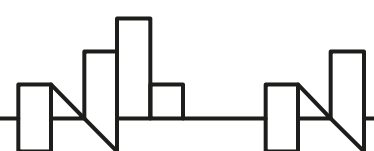


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# Programme Outcomes:

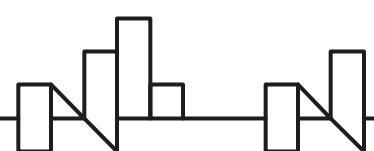
- 1. Strengthened democratic culture and civic awareness**
- 2. Increased support for human rights**
- 3. Vulnerable groups are empowered**
- 4. CSOs actively address gender equality and GBV**
- 5. Increased civic engagement in environmental protection/climate change**
- 6. Enhanced capacity and sustainability of the civil society sector including CSOs**



# **Programme Outcome 1: Strengthened democratic culture and civic awareness (total budget: € 3 860 000)**

## **Specific projects' goals:**

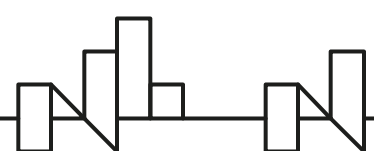
1. Citizens involved in public policy decision-making
2. Research conducted to inform public policy decision-making and debate
3. Civic and media literacy education implemented and promoted
4. Transparency and accountability of public institutions promoted
5. Monitoring of local and national elections and public appointments carried out
6. Application of ethical standards in Journalism monitored and promoted



# Programme Outcome 2: Increased support for human rights (total budget: € 2 700 000)

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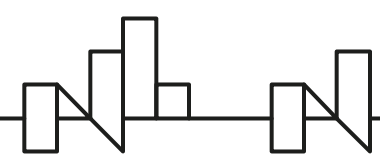
1. CSOs involve young people in field activities, including in volunteering and awareness campaigns on human rights issues
2. Media-CSOs partnerships established on specific human rights issues
3. Implementation of international human rights standards promoted
4. Services provided to victims of discrimination and human rights violations
5. Human rights education tools developed and implemented
6. Human rights awareness campaigns carried out
7. Counter speech and strategic communication to curb negative stereotypes towards vulnerable groups performed



# Programme Outcome 3: Vulnerable groups are empowered (total budget: € 2 900 000)

## Specific projects' goals:

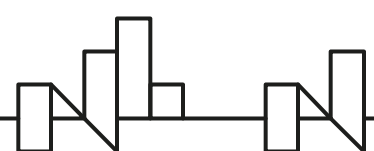
1. Innovative (new or improved) methods and approaches addressing the needs of vulnerable groups promoted
2. Members of vulnerable groups trained or involved in advocating for their needs/the needs of their communities
3. Economic participation of vulnerable groups supported



## Programme Outcome 4: CSOs actively address gender equality and GBV (total budget: € 950 000)

### **Specific projects' goals:**

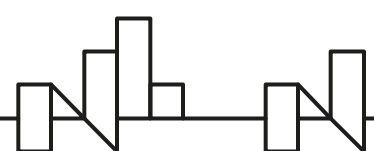
1. Research on the current situation, needs, solutions, good practices in relation to GBV and gender equality
2. Monitoring and watchdog activities on the implementation of policies in relation to gender equality and GBV
3. Strategic communication and advocacy campaigns for the general public, politicians and inside the target group



# **Programme Outcome 5: Increased civic engagement in environmental protection/climate change (total budget: € 960 000)**

## **Specific projects' goals:**

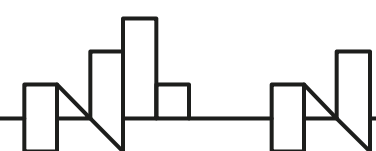
1. Access to and use of research on environmental protection/climate change is supported
2. Policy monitoring and advocacy in relation to environmental protection/climate change is carried out
3. Partnerships with public/private institutions on environment/climate change established/sustained
4. CSOs supported to carry out educational activities on environmental protection/climate change issues



# **Programme Outcome 6: Enhanced capacity and sustainability of the civil society sector including CSOs (total budget: € 2 010 000)**

## **Specific projects' goals:**

1. Partnerships between CSOs and public/private entities established or supported
2. Capacity building provided to CSOs
3. Capacity building programme for young CSO leaders provided
4. Advocacy campaigns for an improved legal and fiscal environment for civic activities and CSOs carried out
5. Platforms and networks among CSOs developed or sustained
6. Citizens awareness about the role of the CSOs in society enhanced





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