



## COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Period covered by this Communication on  
Engagement:

From: February 2019 To: February 2021



## Statement of Continued Support by the President

17 February 2021

To our stakeholders:

fea – Forestry and Environmental Action, is pleased to continue to support the Principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to advance these principles within our sphere of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

This is our third COE – Communication on Engagement and it gives an overview of the activities and initiatives fea has taken since its previous report to support and promote the UNGC and its Principles.

We commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

  
President of fea

## Description of Actions

**fea** is a non-governmental organization established in 2007 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Since fea's inception, the guiding principle of our work has been to support authorities and communities, as well as the private sector, in the responsible use of natural resources in accordance with the legitimate demands of society.

After joining the UNGC, fea has provided practical and professional support for a number of initiatives in the field of sustainable development. We have prepared planning and implementing documents for several development initiatives focused on nature protection, local community development and private-public-civil partnership.

**Considering the ongoing global and local challenges for environment and sustainable development, we at fea will continue to increase our capacities to tackle these challenges.**

## Activities

### Participation in the UN Global Compact and Local Network in Bosnia and Herzegovina

In order to actively participate in socially responsible actions, fea has continued its participation in the UNGC and the local GC network in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### fea has aligned its work with the SDGs

**No poverty** - Through the Programme "Empowering Communities through Democratic Management of Natural Resources", fea is aiming to capacitate Private Forest Owners Association (PFOA) to be able to help private forest owners (PFOs) to find new and responsible strategies of using their forest resources to increase their livelihoods and income.

**Quality education** - Within its projects, fea has been educating different target groups, especially vulnerable groups, on various topics in the fields of marketing, economy, access to markets, entrepreneurship, etc.

**Gender equality** – most fea employees are women, and we have thus developed sensitivity to gender equality. As part of its project in the field of forestry, fea developed a gender mainstreaming policy as a guide to include

gender considerations when planning, implementing, and monitoring project activities.

**Sustainable cities and communities** - Understanding that the chances for long-term success in reaching sustainability are dramatically increased when local communities are fully invested in the design and implementation of policies and individual projects, we have developed a strong internal capacity to facilitate stakeholder consultations and empowerment of particular groups for decision-making.

Currently, we implement a project “Green Roofs of Sarajevo – Sustainable Space During Crisis Periods”, promoting the idea of greening the roofs of the residential buildings, which would have a positive effect on citizens and supported wider environment and adaptation to the climate change while being easily replicated and scaled up into other bigger and industrial cities in the country.

**Climate action** - fea has coordinated or supported many afforestation actions across the country. Through its awareness-raising campaigns and projects, fea attempts to draw public attention to the importance of climate change issues in BiH and the region.

**Life on land** - Being a CSO focal point for the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) for South East Europe and with vast experience working on environmental protection projects in the region, fea was engaged to develop National Action Plans (NAPs) to combat land degradation for 3 countries: BiH, Montenegro and North Macedonia.

fea also supported the implementation of a 4-year long UN Environment/GEF project “Enhanced Cross-sectoral Land Management through Land Use Pressure Reduction and Planning” in Serbia. In addition, we helped PFOA to successfully develop and implement two projects related to rehabilitation of illegal landfills and afforestation.

**Peace, justice, and strong institutions** - Through multiple projects, fea has been working on building the capacities of local stakeholders in making decisions on fulfilling environmental protection obligations of BiH, with particular reference to the capacities of civil society.

**Partnership for the goals** - fea is a member of 3 international organisations: UNCCD CSO NETWORK, GEF - CSO NETWORK, and UN Global compact. fea also has an observer status to the FOREXT Network (FORestEXTension network).

### fea supports private sector in their CSR activities

fea has established partnerships with private companies in the sector of pharmacy in order to help them with the organization of afforestation activities, with the main aim of neutralizing the carbon footprint of these companies.

## Measurement of Outcomes

Through its work fea encourages other NGOs and companies to join UN Global Compact and the local network in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We regularly inform our stakeholders about CSR policies and activities related to this topic.

Each fea's project has a social responsibility component. In the past two years we have implemented various projects or activities that had special focus on one or more UNGC's principles.

Through numerous projects, we have been promoting networking and partnerships between the private, non-governmental and public sectors toward meeting the SDGs.

We continued our commitment in promotion of Bosnian version of ISO 26000:2014 Standard, first official guideline on the principles of social responsibility, recognizing social responsibility and engaging stakeholders, the core subjects and issues pertaining to social responsibility and on ways to integrate socially responsible behavior into the organization.

We have developed Volunteering Program that has gathered more than 50 individuals.

Our projects gather around tens of NGOs, private sector representatives, academic institutions, government representatives and other stakeholders.