



CAN EECCA Vision

Who are we?

Climate Action Network Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (CAN EECCA) is a network of non-government organizations dedicated to fighting climate change and represented by almost 50 members in 11 countries.



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We work to ensure that civil society in the region is strong and organised, that EECCA countries implement policies leading to climate neutrality and green economy, and that there is coherence between the former and the latter process on the basis of climate justice.

Our network has been in existence since 2008 and is part of the Climate Action Network International, which brings together more than 1,900 civil society organisations in 130 countries.

The EECCA region often falls out of the global focus due to political instability, corruption, repressed media. **We work to consolidate and promote the priorities of NGOs in the EECCA region at the international level.**

Publics in EECCA countries do not always have sufficient power to influence policy-making in their countries, as they often succumb to repression, have many barriers to sustainable financing and cannot fully utilise participatory mechanisms in decision-making. **We strengthen the public voice at regional and international level, bring the demands of network members to decision makers and promote mechanisms for civil society participation in decision making.**

The EECCA region is very dependent on fossil fuels. Countries are slow to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and implement truly ambitious climate policies. **We analyse countries' positions on the path to climate neutrality and directly address decision-makers with demands to take concrete measures to combat the climate crisis.**

The Network's Vision

Strong civil society in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia helped prevent the climate crisis by achieving climate neutrality, divesting from fossil fuels, using natural resources equitably and developing green economy opportunities.

Our Mission

Support, strengthen and develop civil society organisations in the EECCA region in their ability to influence the development and implementation of climate policies that lead to a climate-neutral and more equitable future.

Our Values

- Climate justice
- Horizontal leadership
- Solidarity and mutual support
- Non-violence
- Safety of climate activists

Strategic directions of work

1. Supporting the development of ambitious and equitable climate policies in EECCA countries, including through coordination during the negotiations of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
2. Multi-level mobilisation of civil society and strengthening the influence of the public, including local communities, on climate policy making;
3. Exchange of experience between different stakeholders, creation of platforms for collaboration and dissemination of knowledge on the climate crisis;
4. Cooperation with mass media, development and support of communication channels to address climate crisis.

Priority formats of work

1. Working with state and local governments and the public in EECCA countries to strengthen Nationally Determined Contributions that lead to equitable and real low-carbon development based on the rights and needs of the population;
2. Developing the leadership capacity of network members, especially young and/or small organisations, strengthening cooperation among members;
3. Supporting the climate movement and mobilising civil society through the preparation and implementation of joint actions, advocacy campaigns;
4. Strengthening work with the media at all levels, active presence in social networks, creation of press releases and communication.

The main thematic work areas of our network members

1. National climate policy
2. Negotiations of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
3. Development of renewable energy sources without harming the nature
4. Energy efficiency and energy saving
5. Phase-out of fossil fuels
6. Just transition
7. Green deal for cities and governments
8. Sustainable green transport
9. Clean air
10. Forest protection, reforestation
11. Adaptation to climate change
12. Biodiversity conservation
13. Education, dissemination of environmental information
14. Development of environmental activism
15. Supporting mountain communities and developing countries

Partners and contacts

Our reliable partners and donors include Bread for the world, CAN International, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, BUND (Friends of the Earth Germany) and others.

We are always open to new partnerships with organisations that share our values and strategic directions of work.



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