

**Building a Greener Economic Environment**

CNVP is a Dutch-registered CSO that operates in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia - six western Balkan countries that wish to join the EU.

The main focus of CNVP's work is on the circular economy and green growth. Its mission is to use evidence-based analysis to improve the sustainable livelihoods of rural communities in the Balkans that are affected by ongoing environmental and climate change.

CNVP's interests are wide, and cover *inter alia*: natural resource management, national parks/protected areas, nature conservation, biodiversity, wetlands and Natura 2000; environmental protection, climate change and carbon sequestration; sustainable forest management, including agro-forestry; women’s economic empowerment; support for rural youth (including slowing down outward migration); agri-rural development, including crop and non-crop value chains; eco/agro-tourism; area-based/local economic development and cluster policy; wood biomass for renewable energy; waste management, including transboundary water pollution; national rural parliaments, community mobilization, governance, LEADER and local action groups; Erasmus+ and VET.

CNVP has an international reputation as a reliable partner and facilitator, working with public, private and third sector partnerships, as well as social entrepreneurship. It supports improved dialogue with state and non-state decision-makers, other key stakeholders and donors. CNVP works with government institutions at central and decentralized levels to design, develop and implement policies within an overall framework of public administration reform and results’ based monitoring. CNVP is currently implementing projects funded by Sida, USAID, the EU and PEFC.

CNVP is interested to be involved in Erasmus+ activities, in order to: improve its networking activities; develop the professional skills of its staff, including organisational capacity building; create trans-national cooperation with organisations from other countries; help produce innovative outputs; and exchange best practices. As several of CNVP's Associate Experts work in universities in Europe and the western Balkans, CNVP can act as a facilitator for Dutch education organisations promoting Erasmus+ exchanges.

Further, CNVP can support Dutch institutions that wish to organise mobilities with universities and partners in the western Balkans, particularly: facilitating exchanges and study visits; increasing capacity to operate at international level; improving management methods; supporting policy reform in the western Balkans; increasing access to more funding opportunities and projects; and diversifying opportunities for students and staff at participating organisations.

Organisations wishing to cooperate with CNVP are invited to send an email to Ross Bull, CNVP’s Executive Director in Belgrade (ross.bull@cnvp-eu.org).

Further information about CNVP is available at [www.cnvp-eu.org](http://www.cnvp-eu.org).