



CASE

Civic Action for Security and Environment

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What is CASE?

Small grants programme for civil society organizations

Complementary to Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative

Fast delivery mechanism – from “idea” to “action”



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Why CASE?

- The need for an **innovative, transparent, and easily accessible mechanism** to facilitate the involvement of civil society in the environment and security field.
- The ability of civil society organizations to **pool resources** and **build on each other's strengths and expertise** to effectively address complex environment and security challenges.
- The ability of the civil society organizations to **reach out to local communities and citizens** and deliver effectively “environment and security” messages.
- The role of civil society in promoting **environmental co-operation, conflict prevention, and confidence building.**



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Where is CASE implemented?

Armenia – launched in October 2009

Azerbaijan – launched in October 2009

Tajikistan – launched in May 2010

Corporate (**OCEEA**) component– launched in January 2009



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Who funds CASE?

Government of **Austria**

Government of **Canada**

Government of **Luxembourg**

Statoil Azerbaijan



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What does CASE do?

Increase **awareness** on linkages between environment and security

Strengthen **capacity** of the civil society organizations

Provide **financial and technical assistance to civil society organizations** for their projects that address environment and security challenges



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How does CASE do it?

CASE Management

- National Screening Boards
- OSCE Field Missions
- OCEEA

CASE Country Strategies

(Ref: CASE Guidelines at the corporate level)

CASE Grants

CASE Grant Cycle

- Call for project proposals
- Submission of project proposals by the civil society organizations
- Review of project proposals by National Screening Boards
- Implementing Partnership Agreements with the civil society organizations
- Project implementation
- Monitoring & Evaluation

CASE Project Portfolio

Project Proposals: **132 project applications**

Approved Projects: **32 CASE projects:**

- Armenia** 17 projects
(average EUR 6,250 per project)
- Azerbaijan** 7 projects
(average EUR 10,000 per project)
- Tajikistan** 8 projects
(average EUR 7,000 per project)

What are CASE's strengths?

Structural strengths

Decentralized

- National Screening Boards

Demand-driven

- high NGO interest
- significant government support

Enabling

- Strong capacity building component

Partnership oriented

- government-civil society-academia-international community

Well-coordinated

- UNDP and UNDP GEF/SGP

Transparent

- Decision-making mechanism

What are CASE's strengths?

Substantive strengths

Environmental governance

- Citizens' awareness
- Citizens' access to information
- Citizen participation and citizen responsibility
- Strong civil society
- Focus on youth and women
- Industrial compliance and transparency

Environmental security

- Climate change
- Water
- Eco-systems
- Hazardous chemicals
- Waste
- Natural disasters

What is next for CASE?

- Review **CASE implementation**
- Identify **best practices** and **lessons learned**
- **Share experiences** among country programmes
- **Capacity building for NGOs** in project formulation, management, and reporting
- Strengthen **monitoring & evaluation**
- Strengthen **linkages** with Aarhus Centres and ENVSEC projects
- Attract **more partners** and **more resources**

What can CASE do with additional resources?

- Strengthen CASE's commitment to environmental security particularly through more projects.
- Reinforce the interest of the civil society organizations in environment and security field and further respond to their capacity building needs
- Promote new partnerships
- Achieve greater synergy and complementarity with other programmes and initiatives
- Up-scale and replicate successful CASE projects
- Expand to cover additional countries