

# AARHUS CENTRES' ENGAGEMENT IN FOSTERING THE TRANSITION TO GREEN ECONOMY IN ARMENIA



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RA Ministry of Nature  
Protection



Organization for Security and  
Co-operation in Europe

## HRAZDAN AARHUS CENTRE WITHIN THE NETWORK OF ARMENIAN AARHUS CENTRES

The Centre is partner to the local authorities on the Environmental Action Plan formulation and works in cooperation with the civil society and the media to monitor its implementation

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The Centre raises locals awareness on the EIA projects to be implemented in the community



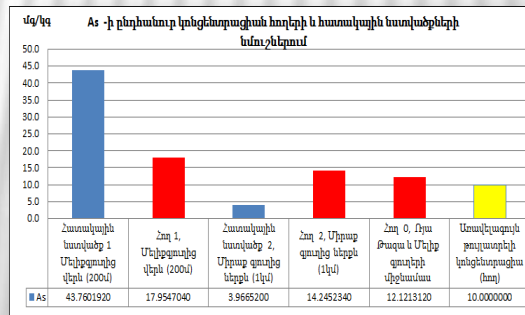


# COMPLIANCE OF EIA WITH THE AARHUS CONVENTION PRINCIPLES

The Centers provide expertise on the compliance of the EIA with the Convention standards with the goal to ensure economic development and environmental safety.

In case of not compliance, some actions as well as public campaigns are organized to inform authorities on the local concerns.

The cooperation with the MNP was very effective on re-considering the mine project.



# ARMENIAN AARHUS CENTERS STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF LOCAL CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE FIELD OF GREEN ECONOMY

The Aarhus Centre supports activities of local groups interested in contributing to greening the economy, in the following sectors:



The Aarhus Centre supports research activities, provides access to environmental data-base and conducts trainings for the local population.





ACs supported communities to raise financial resources for green projects, including on: climate change adaptation, energy saving, nature protection, eco & clean industry, etc.

Armenian Aarhus Centers have been working as a platform for raising awareness and building capacity of local communities on introducing new projects and financial mechanisms in the field of green economy

Project by GEF, financed by EU



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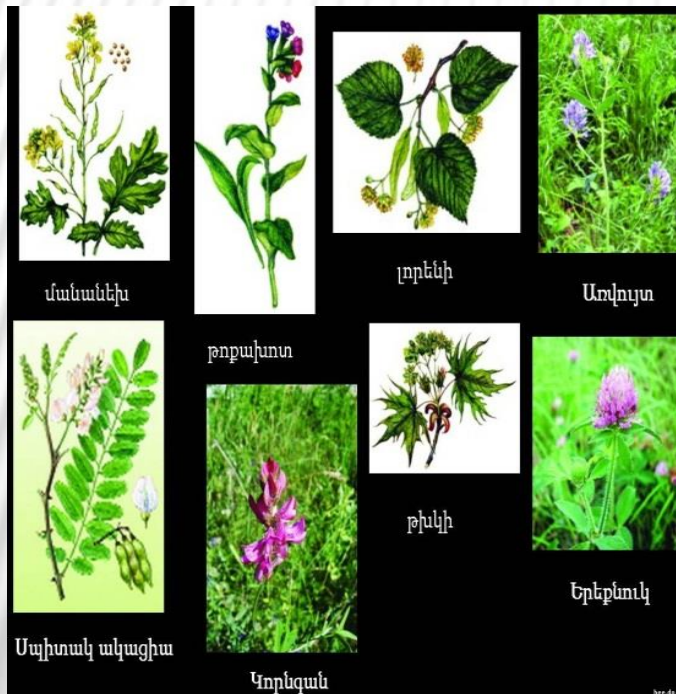
**GREEN REVOLVING COMMUNITY FUND FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

# ECO-SYSTEM SERVICE, GREEN ECONOMY AND HEALTH

Armenia and the Hrazdan region have rich biodiversity

Hrazdan AC supported creation of new NGOs

One of them, the “Healthy Hrazdan” NGO invested in developing the culture of using herbs and producing tea from the plants collected in the region, as alternative entrepreneurship



The tea collection is made from organic components, no chemical ingredients or interference



# HRAZDAN REGION HAS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR ECO-TOURISM

The Centre supports the regional ecotourism project. There are “Ecological Roads” both interlinked with historical and religious monuments and events in the region.



Specially protected areas  
and nature monuments



# NEEDS: GREEN ECONOMY- POLICY, LEGISLATION, ACTIONS

- The Ministry of Nature Protection, as a Focal Point on green economy, could enhance the involvement of the Aarhus Centers into related activities
- The Aarhus Convention implementation and EIA compliance issue with the International standards
- Cooperation with International Organizations, experience and knowledge exchange



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Protection



Center of Economical  
and Legal Analyses



Center of  
Sustainable  
Development



Armenian Aarhus  
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# FUTURE PROSPECTS

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## GREEN ECONOMY



Aarhus Centers

Information  
Dissemination

Capacity Building

Voluntary Engagement

Sharing Good Practice

Platform for Cooperation

The background image is a wide-angle landscape shot. In the foreground, a calm river flows from the bottom left towards the center right. A large herd of brown and black cows is scattered across a lush green field on the left side of the river. In the middle ground, a road runs horizontally across the frame. Behind the road, a hillside rises, featuring several buildings, including a large white one, and several tall electricity pylons with power lines. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

# Thank you very much for your kind attention



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