



## Advocacy brief

### “Strengthening the Civil Society monitoring of CEPA implementation (monitoring of CEPA 52 article (a) and (b) points, 54 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) points)”

The study focuses on the monitoring of the implementation of the provisions of the CEPA articles on CC adaptation and mitigation at both the national and local levels, identify obstacles to achieving the set climate targets, assess the localization of state policies, and provide targeted recommendations to address the identified obstacles.

Gaps were identified in 14 legal acts, and recommendations were developed. Sectoral directions were chosen. The indicators for each sector's research were selected as the main indicators characterizing the development of the sector.

#### “Forestry” Sector.

1. Recommendation to the EU: to support the inventorying of Armenia's forest areas so that these indicators can be used as a baseline for defining the targets in the forestry sector and evaluating the work being carried out, as the currently used data is outdated, dating back to 1993.
2. Recommendation to the RA Ministry of Environment: to include the forest sector strategy in the developing "Environmental Development Strategy", setting more realistic activities, as only about 1.64% of the 50,000 hectares of forest planned in Armenia's NDC for 2030 has been planted by 2025.

#### “Agriculture” Sector

3. Recommendation to the EU: Guided by Article 52 of the CEPA, assist Armenia in introducing new anti-hail technologies, as anti-hail systems are inefficient. Currently, hail protection nets are used exclusively for intensive gardens, covering 22.32% of the gardens. The remaining crops are not protected from hail.
4. Recommendation to the RA Government: to ensure the development of the agricultural land insurance system's capabilities, which will allow for an increase in the area of insured lands and the variety of crops covered, as during the reporting period, the agricultural land insurance coverage was extremely low, reaching only 0.05% in 2024.

#### “Energy” Sector

5. Recommendation to the EU: to include clear indicators for measuring "energy poverty" in EU directives and develop a set of tools aimed at overcoming it. The absence of indicators hinders the assessment of energy poverty resulting from climate change.

#### “Waste Management” Sector (Solid Waste Management, Wastewater)

6. **Recommendation to the RA Government:** In the newly developed CEPA road map, provide clear mechanisms for implementing measures to ensure compliance with the requirements of the "Waste Management" section of CEPA Annex 3. To adopt a Wastewater disposal Sector Development Program to solve the problems of the sector, as in 2021, Armenia generated 310 million m<sup>3</sup> of municipal wastewater annually, with 91.94% untreated, 7.93% mechanically treated, and only 0.13% biologically treated. This trend continues. 580 settlements lack sewerage systems.

#### Communities

7. Recommendation to the communities: to conduct a climate risk assessment and develop a CC adaptation and mitigation action plan or strategy, as community involvement in the state climate policy is low.

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