentives and barriers to their reuse. It also examines activities undertaken by the municipalities of Nikšić and Pljevlja, as key industrial centers in Montenegro, in relation to brownfield redevelopment, with a particular focus on municipal development plans and key companies, including the Electric Power Company of Montenegro and the Pljevlja Coal Mine. Finally, recommendations were developed to improve the regulatory, infrastructural, and financial framework, with the aim of fostering the development of a green economy and sustainable technologies in these areas.
- A roundtable titled “Revalorisation of brownfield sites in Montenegro: challenges and opportunities” was held on 17 December in Podgorica, with the aim of opening a discussion among relevant stakeholders on the challenges of redevelopment and valorising brownfield sites in Montenegro. The event was also used to present the findings of the report, and it included a panel discussion with representatives of the business sector, academia, and civil society.

- An informative and educational video was produced with the aim of visually presenting the findings of the report.



Round table „Revalorisation of brownfield sites in Montenegro: challenges and opportunities“, Podgorica, December, 2025.

The youth empowerment programme

Project: Sunny schools

The goal of the project is to support the implementation of two pilot initiatives in public institutions – schools, focused on the installation of rooftop photovoltaic systems for electricity generation. In this way, the project supports educational institutions by reducing electricity costs and fostering greater autonomy through decreased energy dependence

During 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- Consultations were conducted with the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation to define clear procedures for the selection of schools for the installation of rooftop photovoltaic (PV) systems.
- A technical assessment report was prepared, and an evaluation of the technical and infrastructural capacities for the installation of rooftop photovoltaic (PV) systems was carried out in the schools previously selected to receive the donation.
- An analysis of the legal framework for retaining savings generated by the operation of the photovoltaic system within school budgets was conducted, followed by the preparation of Donation Agreements for the Primary school “Oktoih” and the Public Institution Resource Center for Education and Training “June 1”
- A single tender procedure was conducted, and an EPC company was engaged to carry out and supervise the installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems on the roofs of the selected institutions.
- The educational programme “Sunny Schools” was developed, encompassing multiple educational modules aimed at improving climate and energy literacy among students of the Primary school “Oktoih”.
- In total, four educational workshops were conducted at the Primary school “Oktoih” to support the implementation of the educational programme.



Realization of the educational programme „Sunny schools“ at Primary school „Oktoih“, Podgorica, December, 2025.

- All legal procedures prescribed by the Distribution System Operator (CEDIS) were fulfilled in order to enable the grid connection and commissioning of rooftop photovoltaic (PV) systems installed on the school rooftops.
- Two informational and educational videos were produced to visually present the installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems. In addition to showcasing the installation process, the videos included statements from representatives of two educational institutions, as well as students of the Primary school “Oktoih”, highlighting the benefits of installing photovoltaic (PV) systems.

Project: We grow with the flow - Youth for rivers

The goal of the project is to contribute to the preservation of rivers in rural communities in Kosovo, North Macedonia, and Montenegro, and to encourage young people from these communities to engage more proactively in social processes and contribute to river protection through various environmental initiatives.

During 2025, the following activities were carried out:

- In April, a preparatory meeting of the project team was held in Podgorica, with the aim of detailed planning of project activities, division of responsibilities, and other aspects important for effective project management and the efficient achievement of project goals.
- In September, a cross-border training was held in Mavrovo National Park in North Macedonia, bringing together young people aged 14–17 from Kosovo, North Macedonia, and Montenegro. During five working days, participants enhanced their knowledge and skills in river protection, as well as their capacities for active engagement in social processes.



Cross-border training in National park „Mavrovo“, North Macedonia, September, 2025.

Project: Panda Labs Achievers: Youth for a Just Energy Transition (PLAY JET)

The goal of the project is to enhance the knowledge of young people aged 14–17 from Bulgaria, Serbia, North Macedonia, and Montenegro in the field of climate change and the challenges of a just transition in coal regions, as well as to strengthen their capacities for more active engagement in social processes aimed at developing policies to address the use of fossil fuels (coal).

During 2025, the final activities of the project were implemented, among which the following stand out:

In February, a regional conference was held in Pernik, Bulgaria, which, among others, brought together young people from Montenegro, including participants from the coal region of Pljevlja.



Regional conference „Play – Jet“, Pernik – Bulgaria, February, 2025.

- A roundtable titled “Dialogue with youth for more active participation of young people in social processes” was organized in May in Pljevlja, with the aim of highlighting the development potential of the municipality of Pljevlja from the perspective of young people, as well as identifying barriers affecting their more active involvement in local processes relevant to the further development of the municipality.



Round table „Dialogue with youth for more active participation of young people in social processes“, Pljevlja, May, 2025.

- A report on just transition policies, incorporating recommendations from young people, was developed.

Membership in working groups

The NGO Eco-team was a member of the following working bodies during 2025:

- Member of the Working Group for the preparation of the Law on Sustainable Development;
- Member of the Working Group for the preparation of the National Climate and Energy Plan;
- Member of the Working Group for the preparation of the Law on Protection from the Negative Impacts of Climate Change and Ozone Layer Protection;
- Member of the Negotiation Working Group for Chapter 15 – Energy.

Project in 2025.

Project: Boosting GHG sequestration capacities of the Dinaric karst

Implementation period: 01.12.2023. - 28.02.2026.

Partners: Udruga Dinarica

Donor: The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMWK) launched the European Climate Initiative (EUKI)

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 162.913,8 €

Total approved fund (EUR): 485.839,55 €

Project: Initiative „United for River“

Implementation period: 01.01.2024. - 31.12.2024.

Partners: /

Donor: The Nature Conservancy

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 51.700,00 €

Project: Development of a national study on optimal locations for solar and wind power – Montenegro Energy Growth and Acceleration (MEGA)

Implementation period: 30.01.2024. - 31.01.2027.

Partners: /

Donor: The Nature Conservancy

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 40.616,00 €

Project: Generate

Implementation period: 01.07.2024. - 01.06.2029.

Partners: /

Donor: United Kingdom Research and Innovation Institute (UKRI) under the Horizon Europe funding scheme

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 34.000,00 €

Project: Panda Labs Achievers: Youth for a Just Energy Transition (PLAY JET)

Implementation period: 01.10.2023 – 31.05.2025

Partners: Junior Achievement Bulgaria and Junior Achievement Macedonia, WWF Bugarska, WWF Adria Serbia

Donor: Erasmus + programme with co-financing from the Ministry of Public Administration of Montenegro

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 75.627,60 €

Total approved fund (EUR): 400.000,00 €

Project: Three River Guardians

Implementation period: 13.01.2025. - 15.08.2026.

Partners: /

Donor: The Nature Conservancy

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 98.500,00 €

Project: Identification and prioritisation of barriers suitable for removal in the tributaries of Lake Skadar

Implementation period: 01.05.2025. – 31.03.2026.

Partners: /

Donor: Open Rivers Programme

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 54.050,00 €

Project: Preparatory activities for the removal of a barrier on the Glisnica River

Implementation period: 01.09.2024. – 30.05.2025.

Partners: /

Donor: Open Rivers Programme

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 47.400,00 €

Project: Supporting and facilitating a just and sustainable transition for the Pljevlja region

Implementation period: 01.04.2025 – 31.03.2026.

Partners: /

Donor: European Climate Foundation

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 26.000,00 €

Project: Through energy transition to the accelerated economic and ecological development of Montenegro

Implementation period: 01.04.2024 – 31.03.2025.

Partners: /

Donor: European Climate Foundation

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 28.692,00 €

Project: Linking climate action and social justice: A just transition for Pljevlja

Implementation period: 01.09.2025 – 31.03.2026.

Partners: /

Donor: European Climate Foundation

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 10.000,00 €

Project: Green Agenda Navigator - Empowering civil society to support development of climate-neutral and climate-resilient economies in the Western Balkans

Implementation period: 01.12.2024 – 31.05.2027.

Partners: Belgrade Open School, Aarhus Center from Bosnia and Hercegovina, Eco-Z from Kosovo, Eko-svest from North Macedonia, Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment from Albania, and CEE Bankwatch

Donor: Evropska komisija

Total approved fund (EUR): 750.000.00 €

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 34.710,80 €

Project: From Brownfields to Green Energy: Enabling Just Transition for Net-Zero Industries

Implementation period: 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025.

Partners: Eko-svest Sjeverna Makedonija

Donor: Open Society Foundation Western Balkan

Total approved fund (USD): 40.000.00 \$

Total approved fund Eco-team (USD): 20.000,00 \$

Project: Sunny schools

Implementation period: 01.06.2025 – 31.01.2026.

Partners: /

Donor: Open Society Foundation Western Balkan

Total approved fund Eco-team (USD): 64.889,33 \$

Project: We grow with the flow - Youth for rivers

Implementation period: 01.05.2025 – 31.07.2026.

Partners: GAIA from Kosovo and Eko-svest from North Macedonia

Donor: ALDA Europe

Total approved fund: 58.373,00 €

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 11.336,00 €

Publications in 2025:

- Guide for the conservation and sustainable management of the Skadar Lake peatlands;
- An analysis of the potential for developing a pilot project for generating carbon credits from peatlands at Skadar Lake and Livanjsko Polje;
- Guideline for the removal of obsolete barriers in the tributaries of Lake Skadar;
- Feasibility Study for the removal of the barrier on the Glisnica River;
- Educational brochure “ The importance of barrier removal for nature and people ”;
- Report on the implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans in Montenegro;
- Report with recommendations for the redevelopment of brownfield sites in Montenegro;
- Report on just transition policies, incorporating recommendations from young people;

Video materials in 2025:

- Video on the importance of peatlands

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IeeauptRBM4>

- Video on the importance of removing obsolete barriers and river restoration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGJdYVALhGk>

Video guide on engaging local communities in the smart planning of solar and wind power projects

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_gtBqZ8DONM

- Video documenting barriers on the tributaries of Lake Skadar

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwm_v_QpiW8

- Videos showcasing the benefits of installing solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on school rooftops

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qhPkHibZOo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfaOidpUuho&t=1s>

- Video explaining what brownfield sites are

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMUCeidhUk&t=7s>

- Video highlighting the absence of conflicts between the planned Nature Park “Upper Course of the Ćehotina River” and the planned exploitation of mineral resources, as well as other interests of the local community

<https://www.facebook.com/ecoteammne/videos/24006517642301659>

- Video presenting the MEGA project and its approach to the smart siting of solar and wind energy projects

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=td_AaNy_5Xg

Eco-team in media in 2024:

A total of 223 media articles were published, along with 21 guest appearances in TV shows.

Eco-team is a proud member of the following networks:

Youth network of Montenegro

The network is an umbrella organization for youth, bringing together youth organizations, organizations working with and for young people, as well as youth alliances and unions from Montenegro.

Youth for exchange and understanding (YEU)

The "Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)" network was founded in Strasbourg in 1986 by a group of 120 young people from 11 different countries. In 1989, it was recognized as a member of the European Coordination Bureau (E.C.B.). Today, it is a member of the European Youth Forum, an independent platform for international non-governmental youth organizations (INGYOs) and national youth councils (NYCs) across Europe.

Young people from over 30 countries across Europe and Africa participate in its activities. As an international network, YEU serves as a liaison with institutions and partners in the youth sector.

Beyond Fossil Fuels (BFF)

Beyond Fossil Fuels (BFF) is a Europe-wide coalition of civil society organisations working to accelerate a just transition to a fossil-free, renewables-based European power sector by 2035. Building on the legacy of the Europe Beyond Coal campaign, BFF supports and coordinates advocacy across Europe (including the EU and neighboring regions such as the Western Balkans, the UK and others) to end coal and fossil gas in electricity generation, scale up wind and solar, and advance policies that deliver a clean, affordable and nature-friendly energy system.