

## SUPPORT TO LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENTS

in implementing environmental  
protection projects

## PUBLIC CALL RESULTS



### PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2024



- 2** INFO SESSIONS HELD
- 22** PROJECT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED
- 12** MONTHS PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

### EVALUATION PROCESS FEBRUARY – APRIL 2025



- 18** PROJECTS SUPPORTED
- 8** Southern and Eastern Serbia
- 10** Šumadija and Western Serbia

CALL FOR PROPOSALS WAS OPEN FROM NOVEMBER 27, 2024, TO JANUARY 31, 2025.



**96 LSGs**  
WITH MANDATORY  
PARTNERSHIP  
WITH CSOs

**The objective** of the call is to improve the operational capacities of local self-governments (LSGs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) to actively address environmental protection issues in their communities through participatory and inclusive approaches, while strengthening accountability in local decision-making processes.



**6 PROJECTS**  
WASTE  
MANAGEMENT



**4 PROJECTS**  
NATURAL  
RESOURCE  
PRESERVATION



**4 PROJECTS**  
AIR  
QUALITY



**2 PROJECTS**  
GREEN SPACES  
AND AFFORESTATION



**2 PROJECTS**  
WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
AND RENEWABLE ENERGY



The Programme PRO - Local Governance for People and Nature is jointly implemented by the United Nations organisations in Serbia - UNOPS, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNEP, in cooperation with the Serbian Government, and with the financial support of the Government of Switzerland. The Programme will directly support 18 local self-governments (LSGs) which, in mandatory partnership with CSOs, will implement environmental protection projects defined in local environmental documents, as well as those based on identified nature-based solutions.



# WASTE MANAGEMENT

 **6**  
PROJECTS

CITY / MUNICIPALITY  
OF IMPLEMENTATION

LEAD CSO / PARTNERS

CONTRIBUTION

PROJECT TITLE / PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Bela Palanka**

CSO Belpa Eco

PRO  
**13,112 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,496 EUR**  
Total value  
**14,608 EUR**

## Protecting Nature for a Healthier Future

The project addresses waste management and environmental awareness challenges in Bela Palanka and strengthens the cooperation between local government and NGOs. It includes educational workshops (for students and farmers), a public forum on waste management, ecological landscaping of the Vrelo complex into a recreational and tourist site, volunteer clean-ups, and educational campaigns. By promoting responsible waste practices and enhancing local tourism, the project ensures sustainability through strengthened institutional collaboration and long-term community impact.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

**12 months**

**Ražanj**

CSO "Zelena oaza"

PRO  
**11,519 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,320 EUR**  
Total value  
**12,839 EUR**

## From Waste to Resources

The project aims to improve waste management through education and infrastructure upgrade. Activities include workshops, a recycling center visit, awareness campaigns, compost bin distribution, and training for Recycling Yard staff. Sustainability is ensured through community participation, enhanced local capacities, and alignment with principles of governance, inclusion, and environmental responsibility.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

**12 months**

**Knjaževac**

CSO "Timočki klub"

PRO  
**11,856 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,317 EUR**  
Total value  
**13,173 EUR**

## Sustainable Tomorrow – Agriculture in Action

The project promotes eco-friendly farming and better agricultural waste management, focusing on pesticide packaging. Activities include awareness campaigns, farmer workshops, focus groups, a pilot project, children's education, equipment support, and model farm visits. Sustainability is ensured through local capacity building, innovation support, and strong municipal-CSO partnership.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

**12 months**

**Babušnica**

CSO "Pogled sa juga"

PRO  
**11,422 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,276 EUR**  
Total value  
**12,698 EUR**

## Increasing Operational Capacities for Better Environmental Protection

The project aims to improve waste management and promote citizen participation in environmental protection. It addresses illegal landfills by installing 30 waste containers in underserved villages and expanding waste collection. Activities include awareness campaigns, clean-up actions, and educational efforts. Sustainability is ensured through increased public engagement and improved waste infrastructure, leading to lasting environmental and public health benefits.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

**10 months**

**Bojnik**

CSO "Konektor"

PRO  
**12,884 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,478 EUR**  
Total value  
**14,362 EUR**

## Manage Waste for a Better Future - No Time to Waste!

The project aims to improve waste management and transparency by creating a GIS database to track illegal landfills across the municipality. Marginalized groups will be involved in mapping and monitoring. Activities include forming a working group, conducting surveys and training, developing a GIS app, and encouraging citizen participation. Sustainability is ensured through active community involvement and regular updates to the GIS system.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

**12 months**

**Osečina**

CSO "Svet oko nas"

PRO  
**11,498 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,298 EUR**  
Total value  
**12,796 EUR**

## Children Choose to Recycle

The project aims to improve waste sorting and raise environmental awareness. It will introduce a waste sorting system in schools and cultural institutions, provide recycling bins, and educate students and staff. Activities include seminars and promotional campaigns to engage the community. The project expects increased recycling rates, better waste management, and greater community involvement. Sustainability is ensured through infrastructure, education, and alignment with waste management laws.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

**12 months**



## NATURAL RESOURCE PRESERVATION

4  
PROJECTS

CITY / MUNICIPALITY  
OF IMPLEMENTATION

LEAD CSO / PARTNERS

CONTRIBUTION

PROJECT TITLE / PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### Tutin

Association for the  
Promotion and Ecological  
Marketing of Natural Values  
"Ekomar"

PRO  
**13,125 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,672 EUR**  
Total value  
**14,797 EUR**

#### Meet Tutin: Initiative for the Preservation of Nature for Future Generations

The project promotes environmental awareness among Tutin's youth and strengthens local government capacity to protect natural resources. Activities include Green Council training, capacity-building for municipal employees, creation of informative content, promotion of the Pešter Plateau, a social media campaign, and conservation workshops for students. Sustainability is ensured through institutional strengthening, public education, cross-sector collaboration, and long-term management plans for environmental preservation.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

12 months

### Prijepolje

Mountaineering Association  
"Kamena Gora"

PRO  
**11,633 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,848 EUR**  
Total value  
**24,100 EUR**

#### Waterfalls of Sopotnica: A natural treasure for future generations

The project aims to improve the management and protection of this Natural Monument by enhancing stakeholder cooperation, raising public awareness, and improving infrastructure. Activities include educational programs, a Cooperation Protocol, path renovations, and promotional materials. Sustainability is ensured through strengthened partnerships, community involvement, and long-term management of the protected area.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

12 months

### Medveđa

CSO "Centar za decu  
i omladinu"  
Vrnjaska Banja

PRO  
**12,152 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,399 EUR**  
Total value  
**13,552 EUR**

#### Protection and Regulation of Mrkonjski Vis

The Medveđa project aims to improve infrastructure and promote eco-tourism at Mrkonjski Vis Nature Monument. Activities include installing signs, benches, and gazebos, and organizing workshops and field activities to raise environmental awareness. The project supports sustainable tourism by enhancing visitor facilities, educating citizens, and strengthening protected area management. Sustainability is ensured through improved infrastructure, trained personnel, and increased community engagement.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

9 months

### Valjevo

CSO "eRevolucija"

PRO  
**13,200 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,496 EUR**  
Total value  
**14,696 EUR**

#### First Virtual Tour through Gradac River Canyon

The project promotes environmental awareness and sustainable eco-tourism by showcasing the river's biodiversity through digital tools. Activities include creating a virtual tour, educational content, training for tourism operators, and forming an eco-tourism network. Sustainability is ensured through capacity-building, long-term digital resources, and continued community engagement.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

8 months



## AIR QUALITY

4  
PROJECTS

CITY / MUNICIPALITY  
OF IMPLEMENTATION

LEAD CSO / PARTNERS

CONTRIBUTION

PROJECT TITLE / PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### Vrnjaska Banja

CSO "Čuvari prirode -  
Srbija"

PRO  
**13,200 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**3,819 EUR**  
Total value  
**17,019 EUR**

#### Clean VB

The project addresses environmental challenges in Vrnjaska Banja caused by traffic, heating, waste, and industry, aiming to improve air and soil quality through community engagement and sustainable practices. Key activities include environmental monitoring, action plan development, capacity building, a pilot intervention, and awareness-raising among residents, businesses, CSOs, and authorities. The project ensures sustainability through policy integration, institutional partnerships, local capacity building, and financial diversification.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

12 months

### Čuprija

CSO "UNEKOOP" Paraćin

PRO  
**12,751 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,452 EUR**  
Total value  
**14,203 EUR**

#### Less Noise – More Health

The project aims to reduce noise pollution and improve quality of life by building technical and institutional capacity for noise management. Key activities include purchasing a phonometer, developing a local noise monitoring program, and involving the community in policy development. Sustainability is ensured through participatory governance, awareness-raising, and focus on social inclusion and environmental equity.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

10 months



## AIR QUALITY



4  
PROJECTS

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OF IMPLEMENTATION

LEAD CSO / PARTNERS

CONTRIBUTION

PROJECT TITLE / PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Sjenica**

CSO "EcoPrime"

PRO  
**13,200 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**2,728 EUR**  
Total value  
**15,928 EUR**

### Air Quality Assessment in Sjenica

The project aims to establish a monitoring system for air quality, addressing the lack of data and improving pollution control. Activities include air quality monitoring, pollutant analysis, and public awareness campaigns. An automatic station will collect data for 8 weeks, supporting policy decisions and future funding. Sustainability is ensured through policy integration, legislative support, and partnerships. The project will enhance public health, empower decision-making, and raise community awareness for long-term environmental benefits.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

12 months

**Bosilegrad**

Association for Ecology  
and Environmental  
Protection "EKO-BOS"

PRO  
**13,112 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,500 EUR**  
Total value  
**14,612 EUR**

### Bosilegrad EKORISE – Nature Growing City

The project enhances environmental sustainability by planting 500 linden trees to improve green spaces and air quality. Activities include planning, community engagement, tree planting, training on tree care, and environmental education. Sustainability is ensured through local collaboration, ongoing maintenance, and increased public awareness and participation.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

12 months



## GREEN SPACES AND AFFORESTATION



2  
PROJECTS

CITY / MUNICIPALITY  
OF IMPLEMENTATION

LEAD CSO / PARTNERS

CONTRIBUTION

PROJECT TITLE / PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Niš**

CSO "Zeleni ključ"

PRO  
**11,528 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,320 EUR**  
Total value  
**12,848 EUR**

### Green Urban Oases

The project aims to improve environmental protection through sustainable management of public green spaces, especially in schools and kindergartens. Activities include a study on green infrastructure, a pilot green oasis at a school, public events, and training for local stakeholders. The project promotes climate resilience by applying nature-based solutions and raising awareness through campaigns and education. Sustainability is ensured through research-based models, stakeholder engagement, and capacity building for long-term green space management.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

12 months

**Kragujevac**

CSO „Prvi prvi na skali“

PRO  
**13,200 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**2,622 EUR**  
Total value  
**15,822 EUR**

### Paths of Nature

The project aims to expand urban green spaces and raise environmental awareness by revitalizing the area around the "Čika Dača" stadium. Activities include tree planting, educational workshops, and awareness campaigns. Sustainability is ensured through inclusive community engagement, partnerships with institutions, and long-term environmental education.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

10 months



# WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND RENEWABLE ENERGY



**2**  
PROJECTS

CITY / MUNICIPALITY  
OF IMPLEMENTATION

LEAD CSO / PARTNERS

CONTRIBUTION

PROJECT TITLE / PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Svilajnac**

CSO "Centre for Organic  
Production" Svilajnac

PRO  
**13,129 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**1,584 EUR**  
Total value  
**14,713 EUR**

## Saving Drinking Water

The project addresses high water consumption and supply network failures in Svilajnac, aiming to conserve groundwater, reduce energy use, and raise public awareness. Activities include purchasing portable flow meters to detect leaks, media campaigns, and leaflet distribution in partnership with the Center for Organic Production. Sustainability is supported through improved monitoring, broad outreach, and long-term awareness of water conservation.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

**12 months**

**Kraljevo**

CSO "Novi put" Kraljevo

PRO  
**13,200 EUR**  
Co-funding  
**2,112 EUR**  
Total value  
**15,312 EUR**

## Green Energy - Opportunities and Chances

The project aims to enhance knowledge and capacity for using renewable energy in Kraljevo through education and cross-sector cooperation. Activities include meetings, a study visit, analysis and brochure development, public debates, and a renewable energy fair. Sustainability is ensured through policy integration, improved budgeting, increased funding, and strengthened local partnerships to support long-term decarbonization and air quality efforts.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

**12 months**



TOTAL PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTION:

**225,724 EUR**

TOTAL CO-FUNDING:

**31,739 EUR**

**Total value:**

**257,463 EUR**