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This past year was marked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022. The ensuing war cast a shadow over the European continent, which not only led to a humanitarian crisis, but also affected European and national politics, particularly with regard to the energy sector.

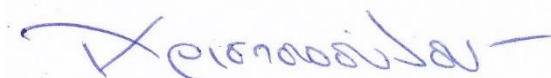
Following a brief period of ambivalence -just as it happened with the Covid-19 crisis, the European Union firmly decided to address the energy crisis by intensifying the green transition. However, the path to transition is not all roses; it is paved with obstacles, challenges and setbacks that, in turn, give rise to new opportunities and prospects.

At this instance that called for alertness and flexibility on the one hand, and attention and focus on the other, the Green Tank responded successfully. Focusing on energy, climate and just transition issues, the Green Tank maintained an active engagement in all its areas of interest. We presented scientific analyses, carried out timely interventions and brought forth evidence-based policy recommendations, while preserving a close communication with decision-makers and other stakeholders at all levels: local, national and European.

At the same time, as face-to-face meetings resumed, the Green Tank sought to reinforce its existing relationships with national and European organizations and stakeholders, as well as to create new partnerships and explore new synergies. Moreover, it continued to participate in organization networks such as the Climate Action Network, the Europe Beyond Coal campaign and the 'Think Sustainable Europe' network of European think tanks.

An important development for the Green Tank team was the addition of a communications officer, who strengthened the organization's extroversion and ensured a consistent media and social media presence.

Hoping that 2023 will be a more peaceful and green year, the Green Tank continues building the path to a sustainable future.



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About The Green Tank

The Green Tank is an independent, non-profit think tank developing policy solutions for a sustainable future. It was established as a civil non-profit organization in 2018.

Our work relates to the three pillars of sustainable development: environment – economy – society, with emphasis on:

- Climate and Energy
- Biodiversity and Natural Resources
- Sustainable Development
- Just Transition

Aiming at contributing to the protection of the environment, tackling climate change and the advancement of sustainable development, we:

- Monitor, research and analyze the scientific, policy and legal developments.
- Formulate well-documented recommendations and develop alternative options that are addressed to stakeholders and decision-makers.
- Foster interaction and collaboration with key actors and organizations.
- Partake in and strengthen the public discourse.

Climate and Energy

Beyond its purely humanitarian dimension, Russia's war against Ukraine has led to a reduction in the flow of fossil gas to Europe, exacerbating the energy price crisis that was already present during the second half of 2021. Faced with this crisis, the EU adopted a series of emergency measures. First, through the REpowerEU plan, which mainly aims to decouple Europe from fossil gas by 2030 and especially Russian gas by 2027, it raised the goals for green energy by accelerating the EU-27 transition targets set in the "Fit for 55" policy package. At the same time, in order to address the risk of energy supply shortages during the winter, the EU-27 instituted a number of measures to reduce fossil gas and electricity consumption.

At this juncture, the Green Tank contributed creatively to the public debate with 2 analyses ([Electricity production & independence from Russian gas in Greece](#) and [How much can Greece reduce its fossil gas consumption?](#)), arguing -based on actual data- that the energy crisis should be addressed by expanding renewable energy sources rather than shifting back to lignite, as the majority of the country's political world suggested. Moreover, in August 2022, the Green Tank launched its series of monthly reports on [trends in fossil gas consumption & imports](#), which illustrated Greece's significant progress towards fossil fuel independence; the reports also confirmed that Greece fulfilled its European obligations without invoking any derogation provided in the relevant European Regulation.

In addition, the Green Tank's monthly analyses of [trends in electricity production in Greece](#), which started in February 2021 and continued throughout 2022, demonstrated that the reduction in gas consumption was mainly accomplished due to the increase in production from renewable energy sources (+14% in 2022 compared to 2021) and the decrease in electricity consumption (-3.3% in 2022 compared to 2021). Lignite production did not need to increase (it increased by just 0.24 TWh in 2022), while net electricity imports also decreased, thus confirming the main conclusions of the Green Tank reports published in April and September 2022.

Even though the findings of our analyses -based on data gathered from national and international bodies- indicated that shifting back to lignite was ultimately pointless, the Greek government took steps backwards, as compared to its original phase-out plan. Thus, while the final deadline regarding the phase-out remained fixed (2028), the deadline for retiring existing lignite units was extended and they were granted many additional operating hours. To address this setback, in addition to reports and monthly analyses, the Green Tank participated in the public debate by intervening in major national and international media platforms to present the benefits of renewable energy and electricity storage infrastructure.

In addition to issues related to lignite and fossil gas, the Greek government used the energy crisis as a pretext to revisit hydrocarbon extraction. Facing this political choice, the Green Tank in collaboration with a research team led by Professor Emmanouela Doussis, holder of the UNESCO Chair on Climate Diplomacy advocated that offshore wind farms are the most viable energy investment for Greece's marine areas and that their development also strengthens the country's geopolitical position and promotes peace in the region. The arguments are presented in the policy paper "[Hydrocarbon extraction vs offshore wind: Can Greece become a green energy hub in the Mediterranean?](#)", while an online discussion was also held in an event co-organized by Green

Tank, the Unesco Chair on Climate Diplomacy (UNCCD) and the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP).

In contrast to the policies promoting the use of fossil fuels, 2022 saw the adoption of the first national climate law in Greece. This law set targets for at least a 55% reduction in net emissions by 2030 and climate neutrality by 205. The Green Tank's contribution was key, by participating in the legislative drafting committee and the Scientific Committee for Climate Change. Discussions also continued on the revision of the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) in order to align it with the objectives of the National Climate Law, again with the Green Tank's participation in the relevant NECP Committee.

At the same time, at the European level, several negotiations of important files of the "fit for 55" package were finalized. As a partner of the European project [Life ETX](#) (LIFE Emissions Trading Extra), the Green Tank focused on the negotiations on the revision of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) and the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). In collaboration with 11 NGOs and think tanks from 9 other countries, project partners and partner organizations (AirClim, Association for International Affairs - AMO, Bond Beter Leefmilieu, Carbon Market Watch, Germanwatch, The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation - SSNC, Polish Green Network, World Information Service on Energy - WISE, ZERO, CEE Bankwatch Network and Ecoaction Ukraine), the Green Tank proposed amendments to MEPs and national delegations on a number of issues -including Greece receiving funding from the Modernization Fund- and produced analyses to provide a solid basis for dialogue. Furthermore, the Green Tank organized seminars and discussions with stakeholders, including a panel discussion entitled "[Can EU policy drive decarbonization in the Western Balkans?](#)", which was hosted at the European Parliament by MEP Petros Kokkalis (The Left) and co-organized by CEE Bankwatch and the Green Tank in the context of the Life ETX project.

Through these actions, the Green Tank has been striving to raise the climate ambition of the ETS, calling for the phasing out of free allowances to industry be accelerated and that public revenues from the ETS be used exclusively for climate actions. In late December, a compromise agreement was reached between the European institutions on the final form the revised directive will take, stipulating for the first time that all revenues should be used for climate action, but delaying the cessation of free allowances to industry.

Finally, throughout 2022, the Green Tank co-drafted joint letters and participated in joint advocacy actions or meetings with European Commission representatives on various climate and energy policy issues, in collaboration with pan-European coalitions of environmental organizations and think tanks such as Climate Action Network (CAN Europe), Europe Beyond Coal (EBC), CEE Bankwatch, Balkan Coal Network and Think Sustainable Europe (TSE).

Biodiversity and Natural Resources

Despite the global reordering triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the energy crisis, and after difficult negotiations and multiple postponements mainly due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the international community reached in December 2022 the historic Kunming-Montreal agreement on the new Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). This agreement constitutes a milestone in the effort to conserve biodiversity. The new framework sets four (4) overarching long-term goals and 23 targets for 2030. Prominent among these are the targets to designate 30% of the earth's land, water and marine zones as protected areas (Target 3) and to commit to restoring 30% of degraded ecosystems by 2030 (Target 2). The new framework stresses the need to engage all levels of government and all members of society in the implementation of the targets. In addition, the GBF foresees mechanisms to mobilize \$200 billion/year until 2030 and to systematically monitor the implementation process.

Shortly earlier, in June 2022, the European Commission announced its proposal for a new European law on nature restoration. This is the first legal text on nature proposed at European level in 30 years and the first on nature restoration. The Green Tank, in close collaboration with the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP), co-organized a [workshop](#) addressed to representatives of competent ministries and services, experts and stakeholders, to present the content of the new law and the opportunities and challenges of its implementation in Greece, with emphasis on the [benefits of nature restoration](#). Also, under the coordination of IEEP, the Green Tank collaborated with members of the Think Sustainable Europe network to formulate [policy recommendations](#) for the implementation of the new regulation.

At the national level, an important development was the public commitment made by the Deputy Minister of Environment and Energy to [designate the unprotected part of the Aaos River as a protected natural formation](#). Although the details have yet to be announced, such commitments are [a positive step](#) to safeguard the river from threats that would alter its character and to accelerate the inclusion of the entire length of the river -from its source in Metsovo to the Greek-Albanian border- under a single protection regime. Both the Deputy Minister's and the Greek Prime Minister's announcements that measures would be taken at cross-border level to protect the Aaos river, in recognition of its value as the only and largest river without dams in Europe, are particularly encouraging. These commitments result from the efforts of the international coalition and the ["Saving Europe's last free-flowing river"](#) project to protect the Aaos/Vjosa River in Greece and Albania. The Green Tank, in collaboration with MedINA and Pindos Environmental and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), which participate in the coalition, undertook joint actions to inform the competent bodies and the media, as well as to raise awareness in local communities.

Specifically with regard to the Aaos protection framework in Greece, the Green Tank, through a consortium coordinated by ENTEGRA P.C., provided support on policy issues in studies on land coverage, area mapping and identification of stakeholders in the area that remains outside protection. These studies contributed to the formation of IUCN proposals for the protection of the Aaos. All findings [were presented in Athens, Ioannina and Konitsa on the occasion of the World River Day](#).

Another important development at national level was the public consultation on the first environmental studies for the designation of Natura 2000 sites as nationally protected areas. This consultation, however, confirmed that the predefined list of permitted uses per zone of protected areas remains problematic, as the Green Tank had pointed out from the very first moment that this approach had been suggested in 2020. The legislative attempt promoted in the summer of 2022 to correct these issues would have created more distortions than solutions and was eventually withdrawn. The Green Tank participated in the [public consultation](#), in a [meeting](#) with the Minister of Environment and Energy, as well as in the [stakeholder hearing](#) in the Greek Parliament with constructive recommendations, seeking that these will contribute to the new version that is expected to be put to public consultation.

In 2022, the Green Tank also launched a new, international collaboration with OceanCare, the Pelagos Cetacean Research Institute and the Institute of Computational Mathematics of the Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH). Its aim is to inform the Greek authorities about [SAvE Whales](#), a new innovative system created to prevent sperm whales from colliding with nearby ships; this constitutes the main threat to the declining sperm whale population in the Eastern Mediterranean. Applying a world-leading technology, SAvE Whales detects sperm whales and transmits their exact position to passing ships in real time so as to prevent collisions. It is recommended that Greek authorities use this system in areas where other mitigation measures -such as changing the sailing routes- cannot be applied (for instance, in narrow passages).

Throughout 2022, biodiversity and natural resource protection issues were a key subject of joint letters, seminars and public interventions by the Green Tank. At the same time, the Green Tank remains a regular member of the Nature 2000 Committee, where, as a representative of environmental organizations, it contributes to its operation and the formulation of its opinions.

In late 2022, we were informed of our participation as full members in the Local Committee of the Management Unit of Parnitha and Schinias National Parks and Protected Areas of Saronic Gulf, which is expected to become operational in early 2023, under the Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (NECCA). This constitutes an important development, as the key value of participation is being integrated in the management of protected areas.

Sustainable Development

This is the most critical decade to address the major global challenges and implement the commitments made by the global community in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A key factor in this context is the use of available resources in a way that furthers the transformation of the economy and society towards sustainability. In Greece, this opportunity is presented by the launch of the new Partnership Agreement (ESPA) 2021-2027, formally marked by the 2nd Conference on Growth held in Kalamata in June 2022. Building on the findings of the project ["European financing opportunities for a sustainable future"](#), co-funded by the Cyclades Preservation Fund, the Ionian Environment Foundation and the Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos Foundation, the Green Tank participated in the national Conference on Growth and presented [the availability and ways of using resources -European and national- for biodiversity](#).

The Green Tank contributed along with other members of the Think Sustainable Europe network and other stakeholders to conduct the [European Green Deal Barometer](#) by the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP). The Barometer captures the insights of 300 sustainability experts to identify barriers and opportunities in the implementation of the European Green Deal, as well as the political space for action in the aftermath of the war in Ukraine. The Barometer includes proposals drafted, discussed and finalized by the Think Sustainable Europe network experts during the [Think2030](#) conference in June 2022. Among them was the policy brief ["Restoring EU ecosystems: recommendations for the successful implementation of the proposed EU Nature Restoration Law"](#), co-authored by the Green Tank.

Bringing the Greek countryside to the forefront of sustainable development, the Green Tank participates as a partner in the project ["Alliance for Sustainable Local Development - SymATA"](#). The project was implemented throughout 2022 in the context of the Active citizens fund program, which is implemented by MedINA. The project aims at the revitalization of rural areas by their own communities through the networking and empowerment of local civil society organizations. The "Members Network" of SymATA currently consists of twelve (12) organizations from different regions of the country. An innovative element of SymATA is the institution of a team of experts to support the "Members Network"; this "Initiative Group" consists of six (6) national bodies, including the Green Tank. The Green Tank was actively involved in mapping the activities and support needs of SymATA members, contributed to the implementation of the capacity building program, and took the lead in the [capacity building seminar on advocacy](#). In late 2022, an interactive and participatory meeting was held to lay the foundations and identify the key priorities regarding SymATA's next steps, which are expected in the first quarter of 2023.

Investing in raising awareness and the promotion of active citizen participation in policy making for a sustainable future, throughout 2022, the Green Tank held a series of training seminars on climate change and biodiversity loss in the context of the "Learn-Participate-Protect the Environment" project. The latter, implemented under the Active Citizens Fund program by iSea with the Green Tank as partner (2021-2023), principally aims at promoting, strengthening and safeguarding citizen participation in processes related to the formulation and implementation of environmental policies in Greece. The focus lies on three topics: climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and plastic pollution. Throughout 2022, we organized training seminars in a number of university

cities across the country (Thessaloniki, Patras, Zakynthos, Xanthi, Mytilene, Heraklion and Athens) and online seminars mainly addressed to students and members of voluntary groups. The Green Tank team members delivered lectures on the latest scientific data and the latest policies regarding the three thematic areas of the project, as well as the available means of citizen intervention and specific issues such as the use of mass media.

Just Transition

Following approximately 2 years of planning for the Just Transition in Europe and Greece, in 2022 began implementation of the plan. In June 2022, Greece became the first Member State to obtain the European Commission's official approval for its Just Development Transition Program (SDAM) 2021-2027, which shall provide resources for the transformation of the local economies of Western Macedonia, Arcadia and the North and South Aegean Islands and Crete. At the same time, however, the ongoing energy crisis gave rise to a heated debate on the reintroduction of lignite and coal in Europe and the backtracking of policies regarding the lignite phase-out, which disrupted the delicate course of the Just Transition. The Green Tank, in cooperation with the Europe Beyond Coal partners, helped [formulate positions](#) on how the EU can avoid a structural coal lock-in on the pretext of war and meet the REPowerEU objectives. Moreover, the Green Tank has been consistently monitoring the course of the Just Transition in Greece and Europe and contributing to it via analyses, reports and public interventions.

In particular, drawing on the Greek experience and aiming to contribute to the formulation of other European lignite regions' Territorial Just Transition Plans (TJTTPs), in July 2022, the Green Tank published a report entitled "[Just Transition in Practice: Sustainable Projects in Coal Regions](#)", which presents good examples of Just Transition projects across Europe in a variety of sectors. Our think tank also continued to engage in the EU's Just Transition Platform and maintained its cooperation with numerous European organizations in the context of the Europe Beyond Coal campaign.

International actions and initiatives have also focused on developments in the Western Balkans, currently negotiating their energy and climate future. Keeping track of the course of the Just Transition in the Western Balkans, the Green Tank is systematically following the Initiative for Coal Regions in Transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine and cooperating with organizations in these regions. In particular, in collaboration with CEE Bankwatch, the Green Tank published a report underlining the need for a [Just Transition Fund for the Western Balkan countries](#); included in the report, a specially developed computational tool explores how the Fund resources could be allocated in the fairest possible manner. The main findings of the analysis have been presented in articles, as well as in numerous public interventions and discussions with competent stakeholders from Europe and the Western Balkans.

At a national level, the Green Tank's regular analyses on energy communities in Greece and lignite areas have been gaining momentum, constituting an important tool for highlighting various aspects of citizen participation in the energy transition and the formulation of corresponding policy proposals. Through the quantitative analysis of publicly available data, these reports present various parameters of energy communities, such as their growth rate and RES sector penetration, as well as the obstacles they face. The Green Tank has published two analyses using 2022 data, [Review #2](#) and [Review #3](#), which documented citizens' soaring interest in self-production projects amidst the severe energy crisis of the past year, the saturation of the grid, as well as the asymmetry in the development of commercial and public-benefit community energy projects. The Green Tank has also created an interactive map which displays data on energy communities and their projects by region. All the above have been instrumental in shaping the Green Tank's policy interventions on both energy community legislation and the use of available

resources. During 2022, the Green Tank continued working with energy communities and other advocacy bodies -both at national and European level- on the issue of energy democracy, and taking part in both the national network of energy communities and the European Community Power Coalition.

In order to strengthen the participation of the local community in the Just Transition, the Green Tank and the Region of Western Macedonia co-organized [a workshop on energy community development and citizens' role in the Just Transition and the response to the energy crisis](#). The workshop took place in Kozani and was attended by representatives of local government, local entrepreneurs, members of energy communities, and citizens. The institutional framework and the available national and European resources constituted the primary focus of the discussion, which also brought to light issues requiring immediate solutions.

At the same time, the Green Tank emphasized the vital role of youth in the Just Transition and the need for their active and institutionalized role in all phases of the planning and implementation of the Just Transition. Our report, entitled "[The role of youth in the Just Transition: The case of Western Macedonia](#)", presented the current situation and explored the institutional and financial possibilities for the active participation of youth in the transition of the largest lignite region of the country, Western Macedonia. In addition, the Green Tank delivered a keynote lecture at the [1st Youth Conference – Youth Forum of the Region of Western Macedonia](#) on the post-lignite era that was organized in Florina by its Association of Active Youths (OENEF).

Furthermore, in collaboration with Europe Beyond Coal, the Green Tank created a [short documentary](#) presenting the course of the Just Transition in Western Macedonia, the massive utilization of renewable energy sources in the transition regions of Greece and the perspectives of the people living in the lignite areas. This documentary has already been screened at conferences, speeches, presentations and training centers, strengthening awareness and contributing to the dissemination of the Greek experience on the Just Transition.

Finally, in 2022, the Green Tank was appointed as a voting member of [the Just Development Transition Program Monitoring Committee](#). To date, it has actively participated in all scheduled meetings and events, expressing its views and recommendations for an effective implementation of the Program to the benefit of local communities.

All Just Transition developments have been documented in two newsletters published by the Green Tank in [July](#) and [December](#) 2022.

Partnerships – Coalitions

The following list includes the main national and international bodies with which we collaborated in 2022 and the stable coalitions - networks in which we participate:

Coalitions – Networks

- Balkan Coal Network
 - CAN (Climate Action Network) Europe
 - Community Power Coalition
 - EBC – Europe Beyond Coal
 - Just Transition Platform
 - Think Sustainable Europe
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Partners in Projects

- AirClim
 - Association of International Affairs (AMO)
 - Bond Beter Leefmilieu
 - Carbon Market Watch
 - CEE Bankwatch
 - Client Earth
 - National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, UNESCO Chair on Climate Diplomacy
 - Eco Albania
 - Ecoaction Ukraine
 - ECOMED
 - ENTEGRA P.C.
 - Euronatur
 - European Climate Foundation
 - Foundation for Research and Technology
 - Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
 - International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - iSea
 - GermanWatch
 - Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos (MedINA)
 - Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC)
 - Association of Active Youths of Florina (OENEF)
 - Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (NECCA)
 - Ocean Care
 - Pindos Perivallontiki
 - Polish Green Network
 - Riverwatch
 - Save the Blue Heart of Europe
 - WISE
 - ZERO - Associação Sistema Terrestre Sustentável
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Partners in Joint Actions

- Aarhus center in BiH
- American Farm Schools
- Anemoessa (A group for the protection of the environment and cultural heritage of Limnos Island)
- Apano Meria SCE
- ARION
- Environmental Centre Arcturos
- ARCHELON, The Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece
- Argolic Environment Foundation
- Basque Centre for Climate Change - BC3
- BELLONA
- Belgrade Open School
- Centar za ekologiju i energiju (CEE)

- Centre for Transport and Energy
- Center for Environment
- Center for environmental research and information - Eko-vest
- CNVP North Macedonia
- Cob - Building with Earth
- Cyclades Preservation Fund
- Department of Urban Resilience, Municipality of Thessaloniki
- Municipality of Prespes
- Municipality of Florina
- DMAD - Marine Mammals Research Association
- E3G
- Eco-Team
- Ecocity
- ECOS
- Ecologic Institute
- National Observatory of Athens
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Political Science and Public Administration
- Nature Friends Greece
- Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)
- Active Citizens of Aegina
- European Citizen Energy Academy (EUCENA)
- European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
- FACETS
- Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos Foundation
- The Heinrich Böll Foundation - Greece
- Institute for Creativity, Research and Development of Thermos
- IDDRI
- Pelagos Cetacean Research Institute
- International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)
- International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
- Ionian University, Department of Environment
- Greenpeace
- Green Balkans NGO
- Callisto
- Social Youth Development
- Protect Aeos
- Kytherean Foundation for Culture and Development
- MEDASSET
- Menkab
- Messolonghi By Locals
- MOM
- Natural History Museum of Crete
- Ecological Recycling Society
- Organization Earth
- Aegean University, Department of Oceanography and Marine Sciences
- University of Thessaly, Department of Ichthyology & Aquatic Environment
- University of Thessaly, Laboratory of Economic Policy and Strategic Planning (L.E.P.S.PLAN), Department of Economics
- University of Crete, Green Team
- University of Patras, Department of Chemistry
- Pervolarides of Thessaloniki
- Region of Western Macedonia
- The Cultural Sports Association of the Mountainous Region of the Prefecture of Xanthi (Association of Pachni, Xanthi)
- Renewables and Environmental Regulatory Institute
- SandBag
- Sustainable Development Foundation
- Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- TMG Think Tank for Sustainability
- Transport and Environment
- The Southern Lights
- Tour du Valat
- World Information Service on Energy -
- WWF Europe
- Zero Waste Europe

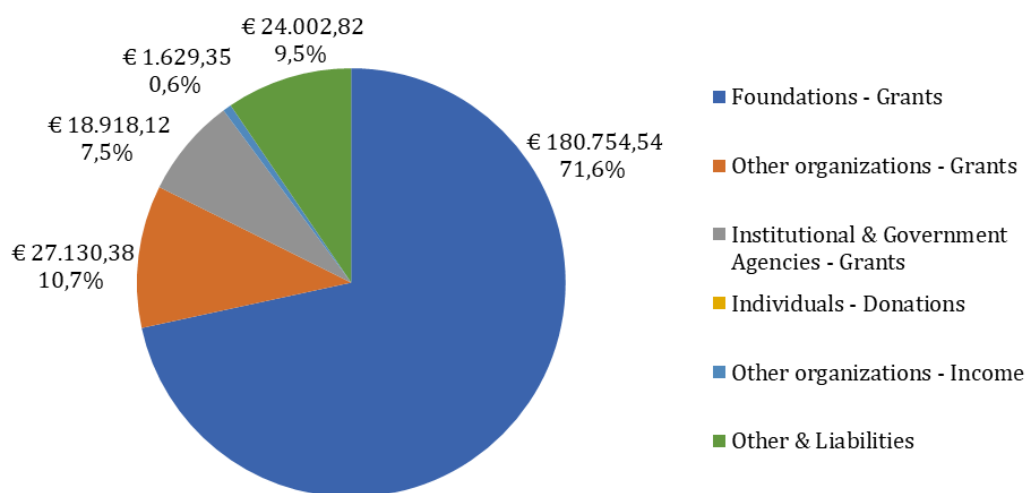
Financial Information 2022

In 2022, the Green Tank developed its activities based on funding approved during the previous year, as well as on new partnerships and grants secured. The year's end found the Green Tank standing strong, with prospects of further growth, announcing new job openings.

Funding sources for the Green Tank, in detail:

Foundations - Grants	180.754,54
European Climate Foundation	149.753,35
European Climate Foundation (LIFE ETX)	31.001,19
Other organizations - Grants	27.130,38
ClientEarth	10.799,73
MedINA	8.266,13
OceanCare	8.064,52
Institutional & Government Agencies - Grants	18.918,12
Active Citizens Fund Greece - EEA Grants (Learn-Participate-Protect the Environment & SymATA)	18.918,12
Individuals - Donations	0,00
Other organizations - Income	1.629,35
ENTEGRAPC	1.419,35
Bodossaki Foundation	210,00
Other (partner fess, reimbursements, interests etc.)	4.362,61
Liabilities & Advance Payments	19.640,21
Funds Available (1/1/2022)	134.342,37
TOTAL	386.777,58

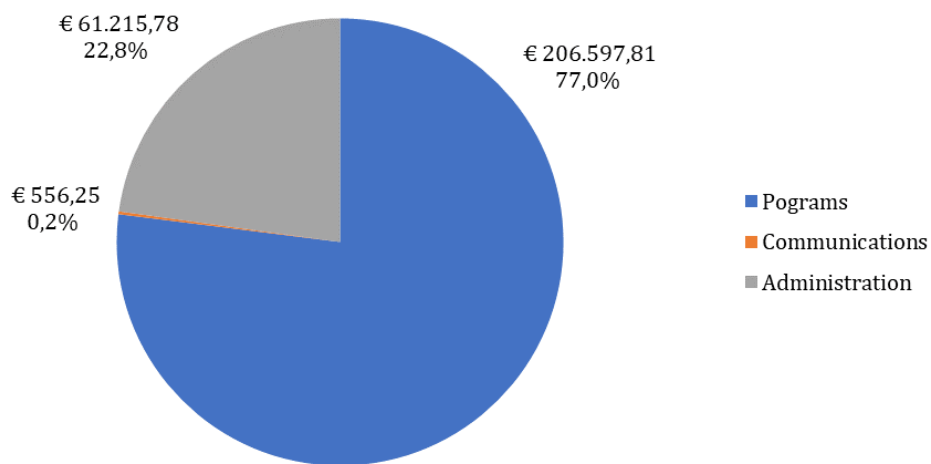
Our sources of funding for the financial year 2022 are shown in the following chart:



As far as expenditure is concerned, most of the expenses relate to the implementation of the Green Tank's programs, i.e., our projects and actions.

In more detail, our expenses are presented in the following table and graph:

Programs - Projects	206.597,81
Communications	556,25
Administration (Administrative Expenditure and Liabilities)	61.215,78
Funds Available (31/12/2022)	118.407,74
TOTAL	386.777,58



Annex – Green Tank Actions 2022

Reports – Analyses

1. [Trends in Greece’s electricity production](#), 01.2022 - 12.2022
2. [Trends in Greece’s fossil gas consumption & imports](#), 08.2022 – 12.2022
3. [Just Transition Fund for the Western Balkans](#), 11.01.2022
4. [Electricity Production & Independence from Russian Gas in Greece – Report](#), 27.04.2022
5. [EU ETS 101: A guide to the EU’s Emissions Trading System](#), 14.06.2022
6. [Just Transition in Practice: Sustainable projects in coal regions](#), 23.06.2022
7. [Trends in the Emissions Trading System in Greece and the European Union – 2021](#), 25.07.2022
8. [How much can Greece reduce its fossil gas consumption?](#), 06.09.2022
9. [Energy Communities in Greece and in its lignite areas – Review of developments #2](#), 19.09.2022
10. [The role of Youth in the Just Transition: The case of Western Macedonia](#), 04.10.2022
11. [Trilogue Negotiations on the Emissions Trading System: Recommendations for Greece’s priorities](#), 06.10.2022
12. [Hydrocarbon extraction vs Offshore wind: Can Greece become a green energy hub in the Mediterranean?](#), 01.12.2022

Joint Actions

1. [Seismic surveys pose a threat to marine species – Joint letter to the Greek Prime Minister](#), Joint letter by 60NGOs, 09.03.2022
2. [Russia’s war in Ukraine: Why doubling down on the Green Deal is the best strategy](#), Joint article by members of the Think Sustainable Europe network, 10.03.2022
3. [CBAM and EU ETS require an integrated approach – Joint NGO Statement](#), Joint statement of 13 NGOs and think tanks, 11.03.2022
4. [Civil Society Organizations call on EU to stop promoting fossil gas dependence in the Western Balkans](#), Joint letter of 36 civil society organizations, 05.04.2022
5. [Time to vote for an EU Emissions Trading System that works both for climate and the industry – CSO’s open letter to ITRE](#), 15.04.2022
6. [CAN Europe: Report on Climate Laws in Europe with the contribution of The Green Tank](#), 04.05.2022
7. [Strengthen the overall ambition of the ETS – Open letter to ENVI](#), open letter from NGOs, 04.05.2022
8. [CAN Europe: Comparative study on rooftop solar PVs with the contribution of The Green Tank](#), 16.05.2022
9. [NGOs, think tanks and industries urge MEPs to vote for a more ambitious and effective Emissions Trading System](#), Joint letter by 21 organizations, 06.06.2022
10. [We need a “clean” Modernization Fund](#), Joint letter by 19 organizations to the EU-27 Environment Ministers, 27.06.2022
11. [The role of community energy in Just Transition: the Greek example, challenges and opportunities](#), Co-organization of a special session on “Community Energy and Just Transition in coal regions”, European Citizen Energy Academy (EUCENA) Summer School and Compile project, 28.06.2022

12. [Introducing the proposed EU nature restoration regulation and its benefits in Greece](#), Workshop co-organized by the IEEP and the Green Tank, 06.07.2022
13. [Hope Beyond Coal in Greece's Valley of Tears](#), Short documentary by Europe Beyond Coal and The Green Tank, 27.07.2022
14. Communication (jointly with other NGOs) with finance and climate attaches and ETS shadow rapporteurs calling to reject the Commission's proposal about the use of the MSR and the waiving of the DNSH to fund REPowerEU, 27.09.2022.
15. [European Green Deal Barometer: Skepticism for Green Deal implementation status in the short term, but cautious optimism post-2024](#), Report by IEEP with the contribution of The Green Tank and other civil society organizations, 16.09.2022
16. [This year's World River Day is dedicated to Aaos](#), 26.09.2022
17. [Why an EU framework for sustainable food is crucial for climate, biodiversity and competitiveness](#), Joint Blogpost – TSE, 30.09.2022
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