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# PREFACE

After 10 years of work, INDEP this year has continued its mission of providing transparent institutions for the citizens of Kosovo and promoting democratic values. We have also advanced our programs for democratic governance, sustainable development and regional cooperation.

The period of the pandemic also had its negative consequences in the field of civil society, but two years after it, the year 2022 has marked the beginning of a second decade for the INDEP institute, leaving behind about 50 successful projects supported by 30 donors, and over 200 publications and 6 platforms launched. This new page for INDEP has started with a series of projects and activities that give voice to issues of public interest.

The Institute for Development Policy continues to be a key point on the road to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. During this year we have increased our cooperation with the Council for Sustainable Development, the result of which have been successful projects with municipalities, research and analysis as well as national forums and conferences.

We are happy to close the year 2022 with the fact that our work has left its mark on the processes of policy-making and green transition in Kosovo. Our work would be impossible without the support of donors, partners, activists, local and international collaborators as well as institutions that gave us space for contribution.

Sincerely,  
Burim EJUPE, Executive Director of INDEP



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# ABOUT US

Founded in 2011, INDEP has worked for more than a decade to raise the transparency and accountability of public institutions in Kosovo. INDEP has a special focus on strengthening democratic governance and plays the role of public policy supervisor, where through analysis and research focused on development policies, it offers strategic solutions for public policies.

## **Mission:**

To empower and promote sustainable socio-political and economic development based on the principles of democracy and democratic values, equal opportunities, social and environmental justice and human rights.

## **Vision:**

A democratic society, capable and ready to run a functional state, integrated in the region and the international community.

# INDEP'S WORK

Publications  
15

Analysis  
6

OP-ED  
2

Bulletins  
7

Reactions  
6

Campaigns  
2

Reports  
9

Infographics  
69

Events  
15

Podcasts  
5

Videos  
5

Platforms  
2

Public Consultations  
3

Media appearances  
279

# PROGRAMS



## **Democratic Governance**

In the Democratic Governance program, policy research is combined with determined advocacy focusing on functioning political parties, ensuring free and fair elections, strengthening the rule of law and advancing media freedom.



## **Sustainable Development**

The Sustainable Development Program makes INDEP the first institute in the region that promotes economic development that advances social and political conditions while protecting the environment. This program focuses on economic and energy projects in Kosovo and the region.



## **Regional Cooperation**

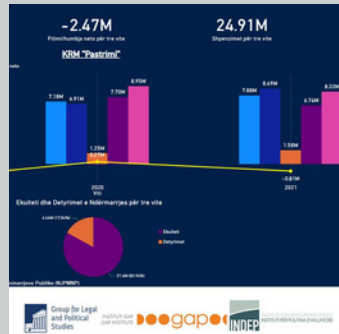
Regional cooperation is a prerequisite for the path of the Western Balkan countries to the European Union. INDEP aims to promote and strengthen this cooperation in the fields of security and Euro-Atlantic integrations.

# DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

This program is one of the main pillars of INDEP's work, within which projects are implemented on consumer protection and ensuring transparent processes in public institutions. During 2022, INDEP in partnership with UNDP has started the implementation of the "Climate Promise Project - Growth through Green and Just Recovery from COVID19" project, which aims to train journalists for green investigative journalism and advocate for policies and practices that promote the work of journalists in defense of the environment and informing the public.

## PACT+

With the mission to ensure an inter-institutional approach for consumer protection in the market, the PACT+ project for the third year in a row has offered practical assistance to citizens on their rights as consumers. The PACT+ project has also placed particular emphasis on the need to amend existing legislation to include substantial levels of consumer protection.



## CORR Watch

Ensuring merit-based recruitment processes and transparency within the administration, monitoring public procurement and contract management practices, monitoring the process of granting grants and subsidies, monitoring in the field of granting licenses, permits and fees, as well as support of concrete performance and improvement of the government of Public Enterprises are the main components of the project.

## Public Consultations

Consultation	Number of comments
Law on Consumer Protection	2 general 7 specific
National Development Strategy 2030	3 general 9 specific
Energy Strategy of the Republic of Kosovo 2022 - 2031	4 general 14 specific

As a result of INDEP's active participation in direct consultations, 14 public policies have been changed

## Participation in Committees

Committee for  
Economy,  
Industry,  
Entrepreneurship  
and Trade

Council for  
Sustainable  
Development

Working group  
for circular  
economy

Transparency  
Forum

Consumer  
Protection  
Council

National Council  
on Climate  
Change



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Sustainable Development Program has a special role in fulfilling the vision of the INDEP institute, since we consider that the future of the country is built on the basis of sustainable development. In the framework of this program, during the year 2022, projects focused on the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals were carried out, a platform was developed to monitor the progress of the municipality of Drenas in achieving the SDGs, as well as advocacy activities, including the Kosovo Sustainable Development Week (KSDW) and the Forum for SDGs. The development of this program is supported by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

## Carbon Tax

With the aim of promoting the carbon tax, through advocacy, recommendations, infographics and research works, INDEP has influenced the inclusion of the carbon tax in the draft Energy Strategy of the Republic of Kosovo. This project also focused on the promotion of energy transition and the improvement of the energy sector in Kosovo, raising citizens' awareness of energy saving.





## SDG Bridge

The main objective of this project is to include the SDGs in the policy framework of the COVID-19 recovery by promoting localization, implementation and monitoring mechanisms at the local level and creating a bridge of communication and support between central level policies and local initiatives. Through research and advocacy work, INDEP aims to inform stakeholders about the initiative in general, as well as provide concrete comparative examples from the region that would improve the economic, social and environmental standing in Kosovo. Capacity building for municipal officials for SDGs and the Joint Workshop between the National Council of SDGs and the Association of Municipalities of Kosovo are some of the main activities of this project.

# Kosovo Sustainable Development Week - KSDW

Sustainable Development Week 2022 is exclusively focused on facilitating a dialogue regarding the advancement and support of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans. This was achieved by organizing a 3-day conference, where competent institutions (international, national and regional) gathered in a single hall to discuss clear topics in the 5 pillars of the Green Agenda.



KSDW also organizes activities for the public in order to advance the status of sustainability in the region and increase general awareness of environmental protection.





# Agenda 2030 and SDGs Forum

In November 2022, the second consecutive edition of the SDG Forum was organized with the theme: "Coordination between the local and central levels of government for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda"



The forum has organized two discussion panels. The first panel was held on the topic "Technical support, monitoring and reporting for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the national level", with representatives from the Office for Strategic Planning, the Kosovo Statistics Agency and the Office of the UN Development Coordinator.



In the last panel, together with mayors of municipalities from Kosovo and Albania, and experts, the topic 'The importance and commitment of local government for the implementation and monitoring of Agenda 2030 and SDGs' was discussed.

# REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



## Global Forum

### Network Meeting

The Global Forum Network meeting in September in Cape Town brought together many international multi-stakeholder platforms, councils and similar advisory bodies for sustainable development.



## COP27 – together for implementation

The global climate change conference "COP27 - together for implementation" was organized in Sharm-El Sheikh, Egypt. Together with the annual meeting of the International Network of Energy Transition Think Tanks (INETTT), this visit served for networking, for placing Kosovo on the COP map and for advancing the INDEP program for the development of sustainable and cooperative regional.







## Balkan Think Tanks Convention III

The III Convention of Balkan Think Tanks with the theme "Strengthening cooperation in geopolitical challenges", was organized in Ankara.

## Energy Policy Group

The Energy Policy Group summer school was held in Bucharest (Romania), where our team member, Liron Gjocaj, contributed to the lectures and discussions on the smart transformation of the energy sector.



## Open World project on "Oversight Bodies"

The focus was on discussing best practices and appropriate roles for each stakeholder in staffing and recruiting for agencies, in writing laws and regulations on the operation of regulatory review bodies, in monitoring and oversight, and in obtaining of disciplinary measures.





## EBRD Annual Meeting & Business Forum

During the session "Human rights, remedy and accessibility" at the meeting organized in Marrakesh, the Chief Accountability Officer of the EBRD in a conversation with the management of the EBRD, Civil Society and the UN Office for Human Rights revealed how to strengthen due diligence safeguards, human rights and transparency, improve access and enable treatment.

## Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs

With the European Bureau of Consumer Unions we have discussed the successes of the project for consumer protection in Kosovo and the possibilities of further development of this component.



## Council for Sustainable Development in Germany

The 2030 Agenda and the swift fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were the main focus of this meeting, but specifically the possibility and need for monitoring and consistent reporting on the SDGs, both from the central and local levels in Kosovo.





## European Movement Albania

In the conversation with EMA, experiences were exchanged in the field of consumer rights protection, challenges and opportunities for advancing the position of consumers in Kosovo and Albania.

## Civil Society and Think Tank Forum 2022

The conference held in Berlin aims to provide a platform for the exchange and networking of best practices between CSOs from the region and the EU and to strengthen inter-regional and transnational civil society initiatives and ideas.



## IEEFA Energy Finance Conference 2022

IEEFA conference brought together experts from around the world to explore energy market dynamics and share strategies for accelerating the global energy transition.



## VI Conference of Dinaric Parks

The main objective of the Conference was to strengthen regional cooperation, improve coordination for biodiversity conservation in the Western Balkans and identify how different actors can contribute and improve nature conservation through the implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans.

# CLOSING STATEMENT

**INDEP will continue to advance its core programs through advocacy and research throughout this decade. This is the time for climate action, the fulfillment of the objectives for sustainable development and the strengthening of good governance that together facilitate the path towards the European integration of the countries of the Western Balkans.**



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