

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project title	Human Rights and Sustainable Environment in South-East Europe
Country/region	South-East Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia)
Budget	500.000 Euros
Donor	Human Rights Trust Fund
Duration	24 months (1 March 2024 – 28 February 2026)
Partners and beneficiaries	Legal professionals, judges, prosecutors, relevant authorities, public servants, environmental organisations and agencies, national human rights institutions, civil society organisations.
Main objective and objectives	<p>Main Objective: To strengthen the protection of the environment and human rights in South-East Europe.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the relevant authorities in strengthening environmental protection at the domestic level by, <i>inter alia</i>, mapping the existing needs, providing recommendations and capacity-building with a view to improving the legal/regulatory framework and practice. 2. Strengthen the knowledge of legal professionals, relevant authorities, civil society organisations, etc. on the link between the protection of human rights and the environment, and the principles of environmental protection deriving from the existing human rights standards.
Expected results	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased understanding of the relevant authorities, legal professionals and civil society organisations of the key environmental issues and their impact on the enjoyment of human rights. 2. Increased awareness and strengthened capacities of legal professionals to effectively address environmental issues in

* All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions, or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United National Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

	domestic courts through the European Convention on Human Rights perspective.
Key activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baseline studies /research/ needs assessments/ publications• Expert advice and recommendations on the development, review and implementation of laws, regulations, policies and practices• Trainings/peer-to-peer sessions for varied professionals (judges, lawyers and other legal professionals, relevant authorities, etc.)• Working groups/expert meetings /focus group meetings• Study visits to other Council of Europe member states and/or Council of Europe Headquarters in Strasbourg• Awareness-raising activities and information materials