

Coherent Europe for Sustainable Development

NaZemi led an EU funded project *Coherent Europe for Sustainable Development* which was carried out by the platforms of NGOs in 9 EU countries. The project reacted to the need for efficient implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and aimed to include Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development principle (PCSD) to the process.



Our main goal was to increase the involvement of policy-makers in promoting coherent policies for the achievement of SDGs both on the national and the European level. With regard to the specific context of the involved countries we focused on **4 thematic priorities**:

- poverty eradication (SDG1)
- decent work (SDG8)
- sustainable consumption and production (SDG12)
- climate change responses (SDG13).

Activities

To contribute to the above-mentioned objectives, we conducted the following activities:

- Mapping of process of policy making and key policy actors involved in it
- Creation of [methodology for monitoring PCSD](#)
- Creation of advocacy plans which determine what changes and how we will advocate
- Implementation of advocacy action plans
- Meeting various stakeholders to think up new policy solutions together
- Training ourselves and other CSOs in promoting policy changes

Achievements

In three years of the project, a lot of work was done so we will highlight just a few of the project partners' achievements here:

- [AKÜ](#) (Estonia) significantly influenced the Estonian Foreign Policy Strategy for 2030. Many of the comments regarding SDGs and PCSD were included in the final product. AKÜ also contributed to a supportive Estonian position towards the European Commission proposal on Climate neutrality by 2050.
- [Ambrela](#) (Slovakia) together with the Circular Economy Institute (INCIEN) prepared a study about the textile and clothing industry and the Ministry plans to implement its suggestions and recommendations in an attachment to the Waste Management Action Plan.
- [BOND](#) (UK) has provided the project partners with very positively assessed training in skills and knowledge needed for the advocacy work.
- [CNCD-11.11.11](#) (Belgium) successfully advocated for more financial resources for the development assistance to poor countries. CNCD also contributed significantly to the fact that federal and regional authorities committed to increase their 2030 emission reduction targets.
- [FOND](#) (Romania) has been a consultation partner of the Department for Sustainable Development in the process of elaborating the National Strategy for implementing Agenda 2030 and the SDGs, as well as for OECD and helped introduce the perspective of different stakeholders into the process.
- [FoRS](#) (Czech Republic) influenced several policies such as Implementation document to the Sustainable Development Framework Czechia 2030 (which now includes e.g. PCSD focal points at the ministries) or National Action Plan on UN Resolution on Women, Peace and Security.
- [Grupa Zagranica](#) (Poland) achieved that PCSD was included as a crosscutting theme in new multiannual strategy on development cooperation - 2021-30. Also, together with the Polish climate coalition, Grupa Zagranica

successfully advocated for more transparent data on green climate fund, managed by the Ministry of environment. Data is public now.

- [HAND](#) (Hungary) established, consolidated and is now leading CSO SDG Roundtable. It has formulated its basic recommendations for implementation of SDGs and communicated them to decision and policy makers. Also thanks to this, policy coherence principle has been incorporated in the new development cooperation strategy.
- [NaZemi](#) (Czech Republic) prepared the only brief and reader-friendly materials *business and human rights* in Czech and shared it with policy makers. We also held workshops and roundtables to introduce and discuss this topic neglected in Czechia with policy-makers, CSOs, businesses and public.
- [Sloga](#) (Slovenia) created an informal national PCD network in collaboration with the InterCap project. The network addresses and promotes PCSD in a board stakeholders and sections and to serve as a consultative body. PCSD was also introduced to other 12 national content networks influencing the advocacy in their sectors.

Besides these advocacy work achievements, the partners managed to engage public or business in several cases. To mention a couple of them:

- CNCD (Belgium) has organized a National Climate March on 2nd December 2018 in Brussels. The event was attended by 75 000 people and contributed to progress in the policy work.
- Ambrela (Slovakia) organized a campaign with Slovak celebrities motivating people to live without disposable plastic, buy fair-trade products and limit the amount of clothing they buy. A few big companies joined the challenge. Lidl has started promoting their Fair Trade products, Tesco employees in Slovakia agreed to avoid plastic bags for textile ones campaign and Kaufland announced getting rid of all the plastic dishes and straws in their sortiment.

You can find more information on the websites of the project partners in their national languages on the links above.

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