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During the floods in August 2023, alongside economic entities, **numerous NGOs suffered damages**. Therefore, we advocated for **equal support for NGOs** at the Ministry of Public Administration and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food. With the amendment to the Law on Intervention Measures for the Elimination of Consequences of Floods and Landslides from August 2023, **we succeeded!**

We prevented the adoption of a harmful amendment to the Law of Institutes.

We prepared a comparative overview of proposed solutions and a (negative) opinion on them. We communicated with other NGOs and unions, coordinated positions and strategies, and engaged with political parties and the media. We also opposed the expedited procedure for the amendment.

The action was successful: in April, the National Assembly rejected the expedited procedure for the amendment, and in May, the government withdrew it from the legislative process due to negative positions from all stakeholders.



**We
defended
the rights
of NGO's**

We ensured that the CLLD/Leader Programme became much more financially and administratively friendly for NGOs. After prolonged coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Food and several interventions, the Regulation on the Implementation of Local Development now includes legal bases for advance payments, co-financing with voluntary work, consideration of copyright and service contracts as labor costs, and simplified cost categories.

We continued to systematically monitor the compliance with the Resolution on Normative Activity and the Rules of Procedure of the Government.

We found that the 15th government, led by Robert Golob, violated the provisions of the resolution in 64% of cases, i.e., in 513 out of 791 published regulations during its term from 2nd June 2022 to 2nd January 2024.



We successfully advocated for simpler and more inclusive national public tenders.

On multiple occasions we provided advice to various ministries on public tenders.

Connecting NGOs to insure better information sharing and support



Every year, the **number of our members enjoying additional benefits grows** – currently exceeding 1,600. According to the **satisfaction surveys** (in February and November 2023) members indicated that they are very satisfied with our output, and we continuously strive to improve our activities in line with the wishes of the NGO sector.

On the cnvos.si website, we recorded more than 440,000 visits in 2023, including over 83,000 unique views.

We published **1,817 news articles** on legislative initiatives and changes, sector development updates, ongoing educational activities, NGO events, and other relevant topics, along with **919 national and international calls for NGOs** (total of 2,736 posts).



**We insured
good
information
flow to
NGOs**

We established a **new subpage "NGOs During Floods"**, consolidating all information and clarifications about measures affecting the operation of NGOs during emergencies caused by floods, as well as appeals from humanitarian organizations.



Until mid-year, we continued updating a **special subpage "NGOs During the Economic Crisis"**, presenting all relevant measures and information for NGOs.

We continued activities to periodically inform NGO representatives about the work and decisions made in working bodies. **We published 2 sets of reports, totalling 68.**

We issued **49 e-newsletters** summarizing all the updates on cnvos.si and related applications, along with **2 thematic e-newsletters** related to the operation of NGOs during floods.

But don't take our word for it:

"I would firstly like to express my gratitude on behalf of the Red Noses Foundation and myself for all the information you provide on your website and in the newsletter.

During the pandemic, they were especially valuable, and I admired the promptness with which you updated and published them.

They were a constant and important help to us."

Varja Golouh Prodan,

Red Noses Foundation Business Director

"Heartfelt thanks for all your advice and teachings during your workshops."

Ljiljana Gornik,
Zaliv želja Institute

We shared knowledge



Conducted **13 free webinars** (total of 505 participants) and **6 legal consultations** with the support of the Ministry of Public Administration from the NGO Fund.

Developed and implemented a **new advocacy training program**, providing individual mentorship to participating organizations by CNVOS staff and external experts.

Conducted **two basic training sessions for public servants** on the effective involvement of the public in drafting regulations and policies.

- **402 free legal consultations,**
- **254.5 hours of paid legal consulting,**
- **58 hours of free legal advice** for NGOs in thematic networks, regional contact points, and NGOs with potential,
- **19 procedures** for appointing NGO representatives to various committees and groups,
- **regular project advice** while reviewing project applications for two organizations.

Regular collaborations with the **European Civic Forum** in their advocacy actions at EU level.

Through ECF, we submitted **our views on the state of the rule of law in Slovenia**, which the European Commission considered in preparing its report, mentioning CNVOS multiple times as a source of information and data.



CNVOS director participated as **lead assessor in the OECD's periodic assessment of public administration development in Ukraine** (February-October).

Final report: https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/public-administration-in-ukraine_078d08d4-en

In the fall, he collaborated with the OECD in developing an enhanced methodology for assessing public administration development responsible for **preparing new questionnaires for the areas of "strategic framework for public administration reform" and "development and coordination of policies"**.

**Our
knowledge
and
expertise
were
sought-
after
abroad**

Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein aim to strengthen the role of NGOs in promoting democratic governance, involving the public in decision-making at the national and local levels, and enhancing human rights in thirteen European countries. They entrusted us with managing the Active Citizens Fund for NGOs in 2018 for the second time, and it was assessed as successful again in 2023.



In May, we received an **additional 300,000 EUR** from the Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development into the Active Citizens Fund and used it to support **additional 7 projects**. According to projections, we will be able to fully utilize all available funds, and the **programme's value amounted to 3.8 million EUR** in the end.

**Managed
Active
Citizens
Fund
Programme
in Slovenia
and
supported
in total
96 projects.**

Implementing Slovenian-Croatian programme for strengthening NGOs, Impact4Values. Based on the first call, we **jointly supported 46 projects, including 19 projects from Slovenian applicants.**



Total value of the programme is 4,250,000 EUR, of which 2,350,000 EUR will be distributed to NGOs through public tenders, the rest will be allocated for organizational strengthening (training, mentoring), networking, program management, etc.

Impact4Values Programme

Within Impact4values, we will announce **3 public tenders**, conduct **4 multi-day training sessions** for project implementers and other NGOs, organize a **series of webinars**, provide **mentorship support**, and establish an **online library of working materials**.

On the website of **one of the largest newspapers Dnevnik** we continue to weekly present various NGOs throughout Slovenia, in the **NGO section "Faces of NGOs"**.

In 2023, we interviewed 31 NGO representatives.



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At the end of December, we organized the arrival of the **NGO Santa Claus** at the Slovenian Youth Theatre, who brought gifts for over **100 children** from **NGO families**.

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The **NGO Festival LUPA 2023** took place in the center of Ljubljana on 14th September 2024. **Over 120 NGOs from various fields** presented themselves at booths and through the program, allowing numerous visitors to learn more about their activities.

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In May, we once more organized the **joint event 'This Good Dinner'**, this time with the participation of regional hubs. **The focal point of the campaign was violence, with an emphasis on violence against women.**

Five restaurants and five non-governmental organizations participated, representing various Slovenian regions. Among the five participating associations (Association SOS Help-line, Safe House Association of Upper Carniola, Safe Shelter Association of Pomurje, POPI Association, and Association for a Life Without Violence), an equal share of 1,143.00 EUR in donations was distributed, obtained through 87 transfers.



For a good cause, we brought together non-governmental organizations and restaurants.

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