

Civic Action for Security and Environment (CASE) Small Grants Programme at a glance

1. Programme background
 - Launched in Armenia in 2009
 - 7 Calls for proposals made
 - 91 project proposals received
 - 34 NGO projects funded
 - ≈ EUR 238,000 provided to NGOs in total
 - Average grant amount per project is EUR 7,000

2. Objectives and set-up
 - Increasing public and political awareness on the linkages between environment and security;
 - Strengthening capacity of CSOs in the field of environment and security;
 - Rendering financial and technical assistance to CSOs on projects demonstrating cooperation in the field of environment among governmental organizations, NGOs, private sector and international financial organizations.

3. Main pillars
 - CASE Country Strategy document
 - National Screening Board
 - Small Grants to NGOs

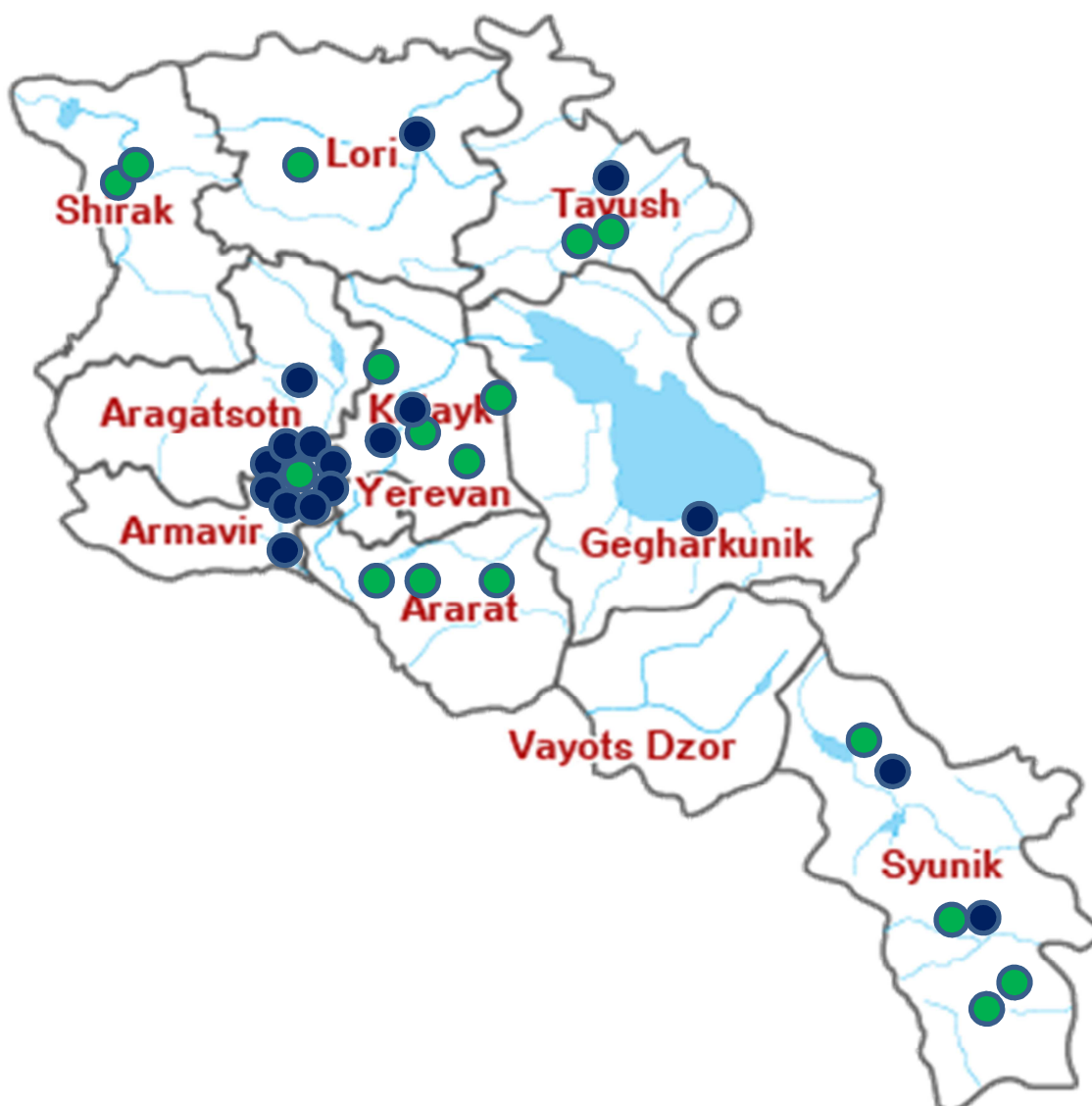
4. Thematic priorities
 - Hazardous waste and hazardous chemicals management
 - Reduction of the negative impacts of mining
 - Sustainable transportation
 - Environmental education
 - Sustainable management of natural resources (water, bio-diversity, bio-security, mountains, etc)
 - Strengthening of Armenian CSOs capacities for environmental actions
 - Natural and man-made disasters
 - Sustainable use of energy
 - Tackling climate change
 - Combating land degradation

5. Cross-cutting themes
 - Environmental Governance
 - Social Aspects of Environmental Security
 - Participation of Women
 - Role and Participation of Youth

6. Summary of the projects implemented within the CASE in Armenia

Priorities	Number of projects
Hazardous waste and hazardous chemicals management	3
Reduction of the negative impacts of mining	2
Sustainable Transportation	1
Environmental Education	8
Sustainable management of natural resources	4
Strengthening of Armenian civil society capacities for environmental actions	2
Support for Environmental Governance	4
Natural and man-made disasters	3
Sustainable use of energy/ Tackling climate change	4
Combating land degradation	3

7. Map of implemented projects



8. Aarhus Centres Network and CASE

The CASE Armenia Country Strategy envisions a strong role for the Aarhus Centre Network in supporting civil society organizations participating in CASE through the provision of expertise and facilitation of CSO coordination.

CASE mission also includes strengthening the Aarhus Centre Initiative through building the capacity of Civil Society Organizations, and the support of environmental projects.

15 Aarhus Centres:

- Ensure local ownership of CASE projects
- Increase project impact
- Facilitate project monitoring
- Enhance projects' impact
- Facilitate sharing of best practices and lessons learnt
- Contribute to the sustainability of project activities

9. Strengths of CASE Programme in Armenia

- Decentralized management structure
- Community engagement
- Demand-driven
- Local ownership and support
- Enabling
- Partnership-oriented
- Transparent decision-making