

Hnutí DUHA – Friends of the Earth is a Czech non-profit organization that deals with environmental issues. It strives for a free and democratic society that respects and protects nature and ensures a clean and healthy environment for life. The organization's activities mainly include awareness campaigns, watchdog and advocacy activities, support for active participation of citizens in the administration of public affairs, cooperation with municipalities and regions in the Czech Republic, and at the same time support for a firm anchoring in European society.

We focus on several core topics:

1. Landscape and wilderness
2. Energy transformation, sustainable community energy system
3. Reduction of energy and raw material consumption
4. Cross-cutting themes

#### 1. Landscape and wilderness

In the area of nature and landscape protection, we are currently focusing on supporting ecological agriculture, developing the landscape structure, protecting the soil, restoring resistant forests and increasing the wilderness area. We are presently implementing e.g. a project to build a BIO region (support and development of local agriculture) or volunteer actions for nature and landscape protection.

#### 2. Energy transformation

In this area, we focus on the topic of a fair transition from coal and the development of a sustainable community energy system.

#### 3. Reduction of energy and raw material consumption

In this area, an analysis of possible ways to promote the systemic reduction of energy and raw material consumption is underway.

#### 4. Cross-cutting themes

Within the cross-cutting themes, we focus mainly on the topic of non-growth and the social dimension of transformation.

Ideally, we would like to be full partners within the LIFE project, but if necessary, we can also consider the role of the main applicant. We have experts on the topics we deal with in the organization, as well as sufficient administrative and technical background. We have many years of experience in implementing and partnering in various types of projects within the Czech Republic, but also in international collaborations (e.g. Horizon programs, Erasmus+, the EEA Financial Mechanisms and Norway, European Climate Foundation, Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt, etc.). We cooperate with other non-profit organizations, universities and experts, municipalities and regions. We are a member of Friends of the Earth Europe, Zero Waste Europe and other international and Czech platforms.

Communication of topics with the public is particularly important in our work, we use modern communication tools and methods, and as part of awareness campaigns, we can involve the public in

enforcing legislation beneficial for environmental protection. We also engage in analytical activities affecting both legislative and non-legislative proposals related to the topics we address and promoting the removal of identified barriers.

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