PROJECT FACTSHEET

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Strengthening Citizen Participation in Azerbaijan (SPA)

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Azerbaijan

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Project description:
Empowered citizens are a key component of a just and equitable society. Articulated citizens' initiatives can play a key role as local development actors and as partners in policy dialogue. Strengthening citizens' participation is one priority area in the cooperation of the EU with its neighbouring countries in the Eastern Partnership as a facilitating step towards the rapprochement with the EU. This is where the present project comes in. It promotes citizen engagement in selected sectors, particularly in the fields of i) climate change and environment, including support to the holding of the COP29, and ii) support to increasing the participation of people living with disabilities, particularly support to victims of landmines. Other potential sectors include iii) promotion of gender equality and iv) youth participation; v) rural and community development (including the promotion of the local economy) and vi) social cohesion.
This project strengthens citizens' initiatives through trainings and peer learning (exchanges) in the EU's Eastern Partnership region. Support for studies and projects allows citizens' initiatives to develop their operational and managerial competences as well as their knowledge in practice through a hands-on approach.
The target group of the Action are the people of Azerbaijan.

Expected results:
1. Citizens' initiatives' financial, organisational and operational capacities are improved.
2. Citizens, citizens' initiatives and other relevant actors enter into structured Public and Policy Dialogue.
3. Citizens and citizens' initiatives contribute to inclusive and sustainable local development.