

SOURCE INTERNATIONAL

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



GLOBAL IMPACT



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ITALY

Langhe goes to School: Actions and Voices for Climate

This new project in Piedmont, running from 2024 to 2025, continues the educational journey started in 2023 with the project *Schools for Water*. We involved 200 students in two laboratories about biodiversity and civic engagement and we started designing a high-biodiversity forest with local species as a climate change mitigation measure. For the second laboratory, we invented the Goose Game of Rights and the Environment, a game-based learning tool to introduce key concepts related to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, General Comment No. 26, and Child and Youth Councils.

Citizen Observatory of Apuan Alps – follow-up

Born as a follow-up of our 2023 initiative, this project aims to strengthen participatory monitoring of water resources in the Apuan Alps, which are strongly impacted by the marble extraction industry. In 2024, we hold the first public event to present the project and involve citizens in evaluating river water quality using a multi parametric probe, a turbidity tube, and a mobile application.



EUROPE

Investigating international companies' threats on democracy - REBALANCE

REBALANCE is an European Horizon Project started in 2022 to help *rebalance* democracy and capitalism, promoting future democracy-enhancing business models and alternative organizational forms. In 2024, we launched the Rebalance Observatory: a platform to monitor in a scientific and replicable way how companies threat democracy in Europe. We also launched the Rebalance Award to highlight and enhance companies who are promoting and benefit democracy. More information on the [Rebalance website](#).

Environmental monitoRIng through Civic engAgement - ERICA

Started in 2023, this European ERASMUS+ project aims at improving citizens' environmental awareness and civic engagement through citizen science. During 2024, we published an e-booklet of best practices to monitor the environmental impacts of coal, oil and gas industries: citizens who want to evaluate the impact of fossil fuel industries on air and water quality can refer to this tool. We also visited the petrochemical complex in Tarragona (Spain) and met local committees to understand their needs in advocating for local environment and health.



The petrochemical complex of Tarragona



WORLD

Peru

New analysis on water quality and the Human Rights prize with Operation Daywork and Red Interquorum Pasco

Since 2009, Source International has been monitoring and documenting environmental contamination caused by mining activities in Cerro de Pasco, Peru.

In 2024, Source International began a collaboration with Red Interquorum, a youth group based in Cerro de Pasco advocating for human rights and environmental protection. We nominated the group for Operation Daywork’s (OD) Human Rights Prize, an annual initiative where high school students in Bolzano select and support an international organization that defends human rights. In 2024, Red Interquorum won the prize.

As part of this partnership, our and the OD teams visited Cerro de Pasco to conduct interviews, record videos, organize workshops, and strengthen the alliance between OD and Red Interquorum. During this visit, Source International continued its water quality monitoring campaign, collecting water parameters and samples to advance the historical investigation of contamination in the area.

Back in Italy, we followed OD’s workshops throughout the year in Bolzano’s high schools, focusing on the situation in Cerro de Pasco and the activities of Red Interquorum. We organized the travel of two young members of Red Interquorum to meet students in Bolzano and participated in awareness-raising events and public presentations across Italy, fostering solidarity and knowledge exchange between youth and adults in Peru and Italy.

Ecuador

Monitor the impacts of illegal gold mining on freshwaters

This project documents pollution from illegal gold mining in the San Lorenzo and Eloy Alfaro cantons (northern Ecuador) to support legal action for environmental protection. These cantons are home to around 200,000 people, mostly indigenous and Afro-descendant populations, with limited access to basic services and economic opportunities.

In 2024, Source International carried out the first field sampling campaign in collaboration with Fundación Manos de Dios Redentor. Water and sediment samples were collected at 16 sites downstream of mining areas and analyzed in Italy for heavy metals. Results showed elevated cyanide levels in the Santiago River watershed, often exceeding national limits for aquatic life and, in one case, the drinking water standard. The data will support Acción Ecológica in filing a legal protection action. A second field campaign is planned for 2025.

Chile

Promote sustainable tourism through trails and education

Launched in 2023 in collaboration with the local partner Friends of Cochamó, the Cochamó Valley project in the Chilean Patagonia aims to promote sustainable tourism and environmental protection while supporting long-term conservation of the area. In 2024, Source International supported the construction of approximately 1.6 kilometres of wooden boardwalk, restoring damaged sections of the main trail and making its first 7 km fully accessible. In May 2024, the Freyja Foundation acquired an 8-kilometre stretch of land along the trail to be donated to the local community, securing access to the upper valley.



Cochamó Valley and the trail being restored

Ukraine.....

Investigation on environmental war crimes

One year after the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam on June 6th 2023, Source International conducted an independent field investigation to assess alleged environmental war crimes. The collapse of the dam caused catastrophic flooding and triggered a large-scale humanitarian and environmental crisis, with long-term impacts on ecosystems, water systems, and local livelihoods.

The investigation involved the collection of water and sediment samples to analyze heavy metal contamination and broader ecological damage, generating independent environmental evidence in an active conflict setting. Hair samples from children living in the exposed area were also collected. Long hair was specifically sampled in order to compare pre-flooding and post-flooding heavy metals exposure levels.

The results constitute key evidence for ongoing accountability processes related to potential environmental war crimes, strengthening the scientific basis for the attribution of responsibility and supporting their recognition and prosecution within existing international legal frameworks or through the development of a specific legal instrument.

Albania.....

Capacity-Building Training for Environmental Agencies

Source International carried out a training programme in collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), an international organisation that promotes evidence-based standards and better policies for better lives. The training focused on environmental monitoring and was delivered to national and local environmental monitoring agencies in Albania. Particular attention was given to waste management, including the monitoring of landfills, illegal dumping, and related impacts on soil and water. The initiative aimed to strengthen local capacities and support more effective and evidence-based environmental governance.

Events

2024 was a year filled with events, workshops, festivals, and international forums in which Source International took part as a speaker, panelist, or participant.

Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court (ICC) – The Hague

Source International participated in the Assembly of States Parties, presenting data collected through our investigations in Ukraine.

UN Forum on Business and Human Rights – Geneva

We took part in the Forum, contributing to discussions on corporate accountability and human rights impacts.

5th European Citizen Science Association (ECSA) Conference – Vienna

At one of Europe's leading citizen science events, we presented our citizen science project in the Apuan Alps and strengthened existing collaborations while building new networks.

School workshops with Oxfam – Bolzano

We held two workshops in high schools focusing on climate change, climate migration, and land and water grabbing worldwide.

RadoNorm – 4th Annual Meeting – Ljubljana

As members of the RadoNorm consortium, we participated in the annual meeting and presented the results of the radon monitoring project carried out in Abbadia San Salvatore, Italy.

Climate Incubator – The Good Lobby - Rome

Members of our staff were selected to take part in this one-year program aimed at strengthening environmental advocacy capacities through training and mentoring, supporting the development of effective strategies and high-impact campaigns.

Financial summary

Transparency is one of the values that guide our work every day.

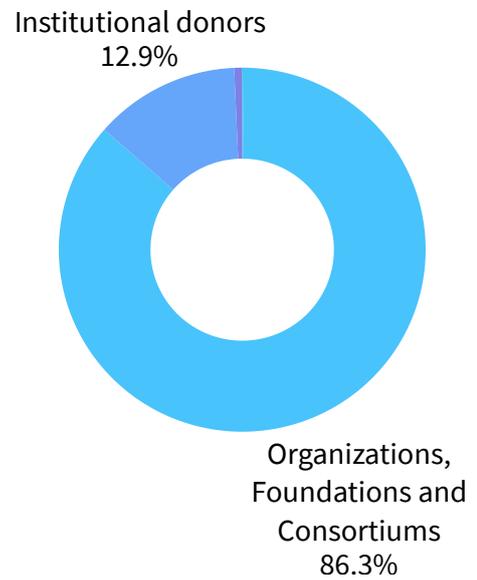
Transparency is essential for us to give trust to our donors, public and private.

Their support makes our actions, our investigative and denunciation work possible. Thanks to them, we strive daily to build an alternative that holds environmental and social justice together.

This is why we choose to publish the Annual Report with the budget every year, to tell better what was done during the year, the objectives achieved, and the challenges faced.

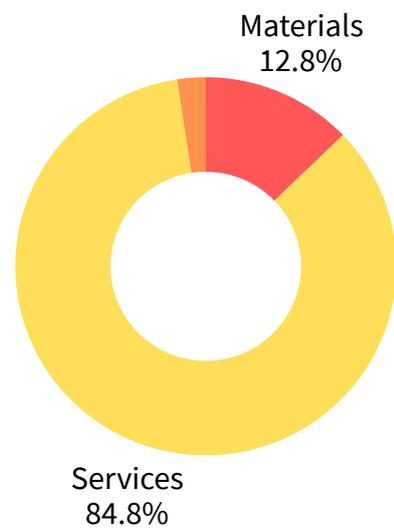
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Institutional donors	26 226€
Organizations, Foundations Consortiums	176 155 €
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Private donations	247 €
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..... EXPENSES

Materials	20 191 €
Services	133 845 €
Management	3 802 €



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