



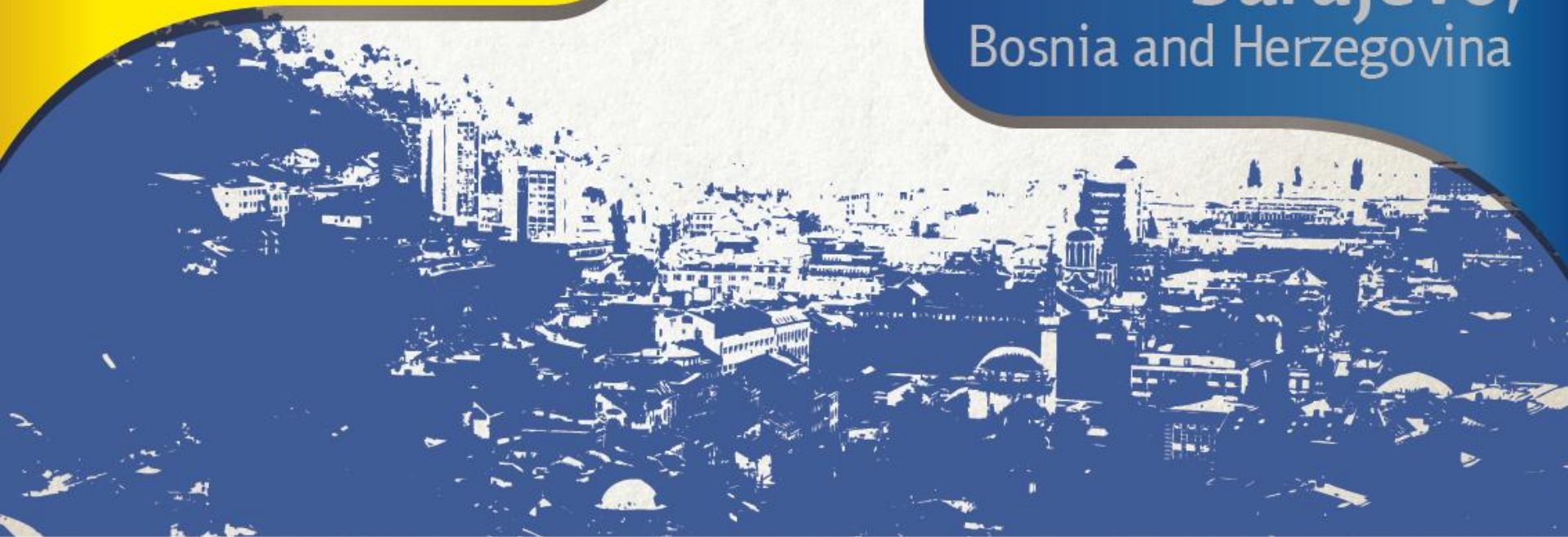
Network of Associations of Local  
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**NALAS IX**

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**10-11 April 2014**

**Sarajevo,**  
Bosnia and Herzegovina



# OBJECTIVE

## 1. Present 2013 Achievements

- NEXPO 2013 Highlights
- Achievements related to Strategic objectives

## 2. Present 2013 Financial Report

# Strategic Plan: 2013 - 2017

1. NALAS Knowledge Centre is the main Knowledge platform in South- East Europe (SEE) for and actively used by local governments (LGs)
2. Improved and expanded NALAS services strengthen Local Government Associations (LGAs) and their member local governments (LGs) in the Decentralization Process
3. Interests of SEE Local Governments visible and taken into account by European institutions
4. Financial sustainability of NALAS

# 2013 Achievements

## NALAS Pillar Dimension Coordinator of the **South East Europe Strategy 2020**

- Role of Local Governments in contributing to economic growth recognized in the SEE 2020
- Opportunities for LGAs and LGS to utilize IPA funds
- Decentralization in progress reports
- NALAS key role in implementation and monitoring



South East Europe  
2020 Strategy —

**Jobs and  
Prosperity** *in a*  
**European  
Perspective**

# 2013 Achievements

Conference "The Road to EU Integration-Removing Barriers, Unlocking Our Potential"

16 VIP speakers and 450 participants

- Oldřich Vlasák, Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Luc Van Den Brande
- Recognized role of NALAS in SEE 2020



*"All your countries that tend to join the European Union have to develop strategies for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, in line with the EU2020 Strategy. Local authorities have a very important role to play in this process and **NALAS has rightly been selected as one of the coordinators in the development of the SEE2020 Strategy.** I would like to thank you already now for your engagement" (Schumann-Hitzler)*

# 2013 Achievements: NEXPO 2013

- Over 2000 participants
- 230 Mayors, from 270 LGs
- 50 companies, 2 sponsors, 3 media sponsors
- 134 journalists



# NEXPO 2013 Fair



- **81 booths** for LGs, LGAs, businesses, NGOs
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies

# NEXPO 2013 Workshops



**27 workshops**  
organized by 32  
partners, including  
82 speakers

**Themes:**  
“Sustainable  
development”  
“Governance”



# NEXPO 2013 Cultural Program



**17 groups** coming from 4 countries

# NEXPO 2013 Declaration

The Declaration re-affirms the commitment for a common European mission and future for the SEE and emphasizes the key role of local governments in the EU integration process.



## NEXPO 2013 – the NALAS International Municipal Fair "Paving the Road to EU Integration"

Rijeka, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013

### DECLARATION

We, Mayors and elected representatives of the local and regional governments of South-East Europe, meeting together in Rijeka on the occasion of the Second NEXPO International Fair organised by NALAS and partners, have agreed upon the following Declaration:

#### Our region's European Future

1. We re-affirm our commitment to our common European mission and future, which we expressed as follows, at the first NEXPO, held in Sarajevo in 2011:

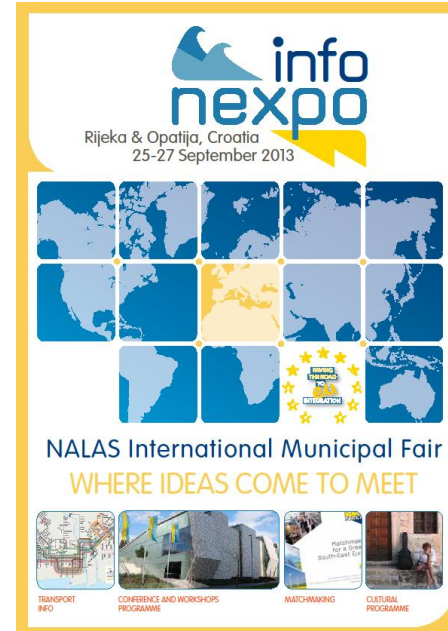
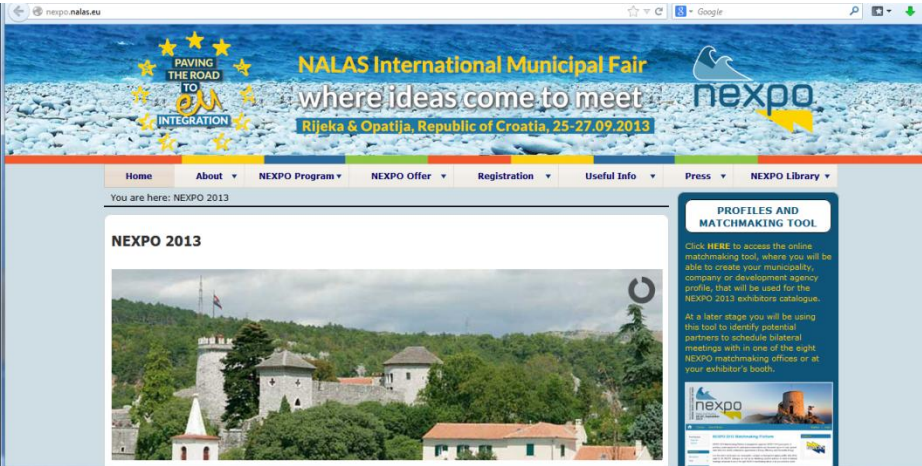
"The countries and peoples of south-East Europe need to take their proper place, very soon, within the European Union. This will mark another major step towards unifying our continent, and thereby enhancing our common goals of peace, stability and sustainable prosperity."

2. We greatly welcome the fact that the Republic of Croatia, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, became the 28<sup>th</sup> Member State of the European Union, and – amongst NALAS's membership – joins Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia within the EU. We also welcome the European Council's recent decision to open accession negotiations with Serbia. We look forward to continuing progress with other states. We further welcome the signing of Association Agreements in November 2013 with Moldova and Ukraine. We also hope for prompt resumption of discussions with Turkey on the *acquis communautaire*.

3. We emphasize that closer integration of all within our region with the EU is and remains a priority for all of us, whilst recognizing the different starting-points and stages reached to date. EU integration for our region is essential for both for ensuring peace and stability for the long-term, and for achieving stronger economic, social and environmental development for our peoples. In short we need to remove the barriers to integration and unlock our potential.

4. This is not just a matter for national governments and the EU institutions. It requires in particular the commitment of local governments, with their local communities, to the objectives of closer integration, as well as their capacity, through better governance, to deliver results on the ground.

# NEXPO 2013



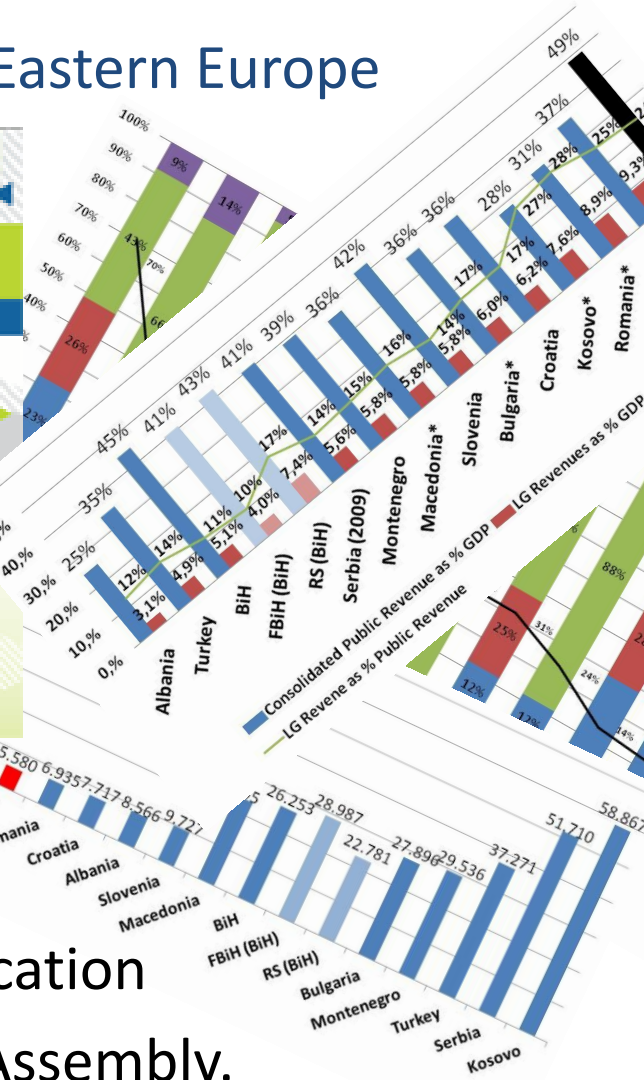
# 2013 Achievements: Matchmaking Platform

- *162 profiles of LGs and businesses*
- *12000 views*
- *300 matchmaking meetings during NEXPO*
- *Needs Assessment and Catalogue of LG projects published*



# 2013 Achievements

## Monitoring Fiscal Decentralisation in South Eastern Europe



Translated in 8 languages

LGAs published on their websites as an e-publication

NAMRB printed and distributed at its General Assembly.

# 2013 Achievements

LGA Policy papers : **“Discussions on the Changed Context and Trends in Fiscal Decentralization in SEE”**.

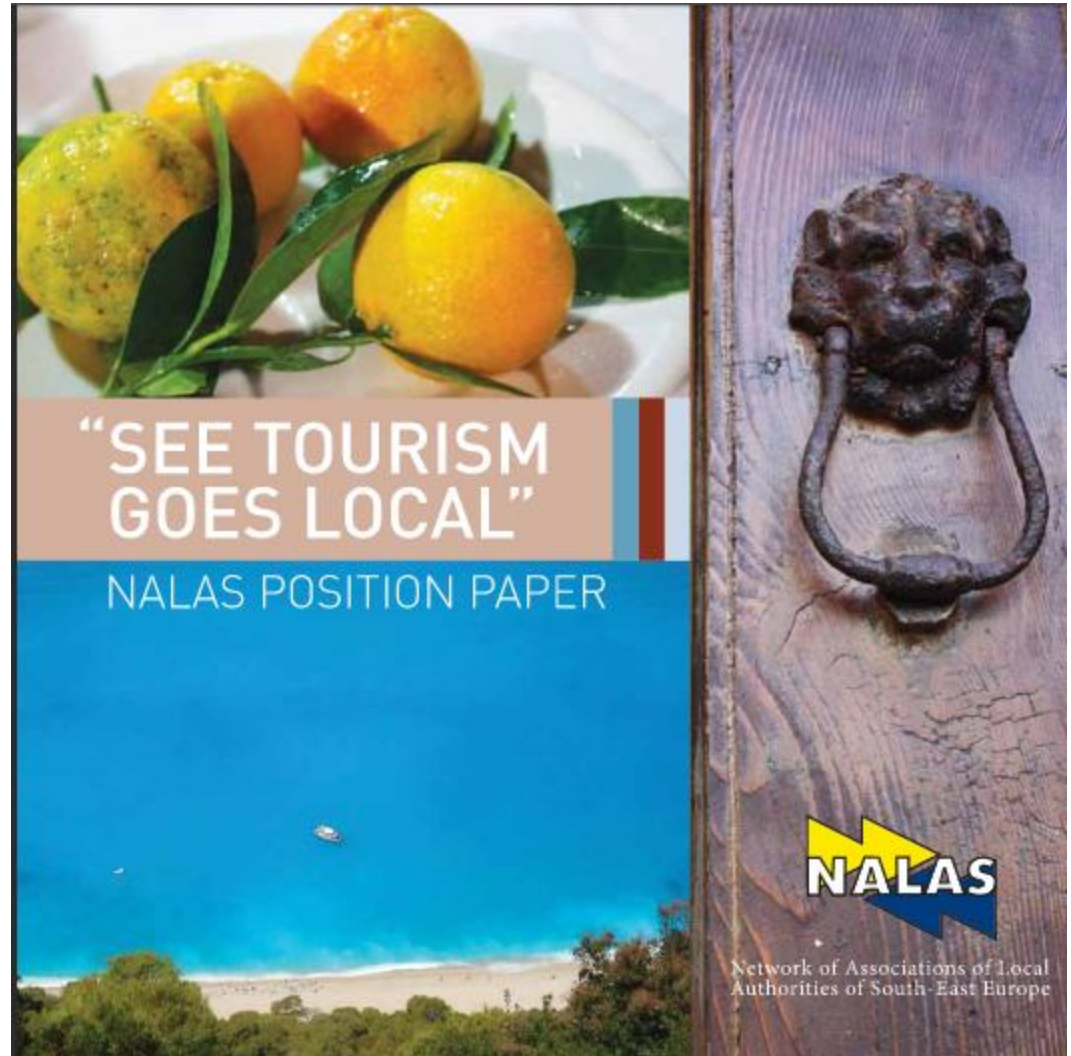
Provide an overview of:

- the national scale of the fiscal decentralization,
- the activities of the LGA
- the current state (challenges and good practices) of intergovernmental transfers and municipal investments.



# 2013 Achievements

- The NALAS **Position Paper “SEE Tourism Goes Local”** provides the vision of the NALAS Task Force on Sustainable Tourism.



# 2013 Achievements



**Cost  
and Finance  
Model  
for Solid Waste  
Management**

**Monitoring  
of municipal  
waste  
collection and  
transportation  
current costs**

Tool for Solid Waste Management developed and tested in 4 municipalities (Duboko SCTM; Herceg Novi, UoM, Zavidovici, SOGFBiH, and Soldanesti, CALM).

**Cost and Finance Model** is a web-based spreadsheet application available on NALAS web pages.

Complements with other Task Force products: Solid Waste Information System and Guide + Landfill Management

Bases for future e-Course

5 LGAs: CALM, SOGFBiH, UoM, SCTM and UORH carried out **dissemination events** and collected feedback from 129 municipalities

105 municipalities have expressed motivation to further use of the tool



# 2013 Achievements

Nine **Quick Response requests** in 2013

SOGFBIH: Information on local economic development

CALM: Personal Income Tax collection

AKM: Conditioning of the waste collection fee  
General Grants allocation

UGRH: Legalization of the illegal constructions and buildings,

UMM: Waste-to-energy (WtE) or energy-from-waste (EfW) models, etc.

# 2013 Achievements



*Lobbying for Covenant of Mayors Office for SEE*



# 2013 Achievements:

- Cooperation with Local Administration Facility of the European Commission





# 2013 Achievements:

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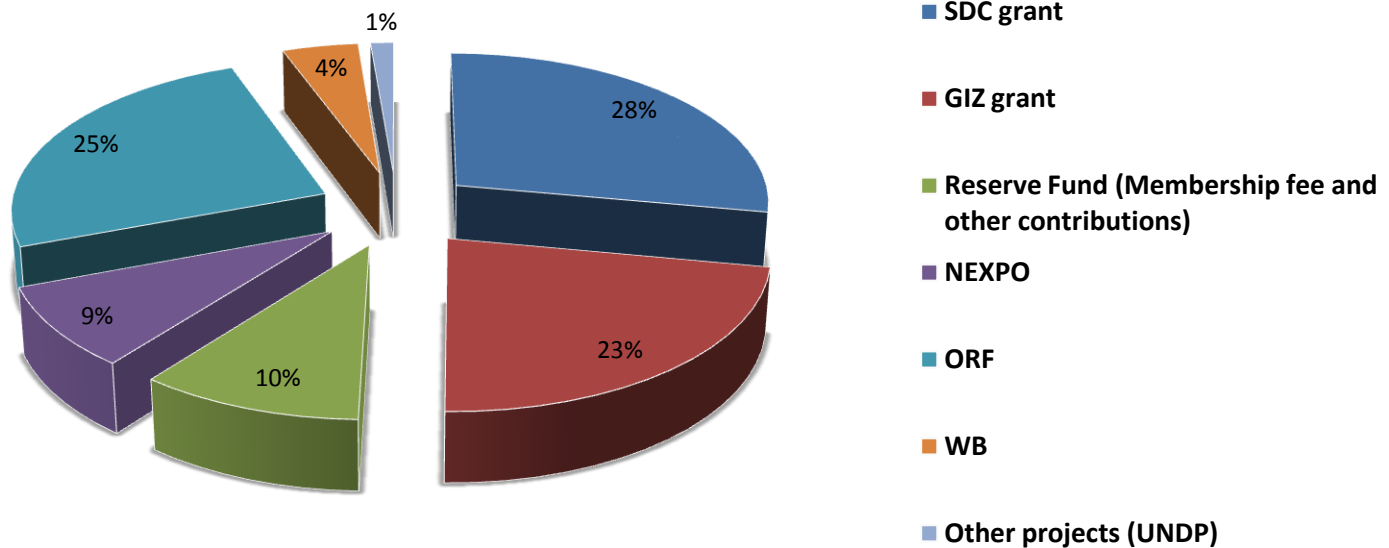
- SLUP
- Street Addressing
- TRACE

The screenshot shows a course page for 'Sustainable land use planning' on the NALAS platform. The page is organized into several sections:

- Course Navigation:** A top navigation bar with a home icon and five numbered modules: 1. Importance of land use planning, 2. Institutions, Policies and Tools, 3. Land use and Infrastructure, 4. Peri-Urban Growth, and 5. Land use and social equity.
- Course Overview:** A central section featuring an aerial photograph of a city and the title 'Sustainable land use planning'. Below the photo is an 'Introduction' section with text: 'Land use and urban form are becoming an increasing concern in the context of globalization and economic stress, post-peak petroleum, climate change, rapidly changing income distributions, and new communications and transportation technologies. The objective of Module 1 is to introduce the relationships between land use and these emerging global issues, which have dramatic impacts on urban areas. This module also outlines key conceptual frameworks, as well as some classic and new models to assess urban form and performance.'
- Key Messages:** A section titled 'Urban development challenges in developing countries' with text: 'The latest Global Report on Human Settlements prepared by UN-HABITAT, entitled Planning Sustainable Cities (2009: xxii-xxiii), identifies five current and future global urban challenges, namely: demographic; environmental; economic; social spatial; and institutional. Many argue that 21st century urban planning must take place with a full understanding of these factors and emerging forces leading to new spatial configurations of large, multiple nuclei or polycentric regions.'
- Module 01 Menu:** A sidebar menu listing four topics: 1. Urban development challenges in developing countries, 2. What is sustainable urban development, 3. Land use planning and sustainability goals, and 4. Drivers of land use.
- Course Content Summary:** A bottom section with three columns: '01 Importance of Land Use Planning' (Urbanization is a defining phenomenon of this century. For the first time in history more than half...), '02 Institutions, Policies and Tools' (Importance of institutional capacity building, urban planning and management in developing countries...), and '03 Land Use and Infrastructure' (Outline the basic relationship between land use and infrastructure...).
- Course Management:** A right sidebar with sections: 'About this Course' (Urbanization is a defining phenomenon of this century. watch video), 'Key Messages' (Start presentation, Presentation script), and 'Activities' (Pre-test, Post test, Exercises).

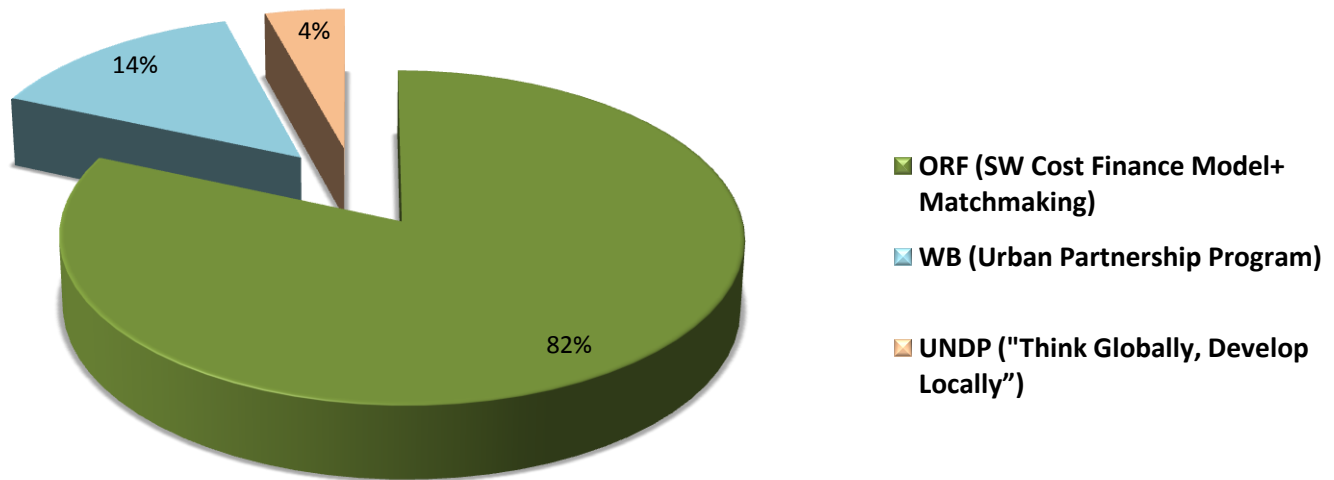
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## Revenue Structure 2013



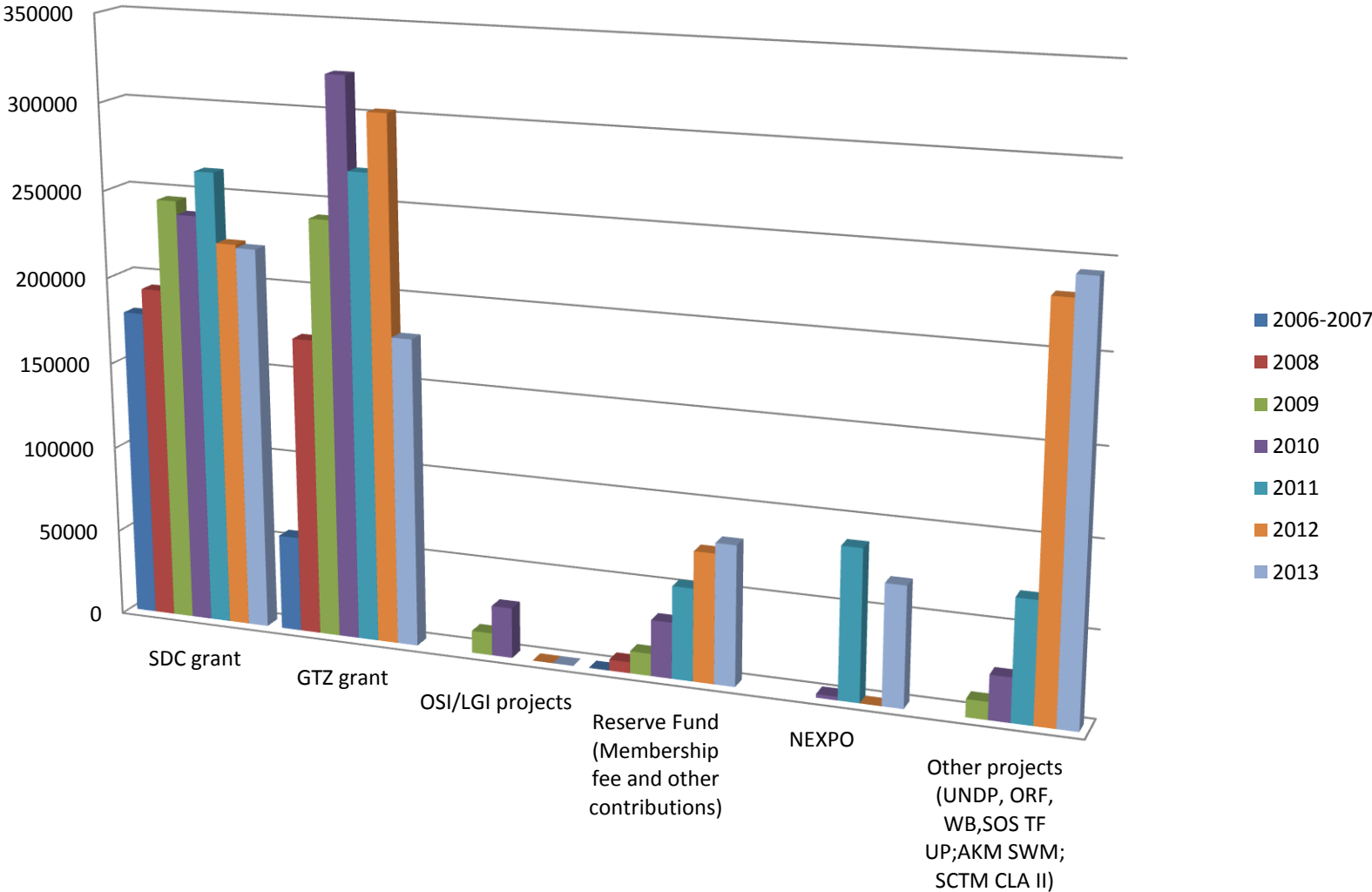
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## Revenue Structure: Projects in 2013



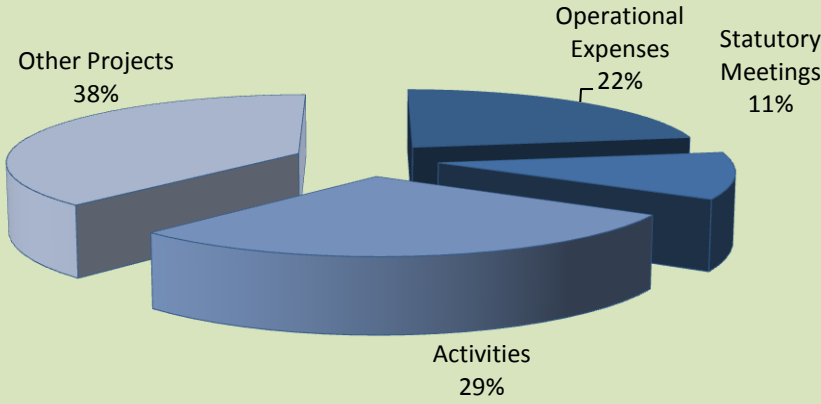
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## Revenue Structure 2006 -2013

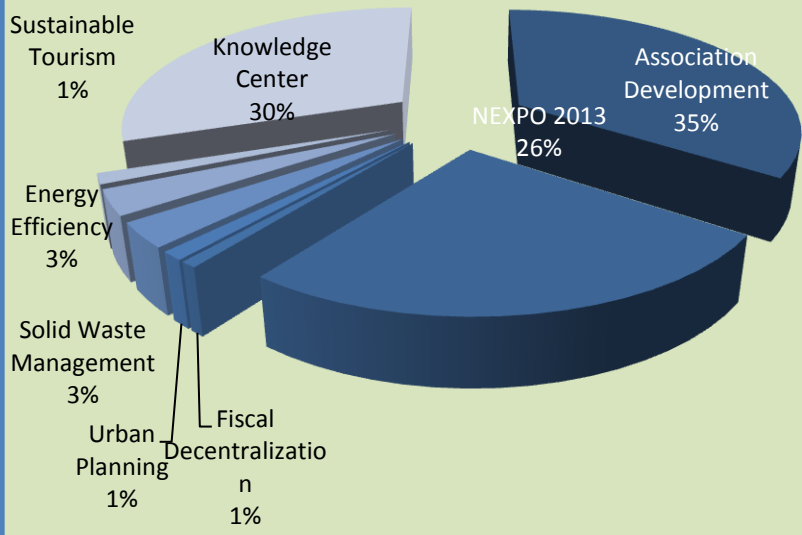


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## Expenditure Structure 2013



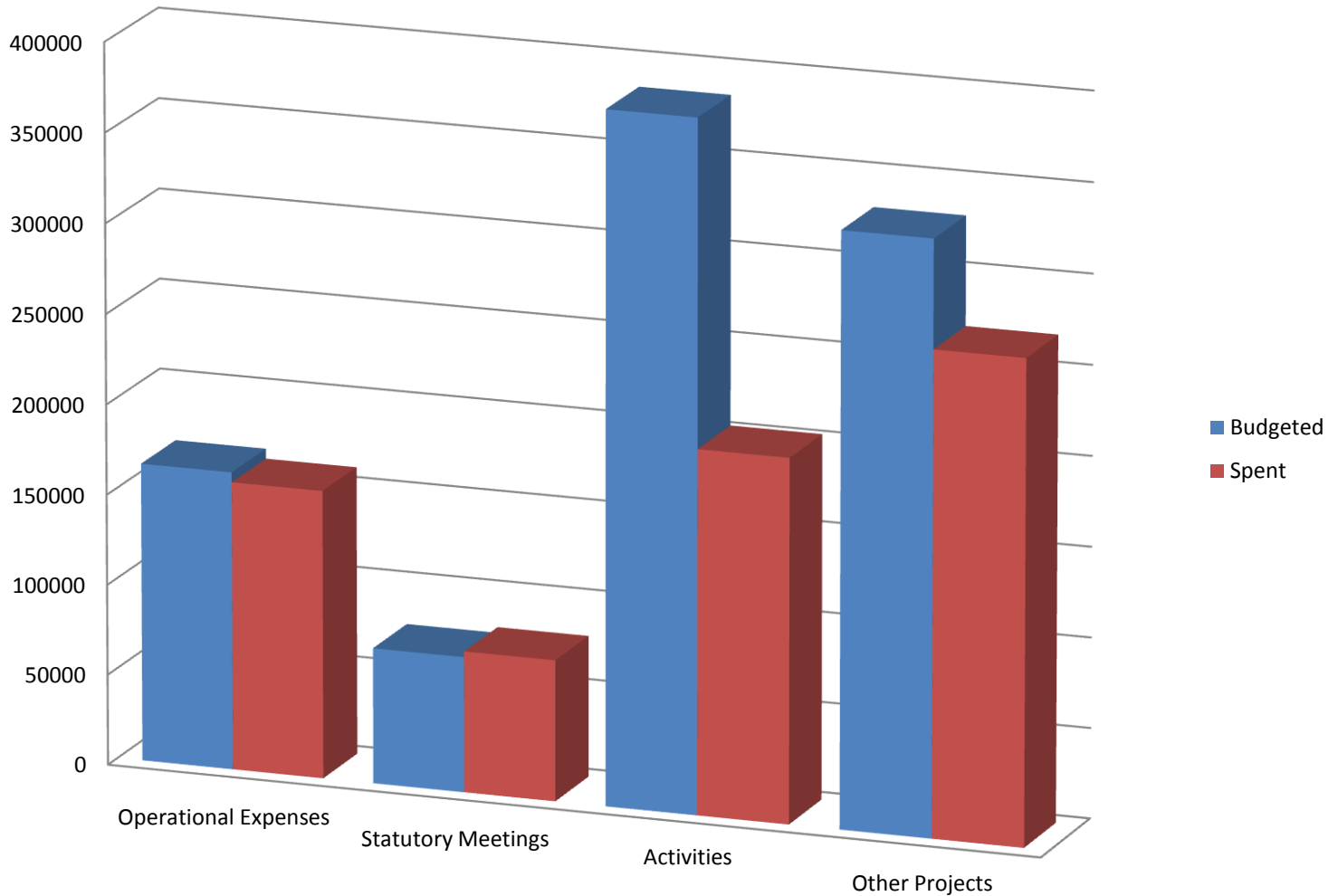
## Activities 2013





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## Budgeted v.s Spent 2013





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