



Citizens' Association

NEŠTO VIŠE

UDRUŽENJE GRAĐANA NEŠTO VIŠE
УДРУЖЕЊЕ ГРАЂАНА НЕШТО ВИШЕ
BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA

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DEAR FRIENDS

The year 2025 was a period of intensive work, growth, and further consolidation of NEŠTO VIŠE's role in local communities across Bosnia and Herzegovina and the wider region. Through numerous projects, partnerships, and field-based activities, we continued to act in line with our mission – empowering communities, individuals, and institutions through sustainable development, social inclusion, environmental protection, and the preservation of cultural heritage.

Throughout the year, we focused on the concrete needs of local communities, particularly in the areas of climate change and adaptation, participatory planning, capacity building for young people and civil society, and the promotion of cultural and natural heritage as a resource for sustainable development. Our work was marked by close cooperation with municipalities and cities, educational institutions, civil society organizations, as well as national and international partners.

Through projects funded by European and other international funds, as well as through initiatives launched at the local level, NEŠTO VIŠE contributed in 2025 to policy development, strengthening knowledge and skills, and actively involving citizens in decision-making processes. Particular attention was devoted to the inclusion of young people, women, and other vulnerable groups, based on our belief that sustainable change can only be achieved through inclusive and participatory processes.

Within our educational activities, the Sanja Đermanović Bundalo Scholarship Programme holds a special place. In 2025, the programme continued to provide support to talented and motivated young people in their academic and personal development. The programme carries a strong message of solidarity and long-term investment in knowledge, while nurturing the values of responsibility, excellence, and social engagement embodied by Sanja Đermanović Bundalo.

This Annual Report provides an overview of our activities, achievements, and lessons learned in 2025. At the same time, it reaffirms our commitment to transparency, accountability, and the continuous improvement of our work, while also serving as an invitation to all partners, donors, and community members to continue working together to build a society in which “something more” means genuine and lasting change.



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 Ljubinja, 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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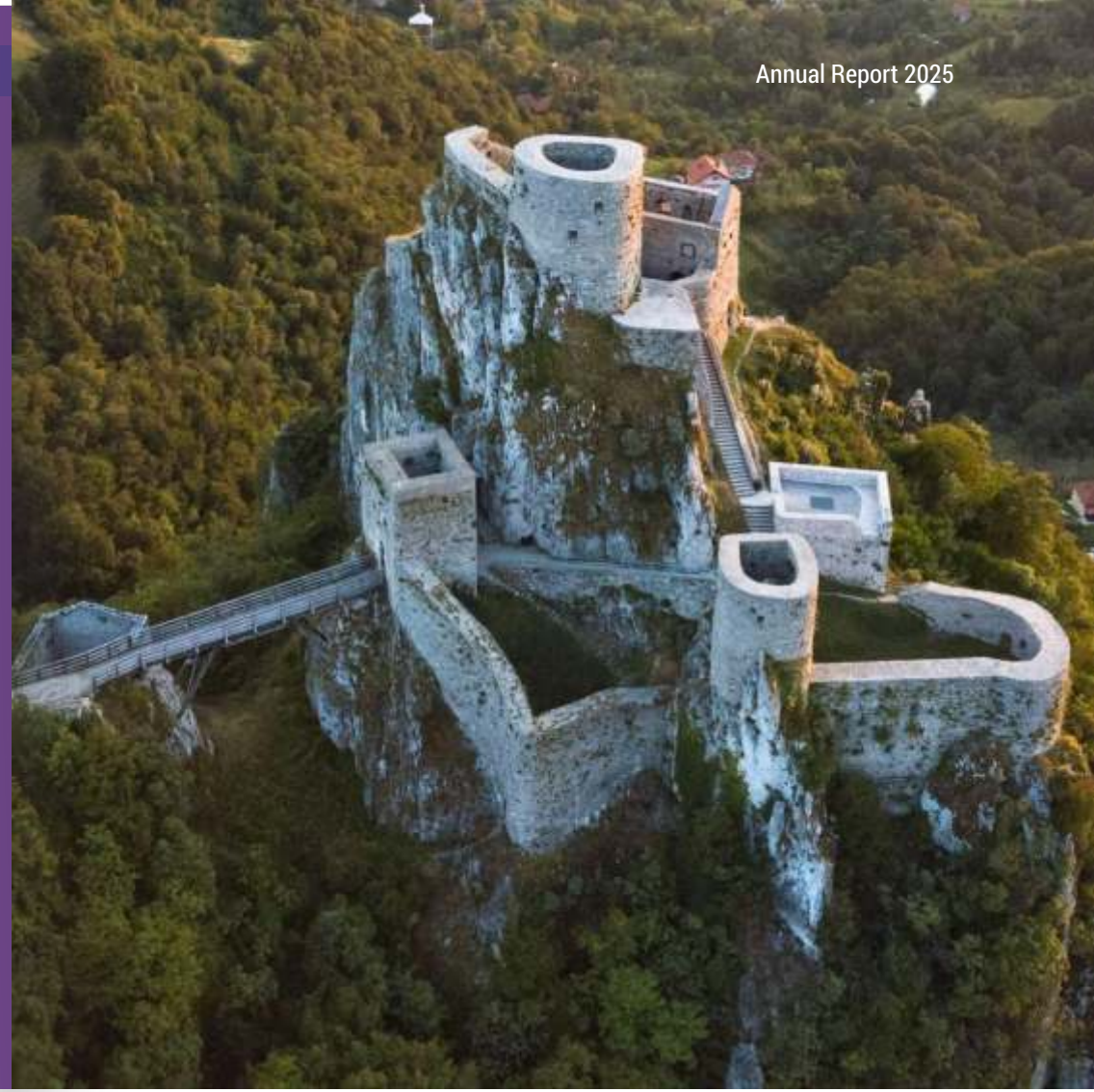
Protection of Cultural Heritage in B&H with the Support of Civil Society Networks – PCH Programme

(2024.-2027.)

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen participatory democracy through consultations during the programming and protection processes of cultural heritage between civil society organizations (CSOs) and cultural institutions throughout the integration process in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). Specific objectives of the project are: Establish formal networks of CSOs working in the field of culture for policy dialogue with governments at all levels, to ensure the involvement of CSOs in the development and implementation of cultural heritage policies (Networked CSOs operating in the cultural sector with the aim of protecting cultural heritage). Initiate improvements to the legal and institutional framework for tangible cultural heritage in Republika Srpska, Brčko District, the Federation of BiH, and at the cantonal level (Legal framework established in line with the constitution at the entity and cantonal levels). Establish a legal framework between institutions and CSOs in the field of sustainable fundraising for the restoration of tangible cultural heritage (CSOs and institutions participating in the restoration of cultural heritage).

Raise public awareness of the tourism potential of the tangible cultural heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Restored cultural assets presented to tourists and citizens of BiH).

Project funded by: European Union
Project value: 1,304,464 BAM



Our Projects

Young Leaders for the Future

(2025.-2026.)

The aim of the project is to strengthen social cohesion, trust, and cooperation in local communities by empowering young people through education, mentoring, and support for the implementation of their initiatives. The project has two specific objectives: to provide leadership skills training to 20 young people aged 16–30 and to enable them to apply the knowledge gained by addressing 10 identified challenges in 10 local communities. Participants are selected in cooperation with the Dialogue for the Future 3 (DFF3) team, based on criteria defined at the beginning of the project. Over a period of up to eight months, participants attend five training sessions – two one-day and three two-day trainings – covering topics such as activism, volunteerism, communication, and project development. At the same time, they organize volunteer actions within their own communities. In cooperation with local civil society organizations, participants identify a community problem, develop an idea, and, with mentoring support, transform it into a project that is subsequently implemented in the local community. A final meeting provides an opportunity to exchange experiences and evaluate the programme. The project's Theory of Change is based on the assumption that empowered and skilled young people represent a key source of human capital for helping communities respond effectively to development challenges.

The project is funded by:

United Nations

Secretary-General's PBF in B&H

Project value: BAM109,698



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



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



The Future Is Digital – and Persons with Disabilities Are Part of It!

(2025.)

The project “The Future Is Digital – and Persons with Disabilities Are Part of It!” aims to improve the social inclusion and employability of persons with disabilities (PWDs) through education on digital tools and assistive technologies. During the four-month implementation period, the project provides specialized workshops for 15 persons with disabilities from the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Participants gain practical knowledge and skills for working on online platforms, with the aim of increasing their economic independence and improving their opportunities in the labour market. The project includes training in the use of digital tools and assistive technologies, as well as the development of business and negotiation skills, enabling persons with disabilities to become more competitive and better prepared for employment and self-employment opportunities.

The project is funded by: Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Project value: BAM 6,413

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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.



Shaping the Future of Europe

(2024.-2026.)

The aim of this project is to provide youth organizations and young people in partner countries with the tools, skills, and attitudes necessary to ensure meaningful youth participation and dialogue with decision-makers, to foster civic engagement among young people, and to create space for their voices at the local, national, and European levels.

The main objectives of the project are:

To build the capacities of youth organizations in using innovative non-formal tools and practices that foster community engagement and active youth participation in public life;

To improve the knowledge and capabilities of youth organizations in promoting civic competence and media literacy through non-formal education;

To encourage cooperation and the exchange of best practices in youth work aimed at promoting active participation and combating fake news and disinformation;

To support the qualitative development of youth work by applying educational materials focused on critical thinking, integrated problem-solving, media literacy, human rights, leadership skills, and self-reflection.

Project funded by: European Union
(Erasmus+ KA2 Capacity Building

in the Field of Youth)

Project value: 450,566 BAM



Erasmus+



Our Projects

Empowering Women: The Right to Joint Property/Inheritance and Political Engagement

(2024.-2025.)

The main goal of this project is to promote gender equality by empowering women in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a specific focus on two key areas: property and inheritance rights, and active political participation. This goal will be achieved through a comprehensive approach that includes education, training, round tables, public campaigns, and support for women from various parts of the country. The project aims to empower women and girls in BiH to understand and claim their legal rights to property and inheritance and to support them in overcoming legal and social barriers. Project activities are designed to address the specific challenges women face, using experiences and resources from urban areas to support women in rural communities. This approach enables the integration of diverse perspectives and experiences, which is essential for successfully promoting gender equality and ensuring equal rights for women in BiH.

Project funded by: Canada Fund for Local Initiatives
Project value: 56,786 KM



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FISHIMPACT

(2024.-2027.)

A project that promotes ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles and healthy dietary habits to enhance competitiveness, market diversification, and effective consumer communication in the Adriatic-Ionian aquaculture and fisheries sector. FISHIMPACT will collect the latest information on available labels and certification systems at the national, EU, and IPA market levels regarding the environmental, social, and health performance of aquaculture products. It will develop a set of key performance indicators (KPIs) related to ESG standards, sustainability, as well as the health and nutritional value of products, and integrate all this into a multilingual self-assessment tool for SMEs.

Project funded by: Interreg IPA ADRION
Programme under the Interreg funds
(European Regional Development Fund and IPA III)
Project value: 3,409,263 BAM



Our Projects

From Barriers to Success: Advancing Employment of Persons with Disabilities in the Cybersecurity Sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina

(2023.-2024.)

This project, implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina, aims to improve the employability of persons with disabilities through education in the field of cybersecurity. The project will provide support for the employment or job retention of at least 50 individuals. At the outset, a market assessment will be conducted to develop a curriculum and educational materials tailored to employer needs. The project will include the organization of five cybersecurity training sessions for at least 50 participants. After the training, each participant will have the opportunity to apply for: a) Internships (for unemployed participants) – eight weeks of on-the-job training; b) Support for participants lacking appropriate hardware to attend the training; c) Wage subsidies for already employed individuals to help them retain their jobs.

Additionally, cybersecurity guides will be developed and a comprehensive media campaign will be conducted to raise awareness of the importance of this topic.

Project funded by: United States Embassy Sarajevo
Project value: 442,842 BAM



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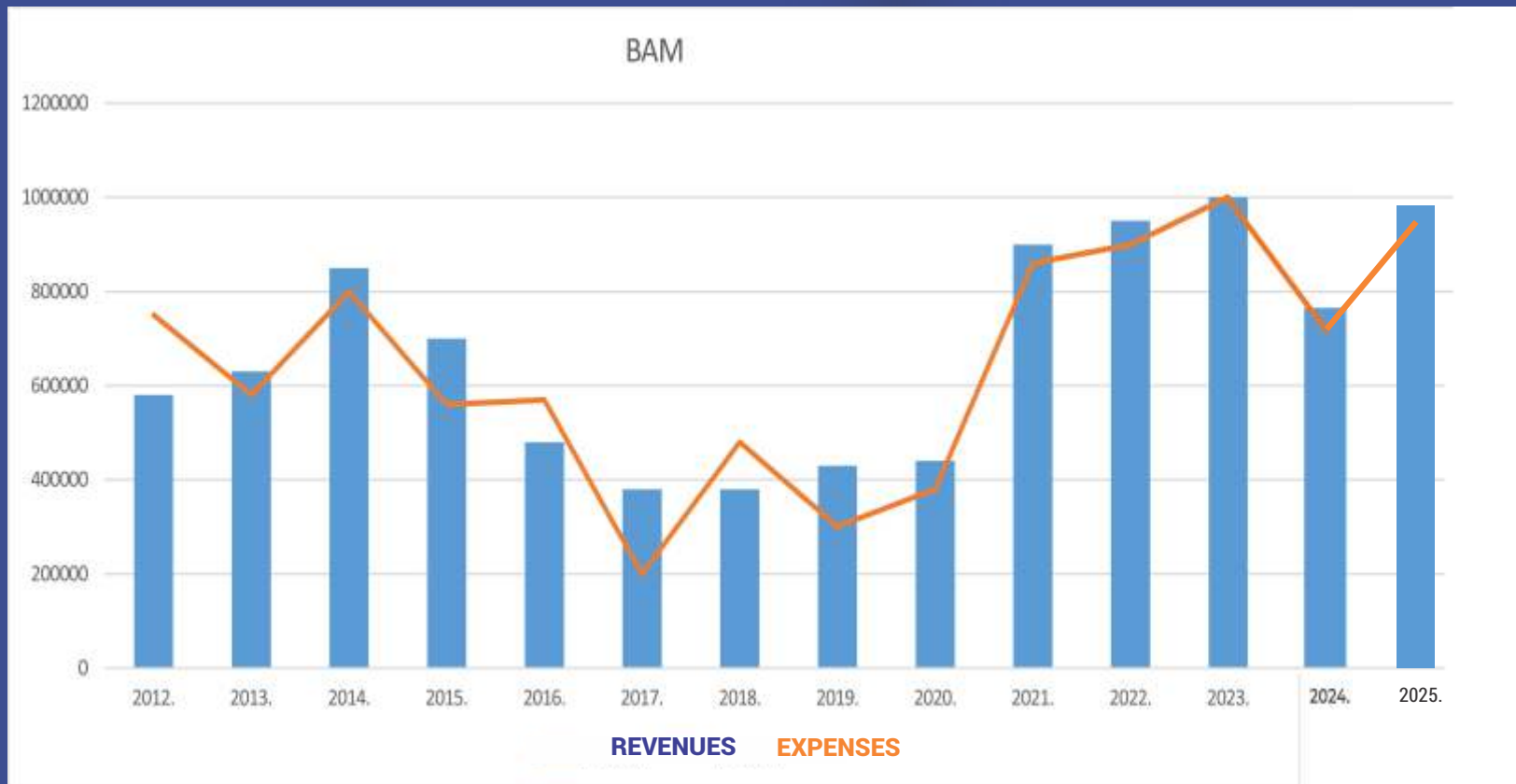


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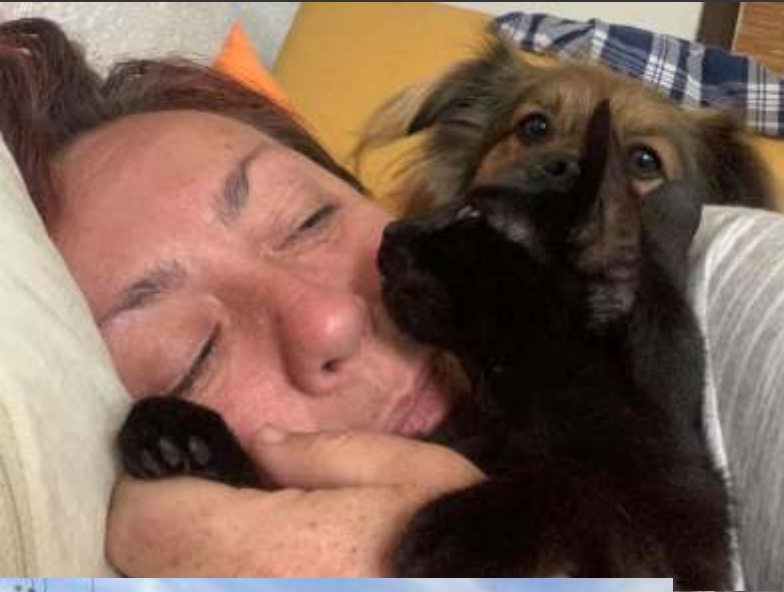




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Forever in our hearts



Scholarship Program
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