





The network CLEEN is promoting the development of a regional partnership of more than 30 civil society organizations in the countries: Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The increase of energy efficiency as an important topic for the target regions is the main focus.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Through the establishment and the qualification of regional network partnerships, more than 30 civil society organizations get informed and trained about energy efficiency, energy saving possibilities, renewable energies and political work. WECF cooperates with long-term partners in the four project countries. The successful partnerships ensure the consideration of local requirements and a good organizational and content cooperation. A qualification program for the 30 environmental organizations prepares them, as best as possible, for the implementation of their own projects.





79 applications received in the four countries.
30 CSOs selected by an international committee to participate at the Mentoring Programme and to receive financial support.

28 CSOs in the regions improved the capacity on ENERGY EFFICIENCY in the four project countries.

28 small-scale initiatives have been implemented in the four countries in order to promote reforms and to increase public accountability.

1 regional platform has been established 1 joint communication plan (incl. joint tools) prepared and shared.

5 CSOs signed memorandum with local authorities

5 CSOs analysed energy costs of public faculties

3 joint applications for 2016 submitted and approved.

Cooperation with 15 local authorities established, and will be continuously developed and supported in 2016/17.

10 000 local citizens benefit from improved public participation and public services created by the CSO activities.

No. of people reached by media: 1 047 000



NGO "Students for Energy Efficiency" (Imereti, Georgia): In 2015, the Georgian subgrantee implemented a baseline study in which 300 families were interviewed about the situation of energy consumption. Furthermore, "Students for Energy Efficiency" held 9 meetings in 3 pilot schools on energy efficiency with 20-25 participants per meeting.

The NGO distributed 3000 booklets on energy efficiency and 1000 albums for coloring on the theme of "I save energy".

In addition, a great highlight of the year was the organization of a bicycle race in Kutaisi under the slogan "I choose energy-efficient vehicles," for young people in original t-shirts of the CLEEN Project.





In addition to the face-to-face training an online-course completed by 52 participants (27 women and 25 men)

- -4 webinars conducted
- 4 trainings on energy cooperatives organized

15 sub-grantees implemented projects promoting ENERGY EFFICIENCY in their communities

Joint study visit from Moldova to Ukraine organised (sub grantees and local authorities)

4 energy cooperatives established as a result of awareness raising work conducted by the sub grantees in four countries

4 local authorities replicated revolving fund aimed at support of energy efficiency

significant contribution has been provided to the development of 3 SEAPs that have been developed in Georgia and Ukraine in close cooperation with local authorities

Network of energy managers established in Moldova and Ukraine

40 000 local citizens benefit from improved public participation and public services created by the CSO activities.

Around 24,5 mio people reached via media



In 2016, NPO Renastera Rurala and NPO Crio Inform (Moldova) worked together in 3 districts (Briceni, Criuleni and Dubossary) at municipal and district levels to implement the energy management system, carry out the awareness raising campaign and trainings.

Action plans and mechanisms for energy monitoring and energy management were implemented in 21 institutions. Including kindergartens, schools, hospitals, etc. in Briceni, Larga, Criuleni and Dubossary districts. Each of these institutions has a trained specialist in charge of energy consumption monitoring who provides advice on energy saving.

Trips to Ukraine were organized to share the best practices in energy monitoring. Renasterea Rurala, together with Crioinform held the final national conference for energy managers. As part of this Conference, a Resolution was adopted on the application of energy saving legislation at the local level. 22 local councils (70% of the total number of local councils in Moldova) agreed to participate in the project.

The Parliamentary Commission for Energy Security and the Ministry of Environmental Protection agreed to support the further implementation and further development of the project.





6 decisions by local authorities that support energy efficiency. Some of them led to allocation of public money to finance EE measures in buildings.

7 Memorandums of Understanding signed with local authorities with mutual obligations to support energy efficiency. It's worth mentioning that 10 MOUs signed with cities other than location of SGs which means that-they engaged actively with neighboring settlements, including on request by such settlements.

5 other actions by local authorities to support energy efficiency, such as: establishment of specific departments, working groups on EE, allocation of public money to support SGs etc.

14 capacity-building activities to strengthen local authorities performance in EE.

2 activities in cooperation with other members of CLEEN network, including 2 joint projects supported by other donors and one Ukraine-Moldova study visit.

Establishment of an energy cooperative to enable civil society to foster the energy transition in 2017 (AYRUDZY, Armenia)

NGO Ayrudzy will establish in cooperation with the municipality of Basen an energy cooperative to build and operate renewable energy projects. The purpose of this project is to create framework and conditions for the construction of wind, solar and bioenergy power stations and using the democratic business model of energy cooperative



The village Basen (Armenia) supports the idea to increase the energy transition with local population and also the involvement with Armenian und international investors. The municipality of Basen is very proactive for decentralized renewable energy supply to face the climate change and to reduce energy import from abroad

The very concrete plans of the 150kWp photovoltaic power plant is already discussed with members of the city council, solar experts and international energy cooperative experts from Georgia, Germany and Belgium. The foundation of the energy cooperative is in progress (Nov 2017). The first project of the solar power plant will show the technical, legal, economic and ecological feasibility of decentralized renewable energy supply in Armenia.

A seminar was held with members of civil society to familiarize themselves with the program objectives, the tasks of the energy cooperative and, in general, with the tasks of the CLEEN network. The municipality of BASEN joined the CLEEN community.





14 decisions by LAs that support energy efficiency. Some of them led to allocation of public money to finance EE measures in buildings (see list of beneficiaries for details).

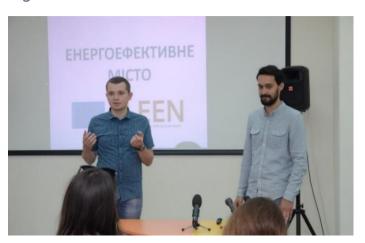
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9 other actions by LAs to support energy efficiency, such as: establishment of specific departments, working groups on EE, allocation of public money to support SGs etc.

31 capacity-building activities to strengthen LAs' performance in EE.

Seven activities in cooperation with other members of CLEEN network, including 2 joint projects supported by other donors and one Ukraine-Moldova study visit.

33 LAs directly interacted with SGs or seed-grantees.



## Khmelnytskyi Youth Development Club (Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine)

For three years Khmelnytskyi Youth Development Club has participated in the CLEEN network, and have formed a social platform at the local level, which has united active experts in the area of energy efficiency. The coalition gathered representatives of NGOs and authorities, and active representatives from the field of science and business.

The project "Energy Efficient City" as a CLEEn initiative provides the opportunity to integrate energy efficiency practices in Khmelnytskyi. Simple and understandable forms for popularizing energy savings cover most of the city's population. The activities of CLEEN within the Khmelnytskyi region have helped to realize the following successful initiatives:

- The signing of a Memorandum on energy independence of Khmelnytskyi with the City Mayor and the majority of deputies of the Khmelnytskyi City Council;
- · Conducting the School of Energy Management and the introduction of a number of energy-efficient events at the local level in public institutions;
- · Introduction of an informal course on energy education into the education system in 6 districts of the Khmelnytskyi region;
- Annual participation in the Days of Sustainable Energy;
- Promotion of energy efficient practices through social advertising, printed products, media products, and workshops. Coverage of the audience for a period of participation in the CLEEN initiative is more than 2 million people;
- Participation in working groups on the development of strategic documents in the field of energy efficiency (for instance: Shepetivka District Energy Efficiency Program, participation in the discussion of the Action Plan for Sustainable Energy Development in Khmelnytskyi etc.);
- Shooting a documentary about climate change and energy efficiency in Khmelnytskyi and broadcasting on regional TV;
- The foundation of a new direction for the development of energy-efficient start-ups with developers and businessmen from Khmelnytskyi.



















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