

STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN WESTERN BALKANS AND MOLDOVA (GENDER BUDGET WATCHDOG NETWORK, PHASE II)

PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

Governments have yet to implement fully commitments to GRB and institutionalize GRB throughout the budget process. Additionally, gender analysis and a gender-transformative approach to climate change in the Western Balkans (WB) and Moldova is limited. On the other hand, engagement of civil society on gender and climate change is increasing, but mostly separately on gender equality and on climate change with no sufficient examples of cross-cutting efforts and interventions. Moreover, CSOs and policymakers still lack knowledge, methodologies and skills in GRB, particularly related to climate change, and resilience response financing which was proven with the COVID-19 pandemic when scarcity of capacity for gender transformative resilience response was more than obvious.

PROJECT'S OBJECTIVE:

To improve public commitments for gender responsive climate action and increase available financing to implement gender-responsive climate action in the Western Balkans region and Republic of Moldova;

TARGET GROUP:

- CSOs (Women's rights organizations, Men's organizations, Environmental organizations and non-profits working on implementing UN Convention 1325);
- Relevant decision makers in charged on budgets, public finances and climate/environmental policies;

BENEFICIARIES:

Government officials and local government institutions, gender machinery and relevant ministries of environment, actors engaged in implementing the gender equality commitments and the NDCs under the Paris Agreement and citizens of WB and Republic of Moldova;

WORKING COMPONENT 1 FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NETWORK	WORKING COMPONENT 2 CAPACITY BUILDING	WORKING COMPONENT 3 PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY
Further develop GBWN, broaden and deepen GBWN Academy by developing resources for self-learning, mentoring schemes to members to meet ethical standards, development of policy documents and institutionalizing integrity and quality standards of CSO's GRB related work, enhanced participation on international forums to increase GBWN's visibility and receive necessary recognition;	Training on monitoring resilience response, climate change financing and use of GRB tools alongside mentoring to produce gender budget watchdog reports, developing Methodology for gender budget watch-dogging in climate change, adapt Covid-19 response monitoring methodology for more general resilience emergency response, mentoring and financial support to 76 CSOs to engage with governments for gender transformative use of public finance;	Develop monitoring and shadow reports on SDG 5c1 with continuous advocacy, producing gender responsive citizens budgets, boost Parliamentary hearings, strengthen policy advocacy for improved gender responsive public financial management by using PEFA supplementary framework in the Ministries of Finance, monitor EU external financing to the project countries;

OUTCOME:

- Strengthen visibility and internationally recognition of the work of the Gender Budget Watchdog Network;
- Increased CSO capacities to use GRB tools watch-dogging climate change policy and financing;
- Improve CSO participation in policy and budgeting processes by using gender budget watchdog;
- Available tools for increased government accountability, particularly in resilience response, climate change financing and gender responsiveness of the climate change policy framework;

Budget:

**1,800,000.00
EUR (80% ADA
funding;20%
SIDA funding)**

Time-frame:

**1 November 2022 -
31 October 2026
(48 months)**

Implementing partners:

**Centre for Research and Policy Making,
Gender Alliance for Development
Centre; Center for civil society
promotion; Kosovo Women's Network;
Women Action; Gender Knowledge Hub,
Keystone Moldova**

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