

From Climate Projects to Climate Budgets

Integrating Gender-Responsive Budgeting into Local Climate Finance through Civil Society Practice in Albania

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Panel 3: Gender-Responsive Climate Finance and Just Transition

**Key question:
Who benefits from
climate finance?**

**10-minute panel
presentation**

Context / Challenge

- Local climate investment is expanding in restoration, waste reduction, green infrastructure and resilience.
- Budgets usually measure technical outputs, but not who benefits or who is excluded.
- Gender-disaggregated data and climate-equity indicators remain limited.
- Women, youth, rural communities and vulnerable groups need a stronger role in climate-budget decisions.

Climate finance gap

**Green spending
≠ automatically inclusive**

**Budget execution
≠ equity outcomes**

**GRB makes the distribution
visible**

Evidence / Experience

- Evidence comes from CSO practice with municipalities and international partners.
- CLEAN ISHËM: river restoration, circular economy and environmental cooperation.
- REBlue: blue economy and marine pollution reduction in coastal/port contexts.
- Lesson: monitoring tracks spending and outputs, but rarely equity outcomes.
- CSO evidence can translate project results into municipal budget accountability.

Practice base

CLEAN ISHËM
River restoration & circular
economy

REBlue
Blue economy & marine pollution

Durrës & Kavajë
Municipal environmental
cooperation

Project evidence → budget learning

Recommendations

- Integrate GRB into local climate finance, not as an add-on.
- Use gender-disaggregated data to map climate risks, needs and benefits.
- Introduce municipal climate-GRB budget tagging and indicators.
- Include women, youth, rural and vulnerable groups in consultations.
- Use CSO monitoring and policy dialogue to close the accountability loop.

GRB entry points

1

Gendered climate risk data

2

Participatory budget consultation

3

Budget tagging + indicators

4

Outcome monitoring

5

CSO feedback & policy dialogue

Key Takeaways

- Climate finance is a governance choice, not only a technical investment.
- GRB makes climate spending more transparent, inclusive and socially just.
- Civil society evidence connects community priorities with municipal budgeting.
- The shift needed: from climate projects to climate budgets.

**From projects
to budgets**

**From spending
to outcomes**

**From consultation
to accountability**

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