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## ANNUAL REPORT

## 2025



# GLOBAL IMPACT





# ITALY

## Environmental education in schools of Alta Langa

In 2025, we consolidated and expanded the educational pathway launched in 2023 with approximately 200 students in **Piedmont**. Building on the work carried out the previous year, we planted the **KarmaForest**, a high-biodiversity forest designed together with the students in 2024 that was officially inaugurated in April through a **public event** involving schools, teachers, and local stakeholders. The project concluded in May with a final **festival** that brought together around 100 students and featured five parallel laboratories focused on biodiversity, climate change and active citizenship. The event was organized in collaboration with local associations, reinforcing connections between schools and the territorial network.

During the festival, we also presented a **comic book co-created with the participating classes** throughout the project. The comic, which can be found [here](#), conceived as both an educational and narrative tool, was donated to the students and schools involved.

## Citizen Observatory of Apuan Alps – follow-up

This project aims to strengthen **participatory monitoring of water resources** in the **Apuan Alps**, which are strongly impacted by the marble extraction industry. In 2025, the project expanded the **participatory monitoring of water resources in the Apuan Alps**. After an initial public launch in 2024, activities focused on training, field monitoring, and public dissemination. Participants took part in **three online training sessions** to define monitoring tools and methods, analyse collected data, and develop communication strategies. Three **field campaigns** were carried out along the **Versilia River**, during which water quality data were collected and the environmental and social impacts of marble extraction were discussed. The project concluded with the public event **Science Talks: from stories to data**, held at the **University of Pisa**, where scientific data and local testimonies were shared with the public, in collaboration with local movements and civil society organisations.





# ITALY

## Glacier voices for climate action

Glacier Voices for Climate Action is a citizen science and environmental education project carried out in **Val Ferret (Valle d'Aosta)**, aimed at raising awareness about **glacier retreat, water vulnerability, and climate-related eco-anxiety**. Through guided field excursions to glacier forefields, participants collected scientific data on meltwater and shared personal reflections on loss, change, and responsibility. The project combined scientific monitoring with emotional and narrative approaches, transforming data into lived experience. You can find more about the project - supported by the **IMPETUS** program - [here](#).

## Sustainable tourism in Val Pennavaire

In 2025, Source International contributed to a **community-based project in Val Pennavaire** aimed at fostering sustainable and responsible tourism in a fragile mountain valley located between Liguria and Piedmont. Building on the groundwork laid by the bottom-up initiative **Val Pennavaire In Rete**, the project focused on actively involving local residents in shaping tourism practices that respect environmental limits and local identity. During the year, a **questionnaire** on tourism perceptions and impacts was developed and deployed. This process was accompanied by a series of meetings with local stakeholders, strengthening dialogue between residents, outdoor practitioners, and project partners.

## Addressing water scarcity and ecoanxiety in Langhe region

In 2025, we launched **Keep Calm and Save Water**, a project aimed at addressing the growing water crisis in the Langhe while supporting teachers and citizens in coping with climate-related anxiety through practical approaches. Building on previous environmental education initiatives in the area, the project focuses on water-saving practices, emotional resilience, and community empowerment. Activities include the development of a **free training programme for teachers** and the preparation of a **public festival** planned for 2026, with the goal of strengthening local networks and promoting sustainable lifestyles in a region increasingly exposed to water scarcity and climate extremes.



# EUROPE & WORLD

## Investigating companies' threats on democracy - REBALANCE

**REBALANCE** is a **European Horizon** project launched in 2022 to address the growing imbalance between democracy and global capitalism, promoting democracy-enhancing business models and alternative forms of corporate governance. In 2025, project activities focused on capacity building and public engagement, with the launch of the **Master course in Business and Human Rights**, alongside the establishment of the **REBALANCE Observatory** and the **REBALANCE Award for Business and Human Rights**. These initiatives aim to strengthen accountability, foster responsible corporate practices, and support the protection of human rights within business activities. More information on the project [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 2025, we published the Italian version of the **e-booklet of best practices** and launched an **e-learning platform**, featuring modules on citizen science, environmental monitoring, and actionable knowledge. In December 2025, we also visited the **Konin lignite region**, our Polish pilot site, and met local committees to understand their needs in advocating for local environment and health. This project will continue in 2026 with the official release of the learning platform and pilot site activities. More information on this project [here](#).

## Development of the first guidelines for environmental crimes

In 2025, Source International contributed to the development of **new guidelines addressing environmental crimes**, with a specific focus on improving the identification, documentation, and prosecution of environmental harm caused by industrial activities. The work drew on a long-standing experience in environmental forensics, citizen monitoring, and legal advocacy, and aimed to strengthen the capacity of institutions and civil society to recognize environmental violations as crimes with serious impacts on human rights and ecosystems.





## 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 and as part of the 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**, and the samples have been analyzed in 2025. 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.

In 2025, Source International also managed to have **Mireya Mayerli Sosa Navarro**, activist of Red Quorum Pasco, speak in Ginevra during the first international gathering of experts to develop guidelines on the documentation and investigation of environmental crimes.

Alongside these activities, Source International continued to advance its legal and advocacy work with local partners to address environmental and human rights violations linked to mining activities in the area.



# Ecuador

## Monitoring the impacts of illegal gold mining on freshwaters

This project we are documenting water pollution from illegal gold mining in the **San Lorenzo** and **Eloy Alfaro cantons** (northern Ecuador) to support legal action for environmental protection. After the first campaign in 2024, in May 2025 Source International performed a **second sampling of water and sediments**. Combined, these results are providing solid data to ongoing legal actions by our partner **Acción Ecológica**. More information on this project can be found [here](#).

# Chile

## Promote sustainable tourism through trails and education

Launched in 2023 in collaboration with the local partner Friends of Cochamó, the project aims to promote sustainable tourism while supporting long-term conservation in the **Cochamó Valley**, one of **Chilean Patagonia's** most pristine and ecologically valuable areas. In 2024, Source International supported the restoration of approximately 1.6 km of wooden boardwalk, improving trail safety and accessibility along the main access route to the valley. In parallel, local and international conservation efforts led to the protection of more than 133,000 hectares of land, securing long-term preservation of forests, rivers, and community livelihoods in the area.

In 2025, Source International continued working on **trail restoration**, completing planned interventions and initiating the design of community-based workshops that will be implemented throughout 2026, with a focus on sustainable tourism management, environmental protection, and local stewardship. More information can be found [here](#).



# Lebanon

## Investigating the impacts of war on soil quality and productivity

In collaboration with **Amel Italia** and **Amel International**, we investigated the environmental impacts of the last Israeli invasion on **soil contamination in South Lebanon**. In August 2025, Source International joined its partners for a pilot sampling campaign that aimed at collecting and analyzing 40 sub-soil samples in the **Marjaayoun** and **El Nabatieh** municipalities, in South Lebanon. The results of these analysis – which target heavy metals and proxies of white phosphorous and depleted uranium – will help assess contamination levels and associated risks for ecosystems and human health, inform future monitoring, and provide reliable data to the local communities.

# Indonesia

## Investigating the environmental cost of the energy transition

In collaboration with **Friends of the Earth Japan** and **WALHI South Sulawesi**, we initiated an in-depth investigations into the environmental impacts of nickel extraction and processing in South and Central Sulawesi. Nickel is a key component of electric vehicle's batteries and thus plays a key role in the green energy transition. In 2025, Source International joined its partners for two sampling campaigns: one in May and the other in November. Activities included environmental sampling of air, water, and sediments, collection of photographic evidence, and training sessions with local communities.

# Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

## Investigating the environmental cost of the energy transition

Cobalt is another key component of electric batteries, both in electronic devices and in electric vehicles; most of it is mined in the **Copper-Cobalt Belt** in the **Democratic Republic of Congo**. In 2025, Source International joined RAID UK and local partners to help strengthen incoming legal case on the environmental and human health impacts of copper and cobalt extraction in the Lualaba region. A key component of this effort was the **3-week sampling campaign carried out in October 2025** to collect evidence of air, water, and sediment pollution in Kolwezi and nearby towns, which are at the heart of the Copper-Cobalt Belt.



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## Monitoring the environmental impacts of gold mines

In collaboration with **Friends of the Earth Japan** and **WALHI South Sulawesi**, Source International initiated an in-depth investigation into the environmental impacts of nickel extraction and processing in **South and Central Sulawesi**. Nickel is a key component of electric vehicle batteries and therefore plays a central role in the global energy transition, raising critical questions about the environmental and social costs of its supply chains. In 2025, Source International carried out **two field missions** together with its partners, in **May** and **November**. Activities included environmental sampling of air, water, and sediments, as well as the collection of photographic and contextual evidence in areas affected by mining and processing activities. Midway through the project, **Swedwatch** joined the initiative and participated in the November mission, conducting interviews with local communities and project partners, and will further contribute through a dedicated report focusing on human rights and social impacts. These exchanges were based on dialogue, mutual learning, and in-depth discussion of both the investigative work carried out by the project and the lived experiences of affected communities.

# Caribbean Islands

## Investigation on the impacts of hazardous chemicals

In the **Caribbean Islands**, Source International contributed to a regional project aimed at strengthening the capacity of customs and regulatory agencies to identify and manage the trade of hazardous chemicals, including. **persistent organic pollutants (POPs), mercury, and highly hazardous pesticides**. In 2025 we developed the pre-screening and inspection guidelines for customs and affiliated agencies, tailored to persistent organic pollutants, mercury, and highly hazardous pesticides. Those practical guidelines, serve as a standardise procedure, including inspection and testing, to detect hazardous chemicals in shipments and goods.



# EVENTS

2025 was a year filled with events, workshops, and international forums in which Source International took part as a speaker, panelist, or participant. Here we report some of the most significant for us.

## **Experts gathering to develop guidelines on the documentation and investigation of environmental crimes**

Geneve (Switzerland), June 2025

## **Forum on business and human rights**

Geneve, November 2025

## **Rebalance final conference**

Pisa (Italy), September 2025

## **Venice International University's Summer School on Business and Human Rights**

Venice (Italy), June 2025

## **Lecture at Lund University**

Lund (Sweden), December 2025

## **Presentation of “Donde los Ninos no Suenan”**

Carrara (Italy), November 2025

## **XXI Congresso della Divisione Ambiente e Beni Culturali della Società di Chimica Italiana**

Cremona (Italy), September 2025

## **“Comunità sostenibili e relisienti di terra e di mare” by WEEC**

Ischia (Italy), April 2025

## **Fa la cosa giusta Festival**

Milan (Italy), March 2025



*When I began this journey 13 years ago, I could never have imagined where we would be today.*

*It has been an extraordinary journey. We have fought tirelessly every single day. We lost many battles, but we won far more, and today we are still here, standing on the frontline of the global fight for environmental and social justice!*

*Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey, and to all those who will join us in the future. There is still so much work ahead and many more years to come. We will continue to fight wherever they need us! Stay with us!*

Flaviano Bianchini, founder and director



# 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.

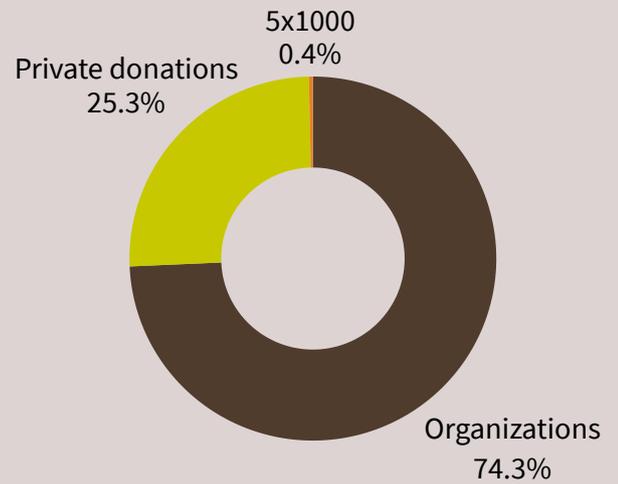
Their support makes our actions and our investigative and denunciation work possible. Thanks to them, we strive daily to build an alternative that holds together environmental and social justice.

This is why we choose to include our yearly budget in our Annual Report – this helps us to better convey what was been done, the objectives achieved, and the challenges faced.

# INCOME

402.686,5 €

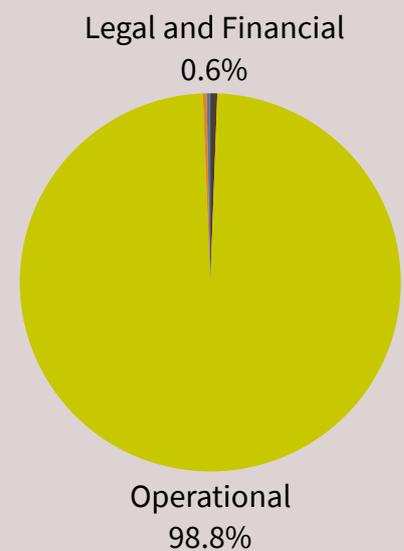
<b>Organizations</b>	299231 €
<b>Source Int.US</b>	0 €
<b>Private donations</b>	102046 €
<b>5x1000</b>	1410 €



# EXPENSES

300.881,8 €

<b>Operational</b>	297237 €
<b>Legal &amp; financial</b>	1769 €
<b>IT</b>	962 €
<b>Marketing and administration</b>	914 €



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