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Stepping forward: analysing climate change policies in Moldova

How are we strengthening the involvement of CSOs in policy implementation for adaptation to climate change?

To answer this question, 'Millenium' Training and Development Institute analysed national policy documents with focus on climate change and water resources and biodiversity sectors. The review of the existing policy documents allows to give informed, research-based recommendations on key entry points to strengthen policy implementation for adaptation to climate change. Target groups are relevant stakeholders, including - but not limited to - members of the Moldovan national network of CFE II.

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Local Climate adaptation plans in Belarus: first successes

The seminar "Development and implementation of the plans for adaptation to climate change at the local level" was held on 22 July, organised by the re-grantee organisation Ekapraekt with participation of Belarus Red Cross and other relevant stakeholders including local authorities. Climate change is one of the major economic, environmental, social and energy problems of humanity. "Belarus is also aware of the importance of this issue. The country is making its contribution, along with the rest of the developed and the developing countries" - said Sergei Zavyalov, the head of the department of air quality and water resources at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Protection.

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Development of climate change adaptation action plan at local level in Armenia

Starting from March, 'Country Water Partnership' NGO within the framework of Climate Forum East II Project has received a re-grant on "Development of Local CC Adaptation Plans of Action" within the CFE II program. These Adaptation plans have been jointly developed with two communities in Lori region, namely Margahovit and Mets Parni and one community in Shirak region, namely Basen community, by assessing the impact of climate change and vulnerability of the communities.

In the initial phase a group of experts has studied and analyzed all available sources of information aiming for a preliminary assessment of the communities' vulnerability towards climate change. Active participation of the communities itself is one of the keys for success.

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Youth in Moldova learns how to adapt to climate change

Two educational projects kicked off in the middle of this summer in Moldova, for young people to learn about climate change and what they can do about it having a positive impact in addressing climate risks in their communities. National Environmental Center and Republican Centre "Gutta Club" – two NGOs with significant background in terms of environmental education, are currently implementing two projects giving youth the opportunity to participate in various interactive activities related to climate change adaptation and an expedition along the basin of Raut river. Educational support is also being given through a kit with the most updated information on climate for youth and a handbook to implement their further activities and engage their peers back in school.

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How Georgian municipalities adapt to climate change

Local climate change Adaptation plans have been elaborated with three municipalities in Georgia by local non-governmental organization and re-grantee 'Ecovision'. Selected municipalities are Ambrolauri in Racha region, Dedoplistskaro in Kakheti region and Khelvachauri in Adjara region. Joint meetings were held with local community and local government bodies and it can be said that informal meetings proved to be the key for success. Specific but also common recommendations for appropriate adaptation to climate change could be given. In a next step certain recommendations will be implemented directly with the respective communities.

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Management of urban green areas as an element of adaptation to climate change in Ukrainian cities

In Ukraine, the NGO and re-grantee organisation 'Green Wave' analysed the legal framework of creating and managing urban green zones and estimated how to manage green zones sustainable to ensure comfortable living of citizens under "heat waves" which nowadays occur in every big Ukrainian city due to climate change. How best to estimate the effectiveness of green zones in a city to face climate change? The team used a method of thermal surface mapping of green zones with drone and thermal camera in hot summer period, estimating in parallel leaf carbon dioxide fluxes for five tree species in Kiev under extremely hot conditions.

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First Climate Education Forum in Kiev

About climate change and education through games - that was the motto of the Climate Education Forum held in Kiev in Autumn for the first time. Target groups were school teachers from all over the country, university professors and social activists for joint discussions on how best to teach children and youth on climate change and adaptation issues. 'Change the



world by playing', a collection of games on climate change topics was introduced and discussed, containing interactive games to maintain the attention of the target group. This Forum was organised by 'Sweet Osvit' in partnership with 'Green Wave' under the CFE program.

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Actual Announcements

Climate Forum East II provides financial support to third parties and announces a call for tenders for local CSOs for different activities: develop CCA action plans in the target communities, implementation of small scale adaptation projects in each country according to recommendations of the CCA plans, analyzing current national policies in CC and health, etc.

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