

## **Calling All Civil Society Organizations, Activists, and Community Leaders of Fushë Kosova/Kosovo Polje: Your Chance to Shape a Greener Future is Here!**

ECMI Kosovo, in partnership with USAID, is excited to invite YOU—civil society organizations, activists, and community leaders of Fushë Kosova/Kosovo Polje—to be part of something extraordinary! The Green Fund Facility, a core component of the Recycling Matters Activity Fushë Kosova/Kosovo Polje, is now officially launched, offering unique opportunities to create real change in your community.

### **This Is Your Chance to Lead the Change!**

We believe in the power of community—your power—to drive meaningful, sustainable progress. The Green Fund Facility offers you the resources, funding, and support to lead projects that promote sustainable recycling practices, strengthen socio-economic inclusion, and empower marginalized groups like the Roma, Ashkali, and Egyptian (RAE) communities.

Whether you represent an NGO, are an active community leader, or a grassroots organizer, this is your opportunity to:

- Develop and Lead Local Recycling Initiatives: Help promote separation at source and improve recycling processes in our neighborhoods.
- Empower Informal Waste Collectors: Support informal waste collectors by providing them with tools and opportunities to formalize their work or start sustainable businesses in the recycling sector.
- Strengthen Social Cohesion: Work with the community to integrate marginalized groups into formal waste management systems, creating job opportunities and improving livelihoods.

### **Why Get Involved?**

By engaging with the Green Fund Facility, you will have the chance to:

- Access Grants of **up to €10,000** for impactful, community-driven recycling projects.
- Receive Guidance and Support from ECMI Kosovo, with hands-on help in project planning, proposal writing, and financial management.
- Make a Lasting Difference in the lives of marginalized communities while contributing to a greener, more sustainable future for Fushë Kosova/Kosovo Polje.

This initiative is about uniting our efforts to create a cleaner, healthier environment and more inclusive society. Now is the time to step forward and lead!

### **Join Us for the Green Fund Launch and Engagement Sessions!**

To kick things off, ECMI Kosovo will host a series of Community Engagement Sessions. These events are designed to help YOU get all the information, tools, and support you need to apply for funding and lead successful projects.

### **Public Launch Event - Community Engagement Session 1 – Fushë Kosova/Kosovo Polje**

- **Date:** 09.10.2024
- **Time:** 11:00
- **Location:** Recycling Center Hub, Lagjja 028, Fushë Kosovë.  
(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Sr9RZGvSKcGH8qFo9>)
- **Description:** This session is tailored to the RAE communities and those working directly with them. We'll provide in-depth guidance on applying for funding and building impactful projects. Materials will be available in Albanian, Serbian, and English.

### **Public Launch Event - Community Engagement Session 2 – Open to All**

- **Date:** 15.10.2024
- **Time:** 11:00
- **Location:** Hotel Semitronix, Fushë Kosovë.
- **Description:** A session for civil society organizations and community leaders to explore how they can lead innovative recycling and community development projects.

### **HOW TO APPLY?**

The Green Fund Facility is open to a broad range of applicants, primarily focusing on:

- Civil Society Organizations: NGOs and community groups actively working on social inclusion, recycling, or environmental sustainability.
- Informal Waste Collectors: Groups or individuals collecting recyclable materials who want to formalize their roles or start small businesses in the recycling industry.
- Community Leaders and Activists: Those who are committed to driving change in their communities, helping to raise awareness, and building sustainable projects.

*Note: Organizations registered in the Municipality of Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje are encouraged to apply and will have priority in the application process.*

### **Key Dates:**

- Call for Proposals Open: **30.09.2024**
- Submission Deadline: **08.11.2024**

We'll guide you through the application process, provide proposal-writing support, and ensure you have everything you need to submit a strong proposal.

## **Seize This Unique Opportunity!**

This is your chance to lead a project that will make a real difference—for the environment, for your community, and for future generations. Let's work together to create a future where recycling is a part of daily life, and where no community is left behind.

The Green Fund Facility is here to support you. We're excited to see the incredible projects you will lead and the impact you will create!

If you are interested in applying and would like to receive the complete **Call Package**, please send an email to [gff@ecmikosova.org](mailto:gff@ecmikosova.org) with the subject line: *Request for Call Package*.

## **For More Information and Support:**

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*Together, let's build a greener, more inclusive future for Fushë Kosova/Kosovo Polje!*