

# Annual report

2024

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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 2024 concerning ongoing and completed projects.

### **Environmental protection programme**

#### ***Project: Towards Biodiversity Conservation and Strengthening Protected Area management of Cijevna River***

The aim of the project is to preserve biodiversity and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources of the Cijevna river by improving the management of the protected area.

In 2024, the following activities were carried out:

- A public awareness campaign informing citizens about the values of the Cijevna River canyon was conducted through social media. Previously developed short informational and educational videos about plant and animal species, as well as other specific features of the "Cijevna Canyon" Natural Monument, along with visual materials based on the findings of a socio-economic analysis, were published on Eco-team's social media platforms. The goal was to inform and raise public awareness about the canyon's values and the importance of establishing effective protection for this area.
- The developed video materials are presented in the chapter "Video Materials in 2024" at the end of the annual report.

#### ***Project: Decreasing illegal natural resources exploitation***

The goal of the project is to reduce corruption in the exploitation of natural resources by improving criminal policy in the protection of natural resources, promoting transparency in the work of government institutions, and raising awareness and promoting activism among citizens and youth.

In 2024, the following activities were carried out:

- An Analysis of criminal liability in the field of illegal exploitation of natural resources was developed. This document analyzed the rulings of nine basic courts in Montenegro to determine the type and frequency of criminal acts related to environmental protection and to assess the criminal policies of the targeted courts in this area.

- To support the analysis, a series of interviews were conducted with representatives from judicial, prosecutorial, and public authorities. The goal of these interviews was to gather opinions on the quality of criminal policies related to the protection of natural resources and to identify challenges and problems faced by these institutions when carrying out activities related to the protection of natural resources.

***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 2024, the following activities were carried out:

- From 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024, two educational workshops titled "Peatland – The forgotten heroes of nature" were held, with 50 students and four teachers from Primary Schools Sutjeska and Oktoih from Podgorica participating. The educational workshops promoted a learning approach known as "schools in nature," where children acquire new knowledge and skills through play and in an enjoyable way.
- On 1<sup>st</sup> October, in Podgorica, Eco-team organized a workshop titled "Sustainable approaches to peatland conservation and restoration in Montenegro: Understanding, development, and collaboration." The focus of the workshop was on understanding the significance of peatland and the potential for creating business opportunities through their protection. The workshop brought together representatives of local communities, experts, NGOs, and the private sector.



*Workshop: "Sustainable approaches to peatland conservation and restoration in Montenegro: Understanding, development and collaboration", Podgorica, October 2024*

- From May to October, the Eco-team, in collaboration with the Dinarica Association and with expert support from an education specialist, organized six online training sessions for teachers from Primary Schools Sutjeska and Oktoih in Podgorica. Six teachers from the two schools participated in the training. The following topics were covered during the sessions:
  - Introduction to the project and experiential learning
  - Peatland – ecological significance and values
  - Peatland and climate change
  - Learning through play
  - Active citizen participation and evaluation of outdoor workshops
  - Active citizen participation – sharing experiences and mentorship
  
- In collaboration with the Dinarica Association, a manual for discovering peatland through play and exploration was developed. The manual is intended for subject teachers in primary schools and their students in key peat regions, Livanjsko Polje in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Lake Skadar in Montenegro. The goal of this manual is not only to educate one generation of students but also to design tools that would make education on the peatland, climate change, and the role of peatlands in mitigating climate change sustainable for future generations.

- A series of educational video materials about the peatlands of Lake Skadar and Livanjsko Polje were developed. The developed videos are presented in the chapter "Video Materials in 2024" at the end of the annual report.

***Project: Barrier removal, The Cijevna River, Montenegro***

The goal of the project is to improve the ecological status of the Cijevna River.

- The Eco-team, in collaboration with the Water Directorate, initiated the removal of the illegal barrier from the Cijevna riverbed with the aim of improving hydromorphological and ecological conditions, which would enhance the status of salmonid fish species.
- A report on the removal of the barrier was prepared, and permission for the removal was obtained from the water inspection. However, the removal of the barrier did not take place due to resistance from local residents.



*The barrier on the Cijevna river, Tuzi, April 2024*

***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 Ćehotina, Mrtvica, Morača, and Bistrica rivers (Đalovića gorge).

In 2024, the following activities were carried out:

- A Capacity building plan for protected areas in Montenegro was prepared. This plan is defined as a comprehensive set of strategies and activities aimed at strengthening the individual, institutional, and societal capacities needed to create a representative and functional network of protected areas. The goal of this plan is to address critical weaknesses in management, confront key threats to protected areas, and improve the supportive environment within the protected area system.
- A Guide on sustainable tourism and visitor management and pressure in Đalovića Gorge was prepared. This document outlines the path for the protected area of the Đalovića Gorge Natural Monument toward its bright future, ensuring that tourism, chosen as a driver of sustainable development, supports the proclaimed protection of its natural values. The tourism offers, as a long-term brand, aim to be recognized and selected in the market as sustainable and responsible.
- A Fly-fishing school for young people from the Pljevlja Municipality was organized in June. The school was attended by 10 participants. The educational program included both theoretical and practical lessons. On the final day of the program, a competition was held for the young participants. During the event, the top 5 participants received basic fly-fishing equipment, while the remaining participants were awarded consolation prizes.





*Fly-fishing school participants, Pljevlja, June 2024.*

- In March 2024, the Bijelo Polje Municipal Assembly, at the initiative of Eco-team, adopted a decision to protect the upper course of the Bistrica River (Đalovića Gorge). As a result, approximately 400 hectares of this area were protected.
- In December 2024, the Bijelo Polje Municipal Assembly adopted a decision to establish the Agency for Natural Resource Management of Bijelo Polje. This decision was made with the support of Eco-team and TNC.
- Throughout 2024, the Eco-team carried out a series of advocacy activities and collaborations with institutions aimed at protecting rivers and natural resources. Meetings were held with the mayors of the municipalities of Pljevlja, Kolašin, and Bijelo Polje, with the greatest progress made in Bijelo Polje and Kolašin. However, the municipality of Pljevlja showed insufficient readiness to cooperate, and the focus of advocacy work was redirected to the Spatial Plan of Montenegro to institutionalize the protection of the Čehotina river.



## **Climate and energy programme**

### ***Project: Steps toward a just transition in the Pljevlja region***

Project Goal is to ensure a safe and stable future for Pljevlja through a well-planned, transparent, and inclusive process of a just transition.

In 2024, the following activities were carried out:

- A document titled "Analysis of transitional challenges, the impact of transition on a climate-neutral economy," including social, economic, and environmental protection dimensions, was developed. The analysis identified and described the social, economic, and ecological impacts of the transition to a low-carbon economy. The findings of the analysis were shared with the Office for Sustainable Development to be used in the creation of the Just Transition Plan. Furthermore, the findings were used as materials to prepare training for less developed CSOs from Pljevlja to enhance the knowledge and capacity of local civil society organizations. Finally, the analysis findings were used as a foundation for the implementation of an evidence-based public campaign aimed at informing and raising public awareness.
- Research in the form of in-depth interviews with employees at the Coal Mine and Thermal Power Plant was completed in 2024. The target group for the research were employees at the coal mine and thermal power plant; however, during the research, the focus was placed on women as one of the most vulnerable categories in the process of a just transition. The research was conducted to gather data on the employees' views regarding the just transition of the Pljevlja region. The results of the in-depth interviews were used for the same purpose as the findings of the Analysis of transitional challenges, the impact of the transition to a climate-neutral economy, including the social, economic, and environmental protection dimensions.
- In May, a training session was organized for representatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) from Pljevlja, with the aim of strengthening the capacity and knowledge of CSOs regarding the just transition. During the training, the findings of the Analysis of transitional challenges, the impact of the transition to a climate-neutral economy, including the social, economic, and environmental protection dimensions, as well as the results of in-depth interviews with employees at the coal mine and thermal power plant, were presented. Throughout the training, attendees had the opportunity to learn about Montenegro's status in terms of EU integration and its obligations under the energy and climate package. Additionally, training participants were provided with educational materials on the just transition, which had been previously developed.



*Training for representatives of civil society organizations from Pljevlja, Pljevlja, May 2024.*

- In April, an educational brochure on just transition was developed. The brochure included all relevant facts about just transition and the importance of its implementation. The text of the brochure was simplified in terms of language and style, clearly presenting abstract information related to just transition, ensuring readability and comprehensibility of the content.
- A Conference titled "From vision to reality: Just transition of Pljevlja Municipality - What next?" was organized in Pljevlja in July. The conference brought together key stakeholders from the fields of energy, sustainable development, local communities, and the economy. The discussion, aimed at exchanging ideas, experiences, and strategies for the just transition of Pljevlja municipality, was facilitated through three panels: panel (i): Just transition from the coal region perspective, panel (ii): Economic challenges and development opportunities in just transition, panel (iii): How to finance just transition and sustainable initiatives.



*Conference "From vision to reality: Just transition of Pljevlja Municipality - What next?", Pljevlja, July 2024.*

- A public awareness campaign aimed at informing and raising awareness among the public in Pljevlja was conducted through social media and continuous media engagement, including press releases and media appearances. The campaign included the production of visual products, such as short videos, animations, and static visuals, to promote the importance of timely planning for the just transition, women's entrepreneurship, and the results of the in-depth interviews. During the public campaign, digital marketing tools were used to increase the campaign's visibility.

The developed videos are presented in the "Video Materials in 2024" section at the end of the annual report.

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

The goal of the project is to contribute to the creation of public policies for faster decarbonization and energy transition in Montenegro.

In 2024, the following activities were carried out:

- In February, a film on air pollution was produced and shared via social media. The film, titled "Voice for Clean Air," was not only a call to action but also a reminder to local and national authorities of their responsibility to their citizens. The film urges relevant authorities to take concrete steps toward preserving the environment and the well-being of citizens.
- In March, a conference titled "Energy transition in Montenegro: Achievements, vision, and perspective of a sustainable energy future for Montenegro" was organized. The conference focused on discussions about key aspects of the energy transition, with particular emphasis on the impact of CO2 charges and the implementation of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) on Montenegro's energy sector. Additionally, special attention was given to just transition and the social dimension of the transition, exploring how to ensure that the energy transformation is inclusive and fair for all citizens. The conference brought together experts, decision-makers, civil society representatives, and the business community to collectively address the challenges and opportunities that the energy transition presents.



*Conference: "Energy transition in Montenegro: Achievements, vision, and perspective of a sustainable energy future for Montenegro," Podgorica, March 2024.*

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

The aim of the project is to accelerate the decarbonization process in Montenegro through participation in the development of the Just transition plan for the Pljevlja region and to raise public awareness and understanding of the principles of a just transition.

In 2024, the following activities were carried out:

- In July, a workshop was held in Pljevlja where representatives of the Pljevlja Municipality, EPCG, Pljevlja Power Plant, Coal Mine, NGOs, and media exchanged views on the process of a just transition in the Pljevlja region. The discussion focused on the initiative to develop the Just Transition Plan, defining specific recommendations, and identifying issues related to the development of economic activities. These recommendations will serve as important inputs for decision-makers in preparing the final Just Transition Plan.
- In September, with the support of the Just Transition Platform, an initiative was submitted to the Government of Montenegro for the preparation of a Just Transition Plan in line with EU practices.



- In October, an initiative was submitted to the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, and Northern Development, and the Eco-fund for the establishment of a dedicated fund for Just Transition within the Eco-fund.
- An educational brochure on the Just Transition was developed. The brochure contains all the relevant information about the just transition, its importance, and clearly defines the concept and goals of the Just Transition.
- An analysis was developed, identifying the key challenges faced by the Pljevlja region in the context of a Just Transition, as well as the ways in which the transition could contribute to the socio-economic development of Pljevlja. The analysis covered potential economic benefits, including the creation of new jobs and the development of new industries. It also highlighted the possible risks of delays in this process. This analysis serves as the foundation for further activities aimed at motivating decision-makers to initiate the preparation of the Just Transition Plan.

***Project: Through decarbonization to a sustainable and stable power system of Montenegro***

- In Educational material on Just Transition was successfully developed in the form of a brochure. The brochure contains clear and simplified information about just transition, its significance, and its benefits for the community, economy, and environment. The brochure was designed, printed, and distributed to the citizens of Pljevlja. This material increased awareness about the importance of just transition and its potential positive effects.
- A public information campaign on just transition was conducted. The campaign used static visuals and videos to highlight the benefits of the Just transition for the economy, social aspects, and the environment. The content of the campaign was distributed through social media, ensuring maximum visibility and engagement from the wider community. The campaign effectively raised awareness among citizens, increasing their support and participation in Just transition activities.
- A workshop was held with members of the Just transition platform. During the workshop, opinions were exchanged on the Just transition process in Pljevlja, and the preparation of a positioning document and specific recommendations for its development were discussed. The workshop emphasized key socio-economic

challenges and ecological issues, highlighting the urgent need for the creation of a comprehensive Just transition plan.



*Meeting of the just transition platform, Pljevlja, June 2024.*

- A position document on just transition has been prepared. This document advocates for urgent action regarding the development of the Just Transition Plan, addressing socio-economic challenges in Pljevlja such as migration, limited employment opportunities, environmental degradation, and poor air quality. The position document has been shared with the Working group for just transition and the National council for sustainable development to influence decision-makers and promote the development of a sustainable and just transition plan for the region.
- Projects related to coal exploitation in the municipality of Pljevlja have been monitored, with a focus on the risks associated with opening new mines. Reports have been prepared documenting these activities and assessing the ecological and health impacts of coal mining.

***Project: Support towards accelerating renewable energy deployment in the Municipality of Nikšić in Montenegro***

The goal of the project is to accelerate the implementation of renewable energy in the municipality of Nikšić.

During 2024, the following activities were carried out:

- The expert team finalized the preparation of the study "Mapping the potential of solar and wind energy in the municipality of Nikšić."
- In February, a panel discussion was organized in Podgorica where the results of the study "Mapping the potential of solar and wind energy in the municipality of Nikšić" were presented. This event brought together experts and leaders in the field of renewable energy sources, who exchanged opinions and views on the challenges and opportunities for the development of renewable energy in Montenegro. The panel presented developed low-conflict scenarios and mapped areas and locations with the highest potential for the development of solar and wind power plants, with minimal ecological and social impact.



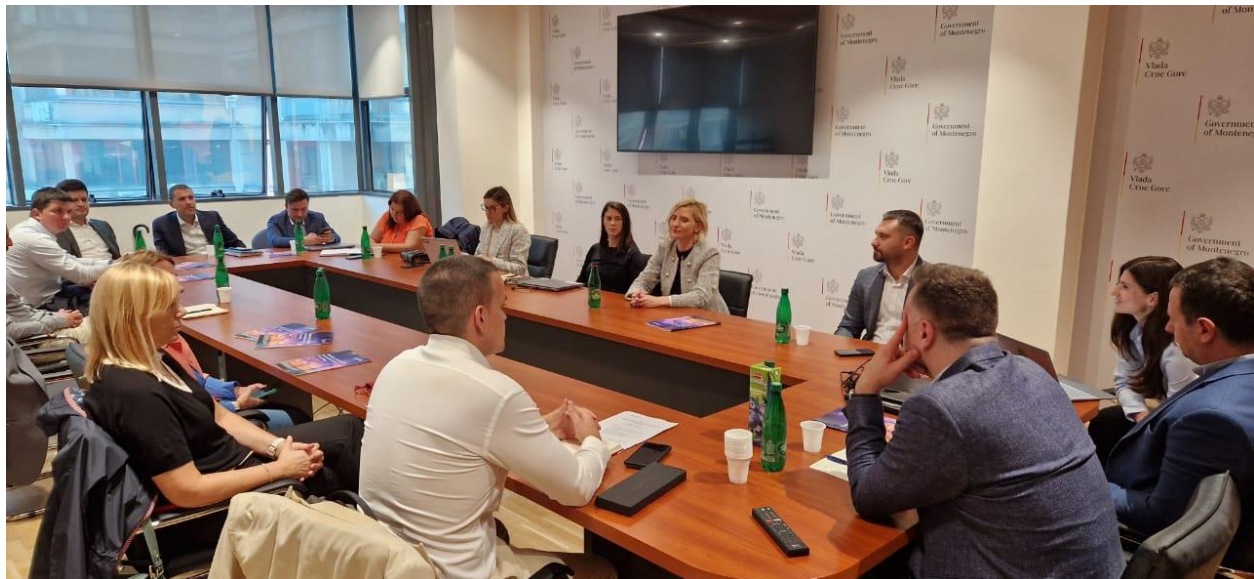
*Panel discussion: "Presentation of the results of smart mapping of locations for renewable energy projects in the municipality of Nikšić", Podgorica, February 2024.*

## **Project: *Montenegro Energy Growth and Acceleration (MEGA)***

The aim of the project is to support the transition to renewable energy sources and promote the decarbonization of the energy sector in an ecologically and socially acceptable manner.

During 2024, the following activities were carried out:

- In September and October, the main expert team and the data review team were formed. The teams consist of distinguished experts in the fields of energy, spatial planning, environmental protection, social sciences, and more.
- In October, the first meeting of the Advisory Board was held, composed of representatives from relevant national, regional, and international institutions in the fields of energy, spatial planning, environmental protection, and finance. The board will provide guidance throughout the project and ensure that the potential of the study is utilized by implementing its results into national policies. The formation of the Advisory Board officially marked the beginning of the project.



*Advisory Board meeting, October 2024, Podgorica.*

- In December, a map of restrictions and a corresponding report were developed. The map of restrictions excluded locations that, due to legal and bio-physical limitations, are unsuitable for the development of solar and wind energy projects.
- A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed with the Ministry of Spatial Planning, Urbanism, and State Property to formalize mutual cooperation, aimed at facilitating the development and implementation of a national study on the positioning of solar and wind power plants in Montenegro.

- A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed with the Ministry of Energy of Montenegro to formalize mutual cooperation, aimed at facilitating the development and implementation of a national study on the positioning of solar and wind power plants in Montenegro.

### ***Project: Generate***

The aim 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 2024, the following was carried out:

- In 2024, the Eco-team prepared the report "National-level Policy Analysis," focusing on energy transition, environmental protection, gender equality, and sustainable development. The report is based on the analysis of legal frameworks, institutional reports, expert analyses, and documents obtained through the Law on Free Access to Information.

### ***Project: Feasibility Study for Rooftop Photovoltaic (PV) Installation in Public Schools in Montenegro***

The project aims to assess the feasibility of installing rooftop photovoltaic (PV) systems in public schools across Montenegro. The main objectives include assessing the current energy market, analyzing the regulatory framework, evaluating suitable business models, assessing financial feasibility, conducting technical evaluations, and engaging relevant stakeholders.

During 2024, the following was carried out:

- A feasibility study for the installation of rooftop photovoltaic (PV) systems in public schools in Montenegro was prepared. The feasibility study demonstrates that rooftop photovoltaic (PV) systems are a practical, sustainable, and financially viable solution for public schools in Montenegro.

### **The youth empowerment programme**

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

The aim of the project is to enhance the knowledge of high school students from Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, Serbia, North Macedonia, and Montenegro) about climate change and the challenges of a just transition, empower them to become more actively involved in policy-making processes and community problem-solving, and promote an innovative culture in coal regions.



During 2024, the following activities were carried out:

- From April to October, two educational programs were conducted for students of the "Tanasije Pejatović" Gymnasium and the Vocational Secondary School from Pljevlja, with a total of 120 young participants. The educational program consisted of ten modules, some of which included: ecosystems, climate change, sustainable development, challenges of a just transition, green entrepreneurship, etc.
- The "Youth4Green" hackathon was held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Pearl Beach Resort Hotel in Čanj. A total of 60 young people from Pljevlja participated in the hackathon. Over two working days, nine teams, made up of students from the "Tanasije Pejatović" Gymnasium and the Vocational Secondary School, developed their ideas on the theme of green economy. Based on the evaluations of the expert jury, the team "Trash2Treasure" won first place.



*Hackathon „Youth4Green“, June 2024., Čanj*

- The event "Youth for a better future of Pljevlja" was held on May 31 at the Pearl Beach Resort Hotel in Čanj. The event was attended by 60 young people from Pljevlja. The

aim of the event was to contribute to better cooperation and joint action among the youth of Pljevlja.



*"Youth for a better future of Pljevlja"; May 2024., Čanj*

- The event "Youth as advocates for sustainable solutions" was held on November 22 at the Onogošt Hotel in Nikšić. The event was attended by 50 young people from Pljevlja. The aim of the event was to provide young people with knowledge about public policies and public advocacy, thus contributing to the enhancement of their capacities for public action.
- The "EcoGenius" hackathon was held from 23 to 24 November at the Onogošt Hotel in Nikšić. A total of 50 young people from Pljevlja participated in the hackathon. Over two working days, eight teams, composed of students from the "Tanasije Pejatović" Gymnasium and the Vocational Secondary School, developed their ideas on Nature-Based Solutions. Based on the evaluations of the expert jury, the team "VunaTherm" won first place.



*Hackathon "EcoGenius", Novembar 2024., Nikšić*

- A short video about the implemented activities was developed. The video was promoted on the Eco-team's social media channels. The video was presented in the section "Video Materials in 2024" at the end of the annual report.

## **Membership in working groups**

### **NGO Eco-team is a member of the following working groups:**

- Member of the Working Group for the preparation of the Law on the Use of Energy from Renewable Sources;
- 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 Working Group for the preparation of the Energy Law;
- Member of the Negotiation Working Group for Chapter 15 – Energy.
- Member of the Working Group for Climate Change, Adaptation and Mitigation of Climate Change;
- Member of the Working Group for Sustainable Development;

## **Projects in 2024.**

### ***Project: Towards Biodiversity Conservation and Strengthening Protected Area management of Cijevna River***

Implementation period: 01.10.2022. - 01.04.2024.

Partners: Montenegrin Society of Ecologists

Donor: EuroNatur i EU

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 17.259,10 €

Total approved fund (EUR) : 39.825,40 €

### ***Project: Decreasing illegal natural resources exploitation***

Implementation period: 15.04.2024. - 15.02.2025.

Partners: Organization KOD, Zumiraj.me i Mreža za omladinski aktivizam

Donor: National Democratic Institute (NDI)

Total approved fund Eco-team (USD): 9.000,00 \$

Total approved fund (USD) : 40.000,00 \$

### ***Project: Boosting GHG sequestration capacities of the Dinaric karst***

Implementation period: 01.12.2023. - 28.02.2026.

Partner: Association Dinarica

Donor: The German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) launched the European Climate Initiative (EUKI)

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

Total approved fund (EUR): 485.839,55 €

### ***Project: Barrier removal, The Cijevna River, Montenegro***

Implementation period: 01.05.2024. - 31.01.2025.

Partner: /

Donor: The European Open Rivers Programme

Total approved fund (EUR): 54.600,00 €

### ***Project: Initiative United for Rivers***

Implementation period: 01.01.2024. - 31.12.2024.

Partner: /

Donor: The Nature Conservancy  
Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 51.700,00 €

***Project: Steps toward a just transition in the Pljevlja region***

Implementation period: 01.09.2023. - 30.11.2024.  
Partner: NGO Better life for a countryside  
Donor: European Union  
Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 19.740,00 €  
Total approved fund (EUR) : 27.890,00 €

***Project: Support towards accelerating renewable energy deployment in the Municipality of Nikšić in Montenegro***

Implementation period: 09.12.2022. – 28.02.2024.  
Partner: /  
Donor: The Nature Conservancy  
Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 25.000,00 €

***Project: Montenegro Energy Growth and Acceleration (MEGA)***

Implementation period: 30.01.2024. - 31.01.2027.  
Partner: /  
Donor: The Nature Conservancy  
Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 40.616,00 €

***Project: Generate***

Implementation period: 01.07.2024. - 01.06.2029.  
Partner: /  
Donor: United Kingdom Institute for Research and Innovation under the Horizon Europe support scheme  
Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 34.000,00 €

***Project: Feasibility Study for Rooftop Photovoltaic (PV) Installation in Public Schools in Montenegro***

Implementation period: 01.09.2024. - 31.12.2024.  
Partner: /  
Donor: Open Society Foundations Western Balkans  
Total approved fund Eco-team (USD): 20.370.00 \$



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

Implementation period: 01.10.2023 – 31.05.2025

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

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

Total approved fund (EUR): 400.000,00 €

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

***Project: Through decarbonization to a sustainable and stable power system of Montenegro***

Implementation period: 15.03.2024. - 15.11.2024.

Partner: /

Donor: Beyond Fossil Fuels

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 9.900,00 €

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

Implementation period: 01.04.2023. - 31.03.2024.

Partner: /

Donor: European climate foundation

Total approved fund Eco-team (EUR): 39.560,00 €

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

Implementation period: 01.04.2024. - 31.03.2025.

Partner: /

Donor: European climate foundation

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

**Publications in 2024:**

-Analysis of transition challenges, the impact of transition on a climate-neutral economy, including social, economic, and environmental protection dimensions, February 2024;

-Educational material (brochure) on just transition, April 2024;

-Brochure "On the path to just transition", March 2024;

- Analysis of criminal liability in the field of illegal exploitation of natural resources, November 2024;
- Handbook for discovering peatlands through play and exploration, September 2024;
- Capacity-building plan for protected areas in Montenegro, July 2024;
- Guide on sustainable tourism and visitor management in Đalovića Gorge, September 2024;
- Study "Mapping the potential of solar and wind energy in the municipality of Nikšić", February 2024;
- Feasibility Study for the Installation of Rooftop Photovoltaic (PV) Systems in Public Schools in Montenegro, December 2024.

### **Video materials in 2024.**

- Video on active tourism in the natural monument "Cijevna Canyon"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8T00zFSNmc>
- Video on the Cijevna River Canyon  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGRYy\\_bNOnk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGRYy_bNOnk)
- Video on the flora and fauna of the natural monument "Cijevna Canyon"  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uiy2sA\\_BTg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uiy2sA_BTg)
- Video on the Cultural Heritage of the natural monument "Cijevna Canyon"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCr9tup8K1M>
- Video on the Plant Species *Ramonda* in the natural monument "Cijevna Canyon"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKxWAJFQTfi>
- Video on the Plant Species *Pinguicula hirtiflora* in the natural monument "Cijevna Canyon"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbM9mmw6svc>
- Video on the European Green Belt  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBhwrtVuMWw>
- Animation on the Just Transition Plan  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meyEc7zkEsg>
- Video on Women's Entrepreneurship in Pljevlja

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKGGq\\_6fK\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKGGq_6fK_A)

- Video on activities conducted within the "Panda Labs Achievers: Youth for a Just Energy Transition (PLAY JET)" project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAEH3i1SfZs>

-Video on peatlands of Skadar Lake and Livno Field

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ga2iiOxYfk&t=231s>

- Video on peatlands dedicated to decision-makers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leeauptRBM4&t=2s>

- Video on Air Pollution

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJP4pXrMbc0&t=34s>

### **Eco-team in media in 2024:**

A total of 205 media articles were published, along with 19 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.