

Regional Advocacy workshop 2024

Regional Civil Society Initiative June 2024

Organizer: ACF Czech Republic - **The Open Society Fund Prague** (OSF Prague)

Co-organizers - ACF Poland - national - **The Stefan Batory Foundation**

Where: Kutná Hora, Czech Republic

When: June, 3 - 6th

Venue: [Dačický House](#) - Educational and Presentation Centre of the UNESCO Cultural Heritage

Language: English

Description

This four-day workshop is designed for representatives of civil society organizations that are **engaged in climate/environmental advocacy**. Participants will work on their respective issues, problems they seek to solve and learn how to prepare advocacy strategies by effective tools such as a problem tree and power mapping.

Objectives

20 representatives of civil society organizations will learn how to effectively plan their advocacy campaigns. Specifically they will learn how to:

- analyze a problem, including its roots and consequences
- choose and define a specific advocacy goal
- identify key political actors that have influence
- define demands and activities towards identified political actors

A specific feature of the workshop is that participants will learn about the experiences of other participants from other countries..

Time will be set aside for sharing ideas and discussing problem-solving among participants, as well as time to get to know the venue (cultural programme / site tour).

Target group

The workshop is open to representatives of civil society organizations embedded in all countries of Active Citizens Found programme, specifically for those that actively participate in advocacy campaigns. **This time the workshop will focus on those who deal with environmental protection in their advocacy**

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campaigns. A common area of interest will reinforce the possibility of joint sharing of know-how and good practice.

Programme

First day (half day)

- arrival of participants in the afternoon
- getting to know each other
- communal dinner

Second day

- introduction to advocacy work
- joint selection of four individual topics / problems that participants will work on throughout the workshop
- analysis of the topics / problems through the method problem tree
- definition of a goal
- a guest speaker on a specific topic / a local tour
- communal dinner

Third day

- case clinics
- power mapping and choosing effective strategies
- definition of demands towards key political actors
- designing activities towards key political actors
- guest speakers on a specific topic / local tour
- communal dinner

Participants will work in four groups and share their work throughout the workshop. Therefore they will get feedback not only from lecturers but also from each other.

Fourth day (half day)

- case clinics
- time for finishing strategies and its presentations
- farewell and lunch

Lecturers:

- Štěpán Drahokoupil, OSF Prague
- Katarína Batková, VIA IURIS, Slovakia

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