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Green Action Space (GAS)

—
Civic Energy for the
Green Agenda

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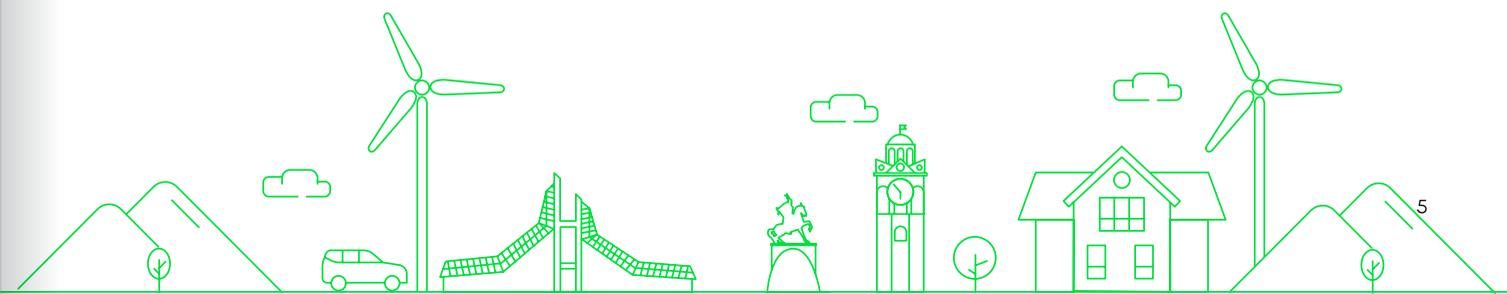
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Amidst Kosovo's dynamic development landscape lies an intricate balance of aspirations. On one side, the nation boasts untapped mineral wealth, notably coal, as a potential cornerstone for development of the energy sector. On the other hand, Kosovo is resolute in its pursuit of integrating with the European Union and embracing the transformative power of the green agenda. These aspirations, seemingly at odds, create a unique challenge—a juncture where the exploration of mineral potential confronts the imperative of decarbonization.

The Green Action Space (GAS) emerges as a strategic bridge, a harbour where the tension between these conflicting interests finds resolution. This space, defined by its four pivotal pillars—Green Education, Advocacy, Research, and Green Economy—embodies the collective journey of finding common ground.





In a world where coal remains a dominant energy source, Kosovo stands as a paradox—a country abundant in coal reserves yet striving to align itself with green aspirations. As one of the wealthiest coal-endowed nations globally, Kosovo has traditionally relied heavily on coal for energy generation. While the nation earnestly seeks integration into the European Union and the alignment with their green agenda, it grapples with the challenge of harmonizing its energy strategy with the imperative of phasing out coal. The launch of the Green Action Space (GAS) heralds a pivotal juncture, where citizen mobilization, sustainable innovation, and a commitment to a greener future converge. GAS has four main pillars.



Our dedication to a sustainable tomorrow begins with education. GAS cultivates awareness and understanding of environmental challenges through interactive workshops, seminars, and engaging activities. By empowering individuals with knowledge, we sow the seeds of conscious decision-making that ripple through society.



Research is the compass guiding our journey. GAS is a dynamic hub of innovation, where experts and enthusiasts converge to explore solutions for pressing issues. Our research initiatives drive informed choices.



Change requires a collective voice. GAS serves as a platform for advocacy, amplifying the call for environmentally responsible policies and practices. By uniting voices, we accelerate the momentum for change that our world urgently needs.



Sustainability and economy need not be at odds. GAS fosters a green economy by promoting sustainable business practices, supporting eco-friendly entrepreneurship, and nurturing green job opportunities. We believe that economic growth and environmental stewardship can coexist in harmony.

The pages that follow will dive deeper into each pillar, revealing inspiring stories, impactful research, and innovative pathways towards a greener, more sustainable future. As you explore, let the images accompanying these words paint a vivid picture of the impactful work happening within GAS.



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Green Education: Empowering Minds for a Sustainable Future

In the tapestry of change that GAS weaves, the Green Education pillar stands as the foundational thread. It is here that we embark on a journey to empower minds and sow the seeds of conscious transformation. Our commitment to a sustainable tomorrow begins with education, for we firmly believe that awareness and understanding are the catalysts of change.

The aim of the Green School is to provide participants with the necessary knowledge about environmental issues, encouraging discussion and advocacy within the context of the green agenda. The participants of the Green School include members of: civil society, media, private sector, and policymakers. Through interactive lectures, participants will gain fundamental knowledge about:



Climate and
energy



Sustainable
development and
the circular
economy



Environmental
hot spots in
Kosovo



Environmental
policies and civic
activism

GAS's Green School is a dynamic platform that transcends traditional learning boundaries. Through interactive workshops, thought-provoking seminars, and immersive activities, we cultivate a deeper connection with the environment. Participants are not passive recipients but active agents of change, learning to decipher the complexities of ecological challenges and finding innovative ways to address them.



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Dekarbonizimin dhe taksën e
karbonit në kontekst të
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Research: Pioneering Solutions for Ecological Harmony

Research is the compass that guides humanity's course towards a sustainable future, and the research pillar within GAS serves as the lighthouse for this journey. It is a hub of innovation, where experts, scholars, and enthusiasts converge to navigate the uncharted waters of ecological challenges. Our research initiatives transcend the theoretical realm, embracing the practicality of solutions that respect both human needs and the delicate balance of nature.

The Research pillar sparks collaborative endeavors that bridge disciplines and perspectives, as we seek the innovative solutions. By embracing data-driven insights GAS promotes research that can have impactful policy implications.

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Advocacy: Amplifying the Call for Environmental Responsibility

Change is not the endeavour of a solitary voice; it is the harmonious chorus of collective action. The Advocacy pillar within GAS recognizes this truth and serves as the resonating chamber for voices that demand environmental responsibility. It is here that individual commitments blend into a resounding call for change, echoing through corridors of power and across landscapes of influence.

Through roundtables and forums, dialogues, and initiatives, we illuminate the urgency of environmental protection, and shaping policies that stand as guardians of our shared future. GAS's Advocacy pillar empowers us to drive change at a scale that resonates far beyond the confines of our institution. We use the following channels for advocacy:



Green Talks:

These are interactive events where experts and stakeholders discuss crucial environmental matters, fostering awareness and brainstorming solutions.



Roundtable Forum within Forum 2015:

As an integral part of the well-established Forum 2015 (founded in 2003), this platform facilitates discussions on the most crucial subjects.



Policy Briefs:

We compile condensed messages aimed at policymakers, providing them with succinct information and recommendations.



Green 333:

This involves concise video messages from three key stakeholders, each presenting three ideas or topics within a three-minute timeframe.



Web content and infographics:

Utilizing the digital realm, we convey our advocacy through compelling web content and informative infographics. These visually engaging tools help us communicate complex issues and inspire action in an accessible manner.



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Green Economy: Promoting Sustainable Prosperity

The Green Economy pillar within the Green Action Space (GAS) is a driving force behind sustainable development, focusing on practical approaches that balance economic progress with environmental well-being. Green Economy centres on three key aspects: decarbonization, de-pollution, and circular economy. These aspects guide GAS's efforts to create a more sustainable and resilient economy in Kosovo.

GAS is committed to promoting the use of renewable energy technologies, improving energy efficiency, and advocating for policies that reduce carbon emissions. By embracing cleaner energy alternatives, GAS aims to both lower the environmental impact of energy production and create new opportunities in the renewable energy sector.

GAS encourages businesses and individuals to adopt practices that reduce waste, encourage recycling, and prioritize sustainable consumption. This not only conserves resources but also fosters innovation and economic growth by reimagining how products are designed, used, and repurposed.

Depollution is a vital part of GAS's efforts, aimed at addressing existing environmental challenges. This involves cleaning up polluted sites, advocating for stricter environmental regulations, and restoring ecosystems. By actively addressing pollution issues, GAS aims to improve the overall quality of the environment, ensuring that clean air, water, and land are available for the well-being of both the environment and the people.

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Engagement at the Heart of the Green Action Space

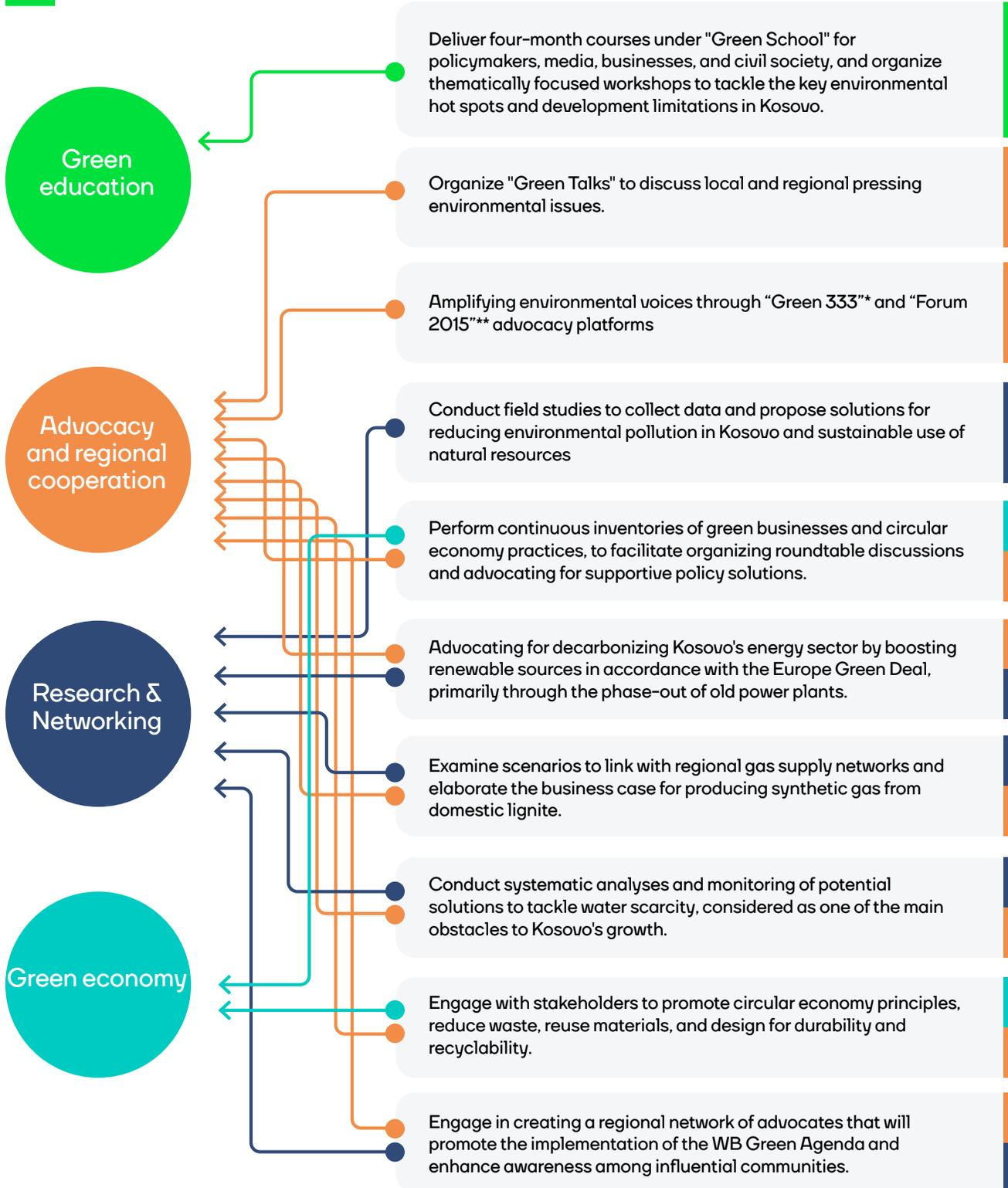
Central to the Green Action Space's (GAS) mission is a resolute commitment to drive Kosovo's alignment with the European Union's Green Agreement. In pursuit of this vital objective, GAS has undertaken a multifaceted approach, actively engaging with the government and various stakeholders to forge a path towards sustainable progress. With a particular focus on synchronizing efforts with other Western Balkan countries in line with the Sofia Agreement, GAS has taken a leadership role in promoting the core strategic targets of the Green Agenda: decarbonization, de-pollution, and circular economy.

At the heart of GAS's engagement strategy lies the intent to catalyze tangible change by harnessing the power of informed advocacy. Leveraging its research capacity, GAS is poised to generate essential insights required to construct a robust platform that advocates for solutions—an imperative stemming from the obligations laid out in the Sofia Agreement. This platform will serve as a beacon, guiding Kosovo towards efficient, innovative approaches that embrace decarbonization, de-pollution, and circular economy as shared responsibilities.

GAS's impact has already been felt through its collaborative efforts, as evidenced by a series of enriching discussion fora. These gatherings have united government representatives, civil society, media, and businesses in thought-provoking dialogues. By facilitating these healthy exchanges, GAS ignites comprehensive discourse around solutions that pave the way for the country's effective decarbonization and depollution. Through initiatives like the "Green Talks" and the established advocacy platforms of Green 333 and Forum 2015—both rooted in the Riinvest Institute—GAS is poised to champion the optimal strategies and actions to drive Kosovo's transition towards a greener, sustainable future.

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