#ReLOaD

Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans

**KEY RESULTS**

January - December 2017 - 2020

**Over 4 years of implementation, more than 100,000 people benefited from various projects**

ReLOaD focused on strengthening cooperation between local authorities and civil society.

Local authorities have taken into consideration the needs of citizens in order to improve living conditions in local communities.

### New services for people with disabilities were introduced.

### Children were actively involved in cultural, educational and sports activities.

### Old people were given attention and much needed care.

From culture and education to environmental protection and social inclusion, ReLOaD aimed to bridge the existing gap in service delivery to citizens.

Local production and female entrepreneurship have been identified as key elements of local development.

The programme provided workshops in various skills for youth, women and Roma people that prepared them for the job market of today.

ReLOaD empowered civil society to participate actively in decision-making.

**The programme supported 493 Projects led by civil society organizations**

- **116** Social inclusion
- **90** Youth
- **78** Environment
- **59** COVID19 support
- **48** Poverty reduction
- **44** Culture
- **41** Education
- **12** Gender
- **5** Volunteerism

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KEY RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

National Assessments of CSO funding mechanisms (national) conducted
- 82 Albania
- 217 Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 52 Kosovo
- 55 Montenegro
- 43 North Macedonia
- 44 Serbia

Selection of partner local governments
- 155 local governments expressed interest to participate in the EU-funded ReLOaD programme (31.5% out of 490 local governments in six beneficiaries of the WB)

53 local governments (municipalities and cities) selected

Capacity development - local governments (LGs)
- Assessments of existing (budget) mechanisms for public funds disbursement to CSOs each partner LG
- Training needs assessments performed in each locality to tailored approach to cap. development

210 LG officials increased capacities in:
- Transparent CSO funding and LOD methodology (LOD Methodology for Allocation of Funds to Civil Society Organizations)
- PCM through training and on job capacity building + on-the-job coaching:

Public calls for CSOs
- 128 public calls organized across the WB region in total
- 2 rounds of CfP

493 CSO projects awarded
1,548 monitoring visits executed

Capacity development – civil society organisations
- 1,451 CSO increased capacities - PCM and project proposal trainings
- 545 CSO participated in joint mentoring sessions for CSOs – successful measure

Knowledge sharing
- Regional knowledge platform developed www.eulocaldemocracy4wb.org

Visibility and promotion
- More than 4,000 media appearances – ReLOaD one of the most visible UNDP projects

51 LGs adopted (municipal/city councils) transparent funding mechanism (one in Serbia in progress)

40 LGs utilized its own funds using newly introduced funding mechanism

ReLOaD team still provides support to partner LGs.

2 regional conferences organized – almost 200 participants in total
- Tirana 2019
- Skopje 2018