



Strong civic support
for effective application
of the energy policies
in the EU accession
process

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ЗА ЕВРОПЕЙСКИ РАТНОС
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OBJECTIVES

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The overall objective of the project is to empower active participation and engagement of civil sector in pursuing activities that are of public interest and in support of the country's EU accession process.

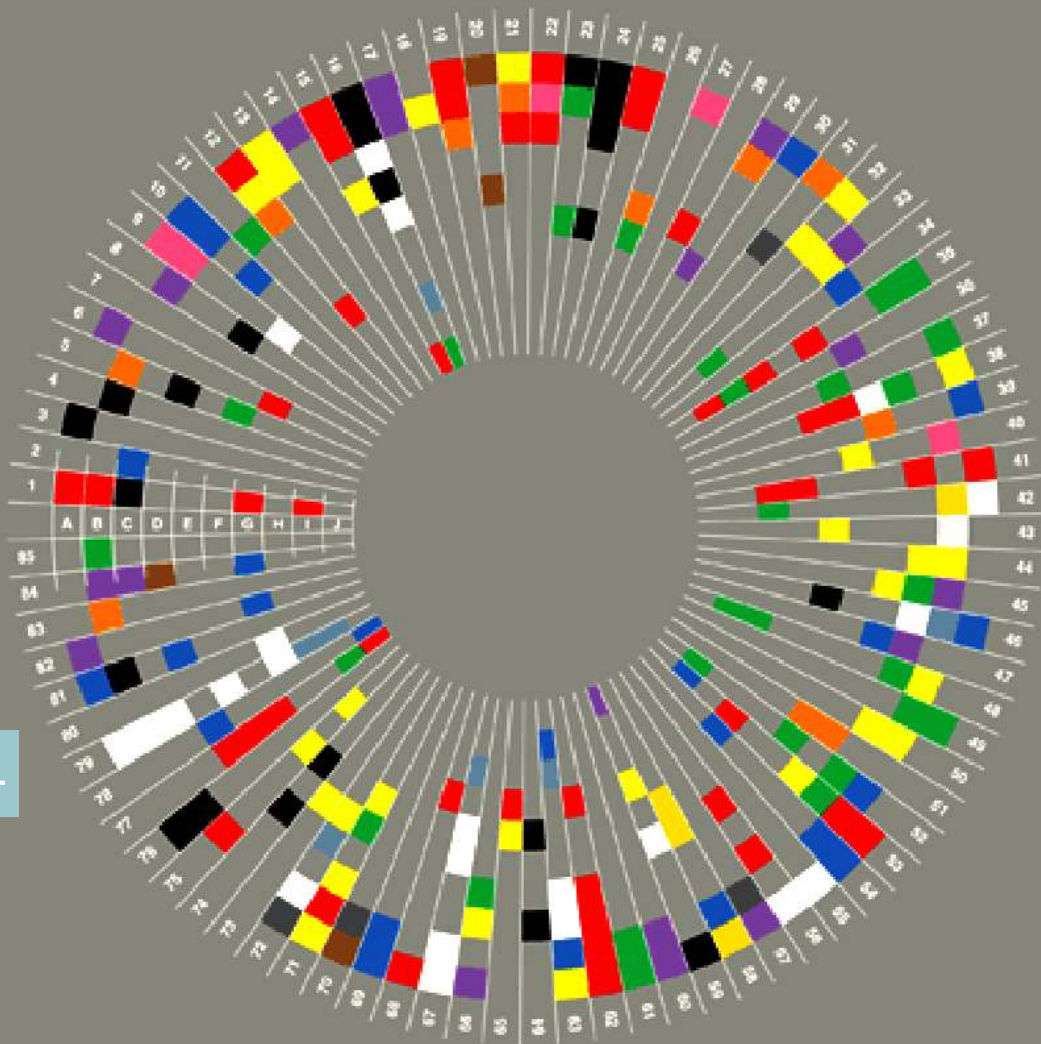
Specific objective is to strengthen the capacity and the position, of the CSOs for cooperation with all relevant actors related to the implementation of the energy policies in the country.

The project proposes activities that address the needs and constraints of the target group and final beneficiaries: it brings together sector relevant actors to efficiently cooperate, where the CSOs will have the capacities and tools to represent a competent partner that will positively contribute in the dialogue with the institutions.

It foresees partnership-building, capacity building and advocacy activities for the CSOs; enables building up of their communication capacities while implementing their core thematic activities and contributes to enhancing the standards of governance, including a transparent policy implementation and decision-making process.

In particular, the capacity building programme will enhance the sector related CSOs communication and lobbying skills for the particular expert areas related to energy policies. Joint activities will improve the manner of consultations and information sharing practices. At the same time, raising an initiative by the sector CSOs will enable conditions for them to put into practice the gained knowledge and skills through joint action.

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TARGET GROUPS & FINAL BENEFICIARIES

Target group are Macedonian environmental CSOs with specific area of work in the energy sector.

Final beneficiaries are represented by the Macedonian environmental CSOs with specific area of work in the energy sector and public authorities responsible for implementation of energy related policies (energy efficiency and renewable energy sources)

Key stakeholders involved in the action are all those committed to the ongoing process to improve the democratic dialogue in the country through established systems for cooperation and joint action: CSOs and public institutions are key actors in the implementation of the project activities relevant to their roles. Facilitating an active involvement of these stakeholders and cooperation among them is in fact necessary in order to:

1. Develop effective and functional dialog between CSOs and authorities promoting democracy, and supporting active citizenship;
2. Facilitate more effective integration of CSOs in policy making;
3. Strengthen the links between CSOs and authorities. Given their central role in terms of policy-making, the institutions will be strongly targeted by the action.

ACTIVITIES

The project implementation is organized in three activity clusters

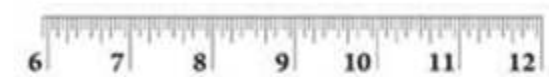
AC1. Organizing training for the CSOs to increase their capacities to monitor, advocate and participate in the processes associated with implementation of the key reforms in the energy sector

A1.1 Assessment of the attitude and the needs of sector related CSOs;

A1.2 Organizing training for CSOs to increase their cooperation capacity in implementation of the new national EE and RES regulation;

A1.3 Raising joint initiative by the CSOs for collaboration with the institutions related to the implementation of the energy related policies.)

This activity cluster is aimed to improve the capacities, the skills and the position of the CSOs on the particular sector's topics to efficiently cooperate and communicate their attitude with the relevant authorities. They will be able to discuss and decide upon raising a joint initiative for the priority future activities, while representing a valuable partner - competent and strong civil sector. Their empowerment directly contributes to the achievement of the project objectives as they become reliable partner and corrector of the institutions that communicates and provides actual input.



AC 2. Preparation of recommendation for policy implementation in the energy sector with focus on RES and EE

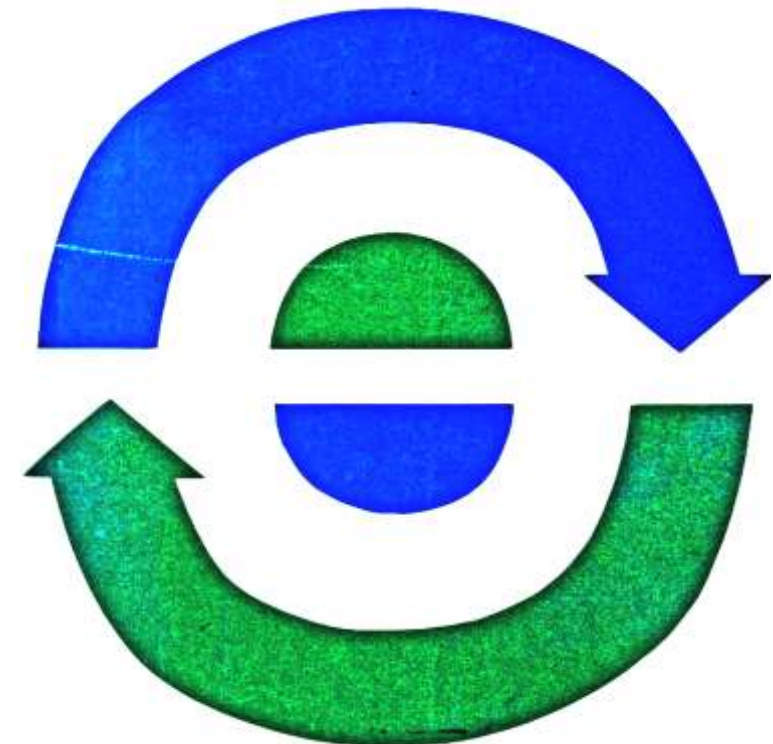
- A2.1 Organization of round table discussion with the public institutions;
- A2.2 Sector's policy implementation current situation analysis;
- A2.3 Development of recommendations for policy implementation.

The second group of activities will provide the necessary expert EE & RES sector policy analysis as a baseline for preparation of most relevant recommendations for further policy implementation. The round table discussion with the authorities will represent an opportunity for the CSOs to actually practice the skills and the knowledge gained with the training, while making a real contribution in the sector policy implementation

AC 3. Organization of promotional and awareness raising campaign

- A3.1 Development of promotional materials;
- A3.2 Social media campaign to encourage participation of CSOs & other stakeholders;
- A3.3 Organization of final promotional conference

The third activity cluster will enable reaching as wider target audience as possible, therefore encouraging participation of the key actors in the project activities, but also, and even more important to build upon the practices exercised and knowledge gained, continue and upgrade the results, which, in accordance with the project objectives is of the broad public interest and in support of the country's EU accession process.



ESTIMATED RESULTS

1. Macedonian environmental CSO have increased capacities too monitor, advocate and participate in processes related to implementation of the key reforms in the energy sector;
2. Developed recommendations for policy implementation in the energy sector with focus on RES and EE regulation;
3. Enhanced awareness and cooperation among the key stakeholders.

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ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION

CeProSARD is CSO established in 2008 with main focus of work in environmental protection and sustainable development. Our team of professionals in environment, agriculture, technical sciences and economy has the in-depth knowledge and experience to carry out the most complex and demanding tasks in these fields. For the past twelve years we worked intensively on development and implementation of projects on local, national and international level in close cooperation with the key stakeholders in the country and abroad.

