



NEŠTO VIŠE

Citizens' Association

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BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Annual Report 2023.



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Introduction



Aleksandar
Bundalo
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

DEAR FRIENDS

Greetings,

This year, 2023, has been a year of endings and new beginnings. I especially want to highlight that we have successfully implemented a project with The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University (CSBSJU), through which we brought American students and professors to familiarize themselves with the educational system in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This project is significant because it continues decades-long cooperation with CSBSJU and also because it demonstrated that the problems arising from the COVID pandemic were not obstacles to its realization. Through the RISE project, we selected a new generation (the fourth) of RISErs and entered the sixth year of implementing this project, which supports young entrepreneurs in Bosnia and Herzegovina. With the Project Mostar – Spaces to Activate and Rejuvenate, together with our partners, we showed that civic activism is worthy of support and carried out a large number of small activities that brought smiles to the faces of Mostar's citizens. This year, we also completed the General Mobilization project through which we made our modest contribution to youth empowerment.

Since our Strategic Plan had expired, we all sat down together, staff and Assembly, to determine our direction for the next period. We decided that over the next three years, we will launch new initiatives, both thematically and geographically. Knowing how important it is to preserve our environment and how proper treatment of nature brings both personal and economic benefits, we decided, following the example of nature conservation, to contribute to the protection of the cultural heritage of these areas. Since this idea had been in the "air" for some time, we were fortunate to have our project on this topic approved. In addition to defining new themes, in the next period, we will build partnerships on a regional level and, together with our neighbors, as well as those a little further away, we will create partnerships to address common problems, learn from each other, and ultimately contribute to the development of individuals and communities.

Finally, I would like to announce that we have launched the Sanja Đermanović Bundalo Scholarship Program, in memory of our colleague and friend who passed away prematurely, and we have selected the first scholarship recipient.

It has been a beautiful and sad year behind us.

Stay cheerful.



Who We Are

Citizens Association “Nešto Više” is a non-governmental organization established in 1997 by a group of young people experienced in working with organizations from the civil society sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). By issuing resolution RU-88/03 by the Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Association gains the status of a state-registered organization. Our programs and projects have been implemented in more than 70 local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Our Vision

A Bosnian Herzegovinian society that is morally responsible and promotes competency, safety and tolerance through mutual care of the individual and community.

Our Mission

“Nešto Više” promotes positive changes in society by offering opportunities to individuals and groups for formal and informal education and training, networking, internships, volunteering, work experiences and community service, all in order to develop and nurture competent and responsible leaders who, believing in themselves and others, foster openness and belonging in our society.

Our Motto

Learning by doing.



Our Goals

- Linking and experience exchange of BH citizens with the citizens of Europe and the world;
- Cooperation with European and world associations and institutions of similar program orientation;
- Preservation and development of natural and cultural-historical heritage
- Environmental protection, energy efficiency and renewable energy;
- A commitment to agricultural development, with an emphasis on organic
- Promoting and practicing permaculture;
- Comprehensive development of rural areas;
- Protection and improvement of mental health, empowering and promoting healthy lifestyles;
- Economic empowerment of vulnerable categories of society: youth, women, people with disabilities, rural residents, unemployed;
- Working with and for the people with disabilities with the aim of their comprehensive inclusion in society;
- Providing various forms of assistance to vulnerable categories in society;
- Improving the social and economic conditions of life in BiH;
- Encouragement and development of entrepreneurship of young people and residents of rural areas;
- Improvement of business of entrepreneurs and enterprises;
- removal of prejudices and closed systems of values in BiH;
- work with students and improvement of studying conditions;
- Encouraging leadership;
- Institutional strengthening and development of the Association itself through continuous education of its members and employees, application of modern methods in work, engagement of quality external associates and creation of a partner network;

Council of Europe; Youth Council of Barcelona; Whalen Family Foundation (WFF), Oakland, USA; Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy (IMTD), Washington DC, USA; Care International; Canadian Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Open Society Fund of Bosnia and Herzegovina (SOROS); Schuler Helfen Leben (SHL); Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); Embassy of Switzerland in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Mercy Corps Scotland; and Dutch Development Agency (SNV), Fostering Agricultural Markets Activity (FARMA), Federal Ministry of Education and Science, European Commission; United States Agency for International Development (USAID); Center of Civic Initiatives (CCI); Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC); Austrian Agency for Technical Cooperation (ADA), Fund of the Spanish government for achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDG) - Environment and Climate Change (jointly implemented by UNDP, UNV, UNEP, FAO i UNESCO), Royal Norwegian Embassy to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Embassy of the United States of America in BiH, Municipality Cazin, Municipality Berkovići and Municipality Ljubinje, The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, MDGF Youth Employability and Retention Programme - Spanish Fund for Reaching Millennium Development Goals - UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM and UNV,; United States Department of State (Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, UNDP Reinforcement of Local Democracy III (LOD III), St Catherine University, Municipality of Livno, Municipality of Teslić, European Union (EU), The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, European Fund for Balkans, Municipality of Banovići, ILO/MOR, AFD, RYKO, French Embassy.



Geographical presence

The Association of Citizens "Something More" has three official offices: Central Office Sarajevo, Regional Office Mostar and Regional Office East New Sarajevo.

The staff of the Association works and lives in four cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Mostar and East Sarajevo. The Mostar office of the Association is located on the farm of the Association in Humilišani, where all the necessary conditions for the work of the staff have been created - one building on the property has been renovated so that there are offices, classrooms and a conference hall in the building.

In order to ensure sustainability, the Association has established its own social enterprise EkoDizajn d.o.o. which deals with the production of organic seedlings, arranging yards and orchards according to permaculture principles and organizing events, trainings.

UG Nešto Više operates throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, so that in the last 25 years we have implemented projects in over 80 different local communities in BiH and over a hundred volunteer actions in the same number of communities.



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Our Projects

EU4ALL

(2022.-2024.)

The general goal of the project is "Promotion of the values of the European Union in Republika Srpska and Brčko District through multi-sector cooperation" so that, among other things, young people acquire new knowledge about the European Union, its development, institutions, jurisdiction, legal system, policies and activities carried out by the EU, and about the territory and its population. This project UG "SOMETHING MORE" is realized with PRONI, the leading partner. The project is implemented in close cooperation with DEU. This project will achieve the following specific goals:

1. Inform and train representatives of NGOs, businesses and institutions about the work of the European Union in BiH and the opportunities offered.
2. To raise the awareness of the target group about the integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina into the European Union.
3. Build a dialogue between all relevant actors, in Republika Srpska and Brčko District, in order to promote the European integration processes of BiH and improve communication between all relevant actors about the possibilities and security offered by the European Union for their future.
4. Adopt and apply universal values promoted by the European Union through trainings/workshops and build internal capacities for participation, partnership and management of EU projects.

The project is financed by the European Union

Project value: 292.500 KM



Our Projects

BEAR, youth academy

(2022.-2023.)

The main goal of the project is to strengthen the economic ties between two local communities while empowering young people to develop an entrepreneurial spirit. The partners in this project are Teslić Municipality and RAŽ Žepče. The project will train 40 young people from the two municipalities of Teslić and Žepče at the BEAR Entrepreneurship Academy. Young people will be trained and equipped with skills that will enable them to run their own small business. In addition to acquired knowledge and skills, young people will be mentored in this process. At the end of the project, a conference will be held where young people will have the opportunity to present what they did.

The project is financed by the US Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Project value: 39.860 KM



Our Projects

My job - Economic opportunities for people with disabilities

(2020.-2023.)

The project focuses on social inclusion and improving the status of people with mental disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, especially with the aim of strengthening their economic opportunities and the ability to exercise their rights as citizens. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, people with mental disabilities are often the target of discrimination and prejudice that negatively affect their position on the labor market. It is difficult for these individuals to find and keep employment, and with insufficient support from state authorities, they are more prone to poverty and social exclusion. The project aims to help people with mental disabilities through the implementation of an integrated package of activities that includes: expanding access to employment with support, activities aimed at generating income and an acceleration program for companies that employ people with disabilities, mediation in professional training and internships, workshops for business or advocacy efforts during the implementation of changes at the strategic and political level with the aim of informing the public about the aforementioned problems.

The project is financed by
Česká rozvojová agency

Project value: 160.000 KM



Our Projects

Development of a training program for members of municipal/city commissions for gender equality in Bosnia and Herzegovina

(2021.-2023.)

The general goal of the project is to strengthen the role and position of women in political, social and economic processes and support local partnerships in establishing efficient mechanisms for gender equality in local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The target group are members of gender equality commissions in 20 LGUs who will go through a tailor-made training program aimed at strengthening their capacities to achieve a greater degree of gender equality at the local level. The communities where the project is implemented are: Bosanska Krupa, Busovača, Derventa, Goražde, Ilidža, Kalesija, Kalinovik, Jajce, Laktaši, Mostar Nevesinje, Kostajnica, Novo Sarajevo, Prijedor, Prnjavor, Šamac, Tešanj, Teslić, Tuzla and Vlasenica.

The project is financed by the European Union

Project value: 403.250 KM



Our Projects

Youth Retention Program in BiH - "General Mobilization

(2021-2024.)

The project supports cooperation between sectors that until now have not jointly participated in solving the problem of youth leaving BiH, i.e. youth organizations and entrepreneurs, i.e. employers. The general goal of the project is to strengthen the capacity of youth CSOs to participate in education and employment reform in order to retain young people in BiH. The specific goals of the project are: To establish an intersectoral network of youth experts and entrepreneurs for advocacy in employment and education; Strengthen the capacities and competences of young CSOs in order to increase the influence of advocacy on the improvement of policies, rules and strategies in the field of employment and education; Improve the legal and political framework for young people through cooperation between relevant employers' associations and relevant institutions at all levels; Increased awareness of the role and significance of the loss of the youth population in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The project is financed by the European Union

Project value: 1.087.600 KM



Our Projects

MoSTAR Project - Spaces to Activate and Rejuvenate

(2021.-2024.)

The project aims to improve the contents and use of public spaces in Mostar through the active involvement of citizens and support for their initiatives that contribute to the quality of civic, cultural and economic life in the City of Mostar. The project intends to support citizens and local authorities to effectively use new skills, tools and mechanisms to address priorities in an inclusive, gender-sensitive, participatory and systematic manner. The project will directly allocate funds to finance infrastructure projects and interventions in public space, as well as citizen-led and designed initiatives related to shared public space and shared activities.

The project holder is People in Need (PIN), with partners: Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI), Youth Cultural Center Abrašević (OKC Abrašević), Local Democracy Agency Mostar (LDA Mostar) and Nešto Više (NV).

The project is financed by the Government of the United Kingdom

Project value: 3.000.000 GBP



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Sarajevo



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MOSTAR

Prostori koji pokreću



Our Projects

Pick up trash for more luck

(2022.-2023.)

The goal of the project is to contribute to the preservation of the natural areas of the Mostar region and, more broadly, to the fight against environmental pollution. We want to make young people aware of the impact of excessive consumption of single-use products and the importance of zero waste. By offering them alternatives, we especially want to make young people aware and encourage them to adopt new habits. Through demonstration lectures on the recycling of various types of waste material from everyday life, such as plastic bottles, glass, fabric, bags and the like, we want to clarify the recycling processes and the advantages offered by this way of waste disposal.

The project is financed by the French Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina

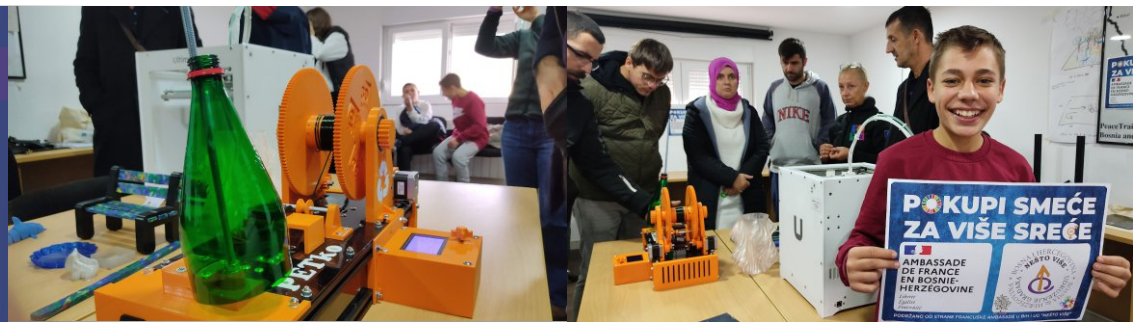
Project value: 3.900 KM

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Our Projects

From Partnership to Jobs

(2022.-2023.)

The goal of the project is to create a functional LPZ (Local Partnership for Employment) in the municipality of Banovići between the local administration, the employment service, companies, educational institutions and non-governmental organizations. The goal of LPZ is to employ 35 people after the process of professional development, retraining and training for starting their own businesses for people who are unemployed and who belong to difficult-to-employ categories of the population. The project is implemented within the framework of "European Union Support to Local Partnerships for Employment - Phase II" (LEP II), which is financed by the European Union in the amount of 4 million Euros and implemented through the International Labor Organization (ILO/ILO) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The project is financed by the European Union and the Municipality of Banovići

Project value: 332.000 KM



Our Projects

RISE - phase II

(2022.-2025.)

The regional incubator for social entrepreneurs RISE is a project for motivated, dedicated young people, who are ready to learn and bring changes for the benefit of the Western Balkans. The goal is to support social entrepreneurial ideas that will make the region a better place.

RISE Journey is a specially tailored program in which participation is free and which will help young people learn, grow and make changes in their environment. Focused on cooperation, exchange of ideas and peer learning.

We support 6 teams from BiH who are developing an idea or an innovative solution for a new and better approach to education, women's empowerment, culture, rural development, health or employment in their community. RISE provides support through grants for mobility and business development.

RISE is implemented by: Balkan Green Foundation, ARNO, NEŠTO VIŠE, Smart Kolektiv, IPC Tehnopolis and Yunus Social Business Balkans.

The project consortium : PULSE Group, RYCO, SEEYN and OFAJ DFJW

The project is financed by AFD - Agence Française de Développement, the European Union and RYCO.

Project value: 150.000 KM

CLUSTER ASSOCIATION
NEŠTO VIŠE



This project is supported by the Agence Française de Développement, the European Union and Regional Youth Cooperation Office.



Our Projects

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program - Cooperation with College of St. Benedict i St. John's University

(2023.)

A total of 13 university professors, teachers, and students from USA teaching social sciences, language, and culture spent a month in Bosnia and Herzegovina studying our education system from elementary to higher education, history, culture, and religion.

A special part of the program is active learning of local languages through a specially designed program tailored to the needs of participants. After a week in Mostar and another in Banja Luka, they continued their study journey in Tuzla and Sarajevo.

The project is funded by CSBSJU/Fulbright.

Project value: 60.340 KM

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE
EDUCATION

FULBRIGHT HAYS



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Our Projects

Organizing a volunteer engagement for volunteers from the EU

(2022-2023.)

The general aim of the project is to establish continuous cooperation with partner organizations within the framework of the European Solidarity Corps. The beneficiaries/target group are young individuals interested in working and learning at the NV permaculture farm in Mostar. Volunteering is organized through Erasmus+.

Volunteers - Long-term (6 months):

Dženisa Kurtović (VISA-AD, France) and Nawal Bensihmed, (ADICE, France)

Short-term (1 mjesec)

Lisa Cherigui, (ADICE, France) and Inés Djouab, (ADICE, France)

Volunteers spend most of their time working on tasks related to plant cultivation on the farm, including preparation, planting, maintenance, and protection, as well as studying their growth. Additionally, they are involved in other activities and projects carried out by NV. Some of their activities include teaching young people from local schools about permaculture, recycling, circular economy, and similar topics.

The sending organization is ADICE (Association pour le Développement des Initiatives Citoyennes et Européennes) from France.

The project is funded by the European Union.

Project value: 3.920 EUR.



Our Projects

Climate-smart community

(2023.-2024.)

The main goal of the "Climate-smart Community" project was to raise awareness and educate the residents of Mostar about the impact of climate change on the safety and stability of individuals, groups, and communities. Over the course of 9 months, the project focused on educating various groups, including the youngest students (from grades V to XI), journalists, activists, environmental NGOs, local farmers, beekeepers, as well as all interested citizens.

More than 200 people participated in workshops. With the youngest participants, we worked in a particularly interactive way, including demonstrations at the Permaculture Estate of the NV Association, introducing concepts such as composting, mulching, eco-bricks, and others. In working with the older population, the emphasis was on raising awareness, which was recognized by the media that diligently reported on all events at the Permaculture Estate of the NV Association.

As part of the "Climate-smart Community" project, the Permaculture Estate acquired valuable equipment - a meteorological station. Data from this station are available through an application that can be downloaded or accessed via the pages of the "NEŠTO VIŠE" Association.

Project funded by:
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Norway

Project value: 7.601 EUR.



Klimatski pametna zajednica



Our Projects

Work and advancement of human rights through digitalization

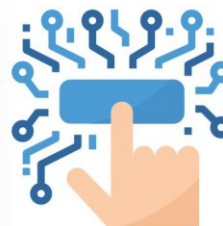
(2023.-2025.)

The project is aligned with the global goal of contributing to the promotion and protection of human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, and the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as it focuses on raising awareness, imparting knowledge, protection, and promotion, as well as education of projects targeting groups to achieve human and labor rights. This project is implemented by LIR Evolution, the leading partner, and "NEŠTO VIŠE". The project will:

Conduct research and knowledge-based practices on human rights in selected territories. Promote decent work, respect for fundamental principles and rights at work, the right to safe and healthy working conditions. Promote diligence, decent jobs, entrepreneurship, and economic empowerment. Promote structured and regular dialogues between state actors, CSOs, and businesses on labor rights in the digital environment to promote the accessibility of technologies for marginalized groups. The project will engage the marginalized employed population to familiarize them with their labor rights and workplace safety and health protection, enabling them to have decent work, dignity, quality, fair wages, and appropriate working conditions.

Project funded by the European Union.

Project value: 210.657 EUR.



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Our Projects

Prevention and consequences of hate speech in the media

(2023.-2024.)

The project aims to strengthen peace, security, mental health, and equality by analyzing hate speech in the media in Bosnia and Herzegovina and reducing its occurrence and consequences through workshops and advocacy campaigns. Activities include:

Research and analysis of the impact of hate speech on peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, its impact on the mental health of youth, and its effects on security and equality. Analysis of the presence of comments and content that can be characterized as hate speech in electronic media in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Workshops on recognizing hate speech, prevention, and addressing its consequences. Workshops for representatives of electronic media on developing proposals and finding ways to reduce the spread of hate speech in the public media sphere. Launching an advocacy campaign on the need to educate media and educational professionals, as well as youth, about the consequences and ways to prevent hate speech. Educational workshops for school-aged children on recognizing, preventing, and understanding the consequences of hate speech.

Project funded by:
Canada Fund for Local Initiatives

Project value: 60.986 KM.



ANALIZA PRISUSTVA
KOMENTARA I SADRŽAJA
U ONLINE MEDIJIMA
U BOSNI I HERCEGOVINI
KOJI SE MOGU OKARAKTERISATI
KAO GOVOR MRŽNJE.



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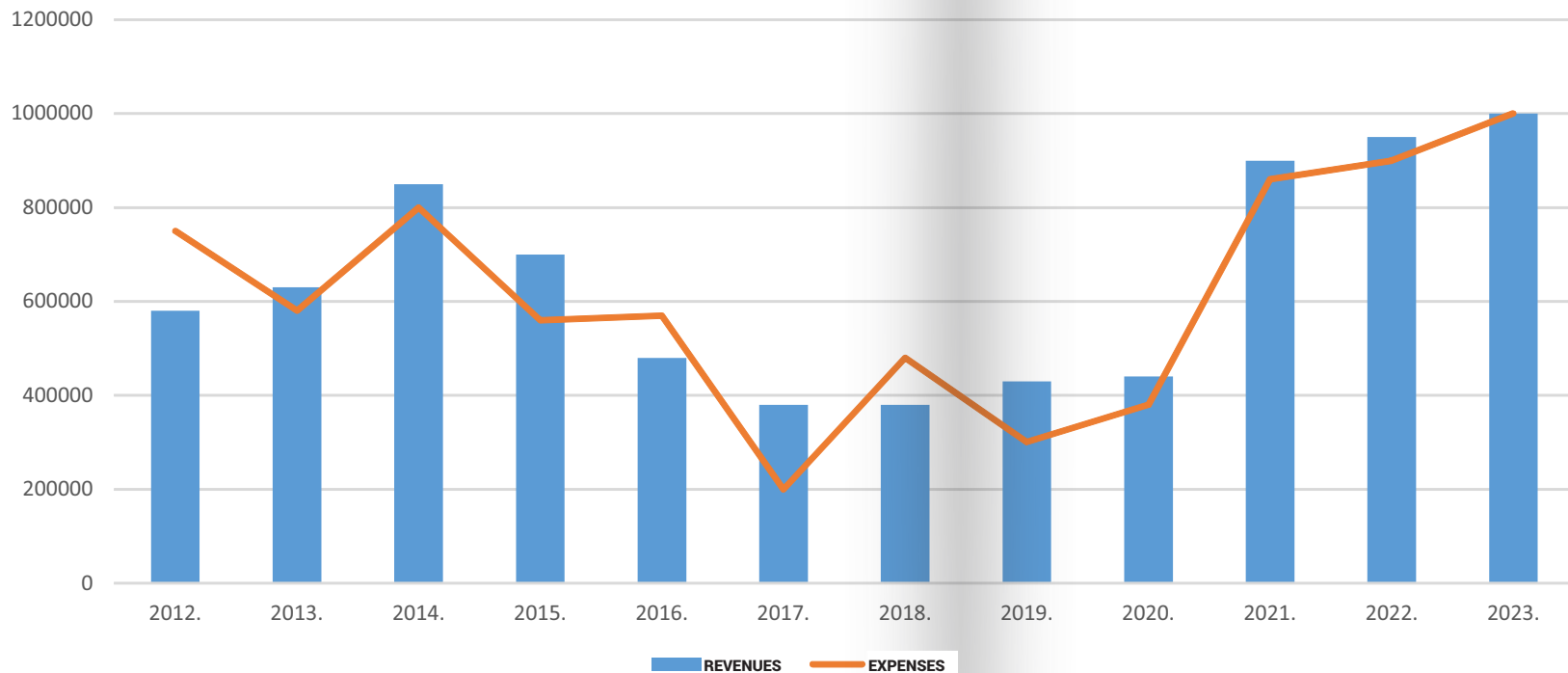


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