

Role of NGOs in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

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What are NGOs?

- **Non-governmental non-profit organizations**
 - = Citizens associations
 - = Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
- **Acting in the specific interest of one social group (students, minorities, patients, . . .) or for the benefit of the society**
- **An important interface for communicating ideas to the general public!**

Why are CSOs important in the climate field?

- Mitigation and adaptation measures are mostly individual measures
- Personal level → bottom-up approach necessary
- Through their membership base, CSOs have direct contact to general public

CSOs in the SEE region

- Growing number, growing budgets (primarily through EU funding), increasing visibility
 - Increased impact on general public
- Increasing specialization, improved competencies
 - Participation in policies, monitoring...

Some of the SEE CSOs and what they do

- Climate Action Network (CAN-SEE)
- Hungary: EnergiaKlub (activism, policy, education, research)
- Austria: Global2000 (FoE – Austria: activism)
- B&H: CEETZ (education, activism), CZZS (activism, policy)
- Serbia: CEKOR (education, activism, policy), Fractal (policy)
- Slovenia: FOCUS (policy, education)
- Croatia: Zelena Akcija (activism, policy), ZMAG (education), Zelena Istra (activism, policy), DOOR (education)

About DOOR

- Assembles individuals interested in sustainable development, primarily in the energy field
- Stems from academic background
- Cooperates with CSOs, universities, companies, institutes...

Some of DOOR's projects

Picture book "Renewable Energy Sources"



Energy Info Centres



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Dialogue towards Sustainable Energy



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Some of DOOR's projects (cont)

- **Video Manual for Energy Efficiency**
 - 8 short films with advices for energy use in households
 - 4 completed:
 - Building thermal isolation
 - Lightning
 - Solar heating
 - Appliances
 - All will be permanently available at [www. MojaEnergija.hr](http://www.MojaEnergija.hr)

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