

# PROJECT FACT SHEET



## CLIMATE BRIDGES – NETWORK IN ACTION



### Context

The Western Balkans region is actively pursuing EU accession while developing climate action initiatives. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and North Macedonia are at different stages of EU membership negotiations, each facing challenges in climate policy development and implementation. These challenges primarily stem from limited administrative capacity and insufficient coordination between civil society organizations and governmental bodies.

The Climate Bridges project addresses a clear need for coordinated climate action in the region. Policy analysis reveals gaps in implementing the Green Agenda for Western Balkans (GAWB), characterized by uneven policy adoption and limited stakeholder engagement. The project responds by strengthening regional cooperation, enhancing governance structures, and fostering collaboration between civil society organizations, governmental bodies, and the private sector.



### Project aim

By fostering cooperation among CSOs, governmental bodies, and the private sector the project aims to strengthen their collaboration, boost public awareness and engagement through targeted campaigns and empower local government by developing tailored climate strategies.

### Deliverables

- 1 Manifesto document produced and delivered to national and transnational institutions in the Western Balkans.
- Signed Memorandum of Cooperation from directors and heads of departments of minimum of 15 civil society organizations and (semi)governmental bodies on all levels in the Dinaric countries.
- 2 jointly developed concepts with organizations of the network and other stakeholders through public campaigns are shared.
- 9 public campaigns organized in 5 different countries (Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and North Macedonia).
- A minimum of 30 good practices on climate change are collected through a competition and presented at an award-winning ceremony.
- Local Green Agendas (LGAs) for Albania and North Macedonia, to foster sustainable, inclusive green transitions have been developed and shared with local government official.
- 2 Trainings with the topic on the preparation of the LGAs.
- 1 Best Practices Toolbox is developed and shared among network organizations and beyond.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### DONORS:

- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK)
- European Climate Initiative (euki)

##### PARTNERS:

- Urban Research Institute
- CIPRA International Lab GmbH
- CENER 21 - Center for Energy, Environment and Resources
- Association Green Istria
- Center for Climate Change

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