

In the focus: Funding nature in Serbia and Montenegro

This document contains a table of potential donors for nature conservation and environmental protection in Serbia and Montenegro¹. This table is a result of a research of donor public in Serbia and Montenegro, as part of the *Capacity building for conservation action* project. The information is gathered from available Internet sources² of donors in Serbia and Montenegro, and oral communication with IUCN SEE project partners and associates on most relevant nature conservation funding sources in the two respective countries.

| Type of the donor | Name of the donor | Name of the programme | Aim of the programme | More information |
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| National authorities ³ | Ministry of Environment, Mining and Spatial Planning, Serbia | Co-financing of CSOs' projects in the area of environmental protection | Environmental protection through increase of public awareness on ecology and need for environmental protection. | http://www.ekoplan.gov.rs/src/Tenderi-i-konkursi-25-p1-list.htm |
| | Provincial Secretariat for Spatial Planning, Construction and Environmental Protection, Serbia | Grants for CSOs | Promotion of environmental protection and nature and biodiversity conservation, education programmes and raising awareness on the territory of Vojvodina. | http://www.eko.vojvodina.gov.rs/?q=node/10 |
| | City of Belgrade – Secretariat for Environmental Protection, Serbia | Funding CSOs' projects in environmental protection | Education, promotion and public awareness rising on environmental protection and nature conservation, sustainable development and renewable energy resources on the territory of City of Belgrade. | http://www.beograd.rs/cms/cir_oglas.php |
| Bilateral donors | Embassy of Finland | Fund for Local Cooperation | Sustainable development in strengthening democracy, good governance, human rights and environment related sectors particularly in relation to EU integration process. | www.finska.co.rs |
| | The Royal Norwegian Embassy | Embassy Fund | Civil society and local communities' development in Serbia and Montenegro. One of the priority areas of this call is Environment and Climate. | www.norveska.org.rs |
| | The Netherlands Embassy | The MATRA programme ⁴ & Government to Government (G2G) cooperation | Matra (a programme run by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs) supports the process of social transformation in Central and Eastern Europe, aiming at strengthening the civil society in Serbia and Montenegro. The Government to Government Program (G2G) aims to strengthen the relations between governmental bodies of The Netherlands and GOs in Serbia and Montenegro, by providing the technical assistance to the public sector on relevant economic and environmental themes. | http://serbia.nlembassy.org/services/development-assistance |
| | Swedish International Development and cooperation Agency (SIDA) | General Financing Programme | Democracy strengthening and improvement of sustainable development in relation to EU accession processes. | http://www.sida.se/English/ |
| | Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) | Swiss cooperation programme in Serbia | The priorities of the Cooperation Strategy 2010-2013 are defined through four main domains: economic development, rule of law and democracy, education and energy efficiency and renewable energy. | www.swisscooperation.org.rs |

¹ The table contains a list of potential funding sources, it is not exhaustive and does not include all available donors in nature conservation.

² Citizen initiatives. 'Guidelines for potential domestic and international sources of funding' [online publication] (2012). <<http://www.gradjanske.org/page/civilSocietyDevelopment/sr/center/publications.html>>

Balkan Civil Society Development Network. 'Donors' strategies and practices in civil society development in the Balkans' [online publication] (2012). <<http://www.balkancsd.net/resources-and-links/publications/1005-balkan-civic-practices-8-donors-strategies-and-practices-in-civil-society-development-in-the-balkans-civil-society-lost-in-translation.html>>

³ Available information on potential funding for nature and environment funding by national authorities has been tracked for Serbia only. Through oral communication with the project partner Center for Protection and Research of birds of Montenegro, funding for nature conservation projects is available on a yearly basis by the Government of Montenegro. Funding for environmental protection projects is also available at different local municipalities level in both Serbia and Montenegro, where funding in Belgrade has been given in the table as an example of good and continuous practice.

⁴ Since 2012, environmental and nature conservation projects are not supported any more under the MATRA programme, but the following priority areas: legislation and law, good governance, human rights and media.

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| Multilateral donors and UN agencies | European Union - DG Enlargement | Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) | Support candidate and potential candidate countries through five IPA components: Transition assistance and institution building, Cross-border cooperation, Regional development, Human resources development, and Rural development. | http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/how-does-it-work/financial-assistance/instrument-pre-accession_en.htm http://www.europa.rs/kakoDoFondova/otvoreno.html http://www.delme.ec.europa.eu/code/navigate.php?ld=1 |
| | United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) | United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) | Support sustainable and inclusive development, accountability and governance, energy and environment (Serbia), and social inclusion, democratic governance, economy and environment for sustainable development, and regional programme for remediation of environmental hot spots in the Western Balkans (Montenegro). | http://www.undp.org.rs/ http://www.un.org.me/index.php?page=undp |
| International organizations and funds | Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC) | The Civil Society Advocacy Initiative (CSAI) | Support advocacy initiatives, aimed at environmental protection as one of the priority areas of programme's interest. This initiative in Serbia is initially supported through USAID. | http://www.iscserbia.org/what_we_do/environmental_protection/ |
| | Balkan Community Initiatives Fund (BCIF) | Active Communities | Support thematically diverse actions that encourage active participation in solving concrete problems at the local level. | http://www.bcif.org/en/Active_Communities.htm |
| | Regional Environmental Center (REC) | Occasional grants for CSOs | Support nature and environmental protection in Central and Eastern Europe through occasional projects. | http://www.rec.rs http://www.rec.org/ |
| | Rockefeller Brothers Fund | RBF Pivotal place: Western Balkan | Building a Culture and Practice of Sustainable Development in the Western Balkans by supporting projects that promote sustainable development and encourage energy efficiency and environmental protection. | http://www.rbf.org/program/pivotal-place-western-balkans/guidelines |
| | Rufford Foundation | Rufford Foundation Funding Programme | Support nature conservation projects in developing countries undertaken by small to medium-sized organisations. | http://www.rufford.org/ |
| | Whitley Fund for Nature | The Whitley Awards | Support projects founded on good science, community involvement and pragmatism. | www.whitleyaward.org |
| Companies | Erste bank | Sponsorship and donations programme | Support projects of CSOs with priority areas: culture and art, education, EU integrations, social inclusions and environmental protection. | www.erstebank.rs |
| | Holcim | Sponsorship and donations programme | Support projects of CSOs with priority areas: sustainable development, education and culture. | http://www.holcim.rs/holcimcms/uploads/CS/Nacela_sponzorisanja_i_dodele_donacija.pdf |
| | The Coca-Cola company | The Coca-Cola Foundation | Support the community in several priority areas: water stewardship, healthy and active lifestyles, community recycling, education. | http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/foundation_coke.html |
| | Telenor | Telenor Foundation | Support the youth, their education and professional development; socially marginalized groups; development of cultural production and art market; environmental protection. The Foundation seeks to identify ways in which telecommunications can contribute to society and environment. | www.telenor.rs/fondacija |

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| Donors with environment protection as a cross cutting issue ³ | The German Marshall Fund of the United States | Balkan Trust for Democracy | Support projects which promote democracy, good governance and Euroatlantic integrations in south-eastern Europe. | http://www.gmfus.org/grants-fellowships/grantmaking-programs/balkan-trust-for-democracy |
| | Charles Stuart Mott Foundation | Charles Stuart Mott Foundation | Through four programs (civil society, environment, flint area and pathways out of poverty) and more specific programme areas, it supports the promotion of just, equitable and sustainable society. | http://www.mott.org/ http://www.mott.org/FundingInterests/programs/environment.aspx |
| | Erste Foundation | Erste Foundation | Currently running three programmes: Social development, Culture and Europe that are related to social relationships, cultural development and challenges related to European integration. | www.erstestiftung.org |
| | Konrad Adenauer Stiftung | Activities in co-operation with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung office in Serbia | Support projects which promote freedom, justice and solidarity through organisation of workshops, seminars, round tables and conferences. | http://www.kas.de/serbien/en/pages/7559/ |
| | Open Society Foundations | Open Society Fund, Serbia | Improvement of local development policies in order to create conditions for harmonisation of regional development. | http://www.fosserbia.org/ (http://www.osim.org.me/index.html) |

³ Donors who do not have nature conservation and environmental protection as a specific objective, but as a cross cutting issues (as an aspect or outcome of other initiatives). Source: Balkan Civil Society Development Network. 'Donors' strategies and practices in civil society development in the Balkans' [online publication] (2012). <<http://www.balkancsd.net/resources-and-links/publications/1005-balkan-civic-practices-8-donors-strategies-and-practices-in-civil-society-development-in-the-balkans-civil-society-lost-in-translation.html>>.

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