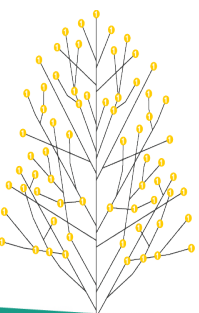


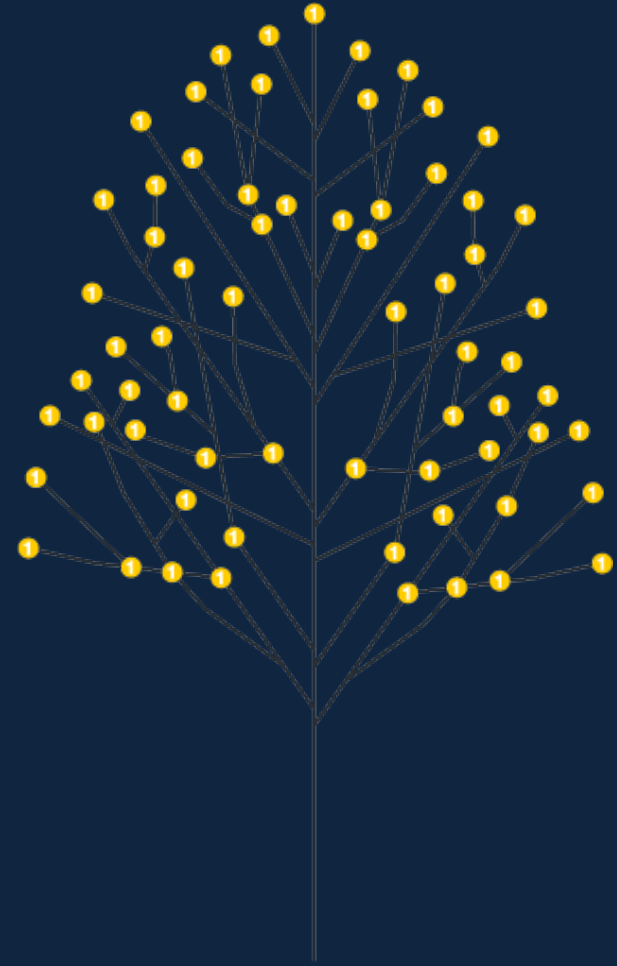
# Gender Responsive Budgeting as a Tool for Financing of Local Initiatives

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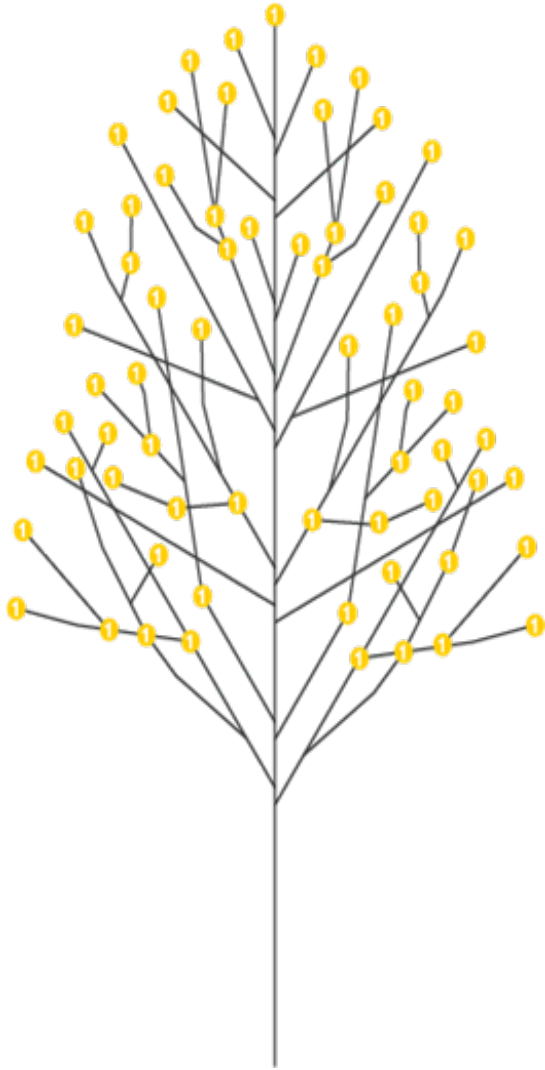


# Gender Responsive Budgeting

- **GENDER** – understanding that women and men, boys and girls, living in our communities have different needs; and taking into consideration various factors that affect these needs (health status, age, place of residence, etc.)
- **RESPONSIVE** – development of policies, programmes and measures aimed at elimination of gender inequalities in all areas of everyday life
- **BUDGETING** – financing of needs that are translated into policies and measures by restructuring revenues and expenditures



# Gender Responsive Budgeting – it's movie time!



<https://gender-financing.unwomen.org/en/highlights/grb-video-from-serbia>



# GRB in Serbia

GRB piloting in cooperation with women's CSOs, several provincial secretariats, Women's Parliamentary Network and UN Women.

The Budget System Law supplemented by GRB reporting obligation.

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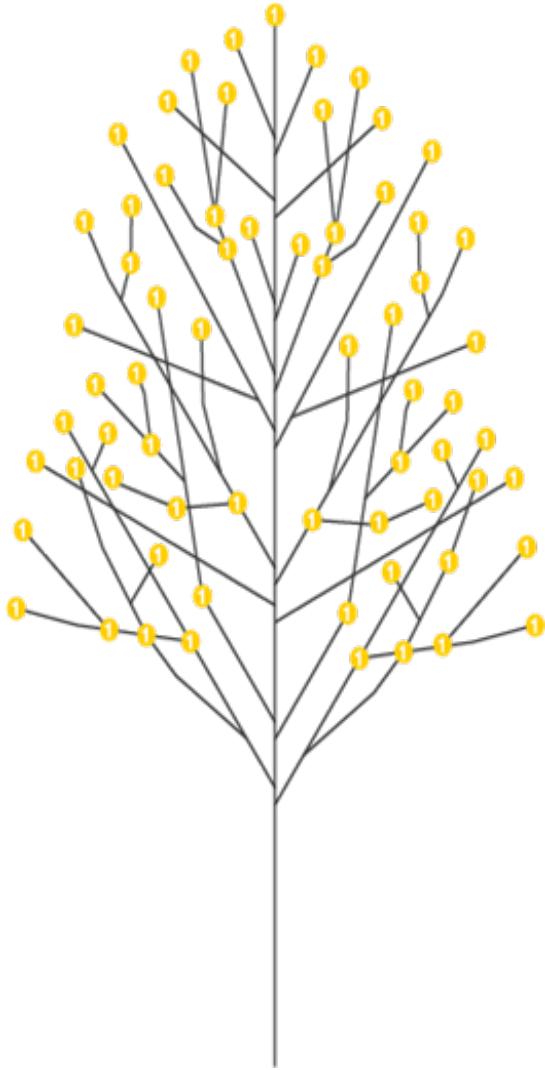
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The Budget System Law defines gender equality as one of the budget's goals and GRB becomes legal obligation for all budget users, with 2024 as the deadline for full GRB application.

GRB institutionalization through partnership of the Ministry of Finance, Provincial Secretariat of Finance, Coordination Body for Gender Equality and UN Women. SCTM key partner at local level.

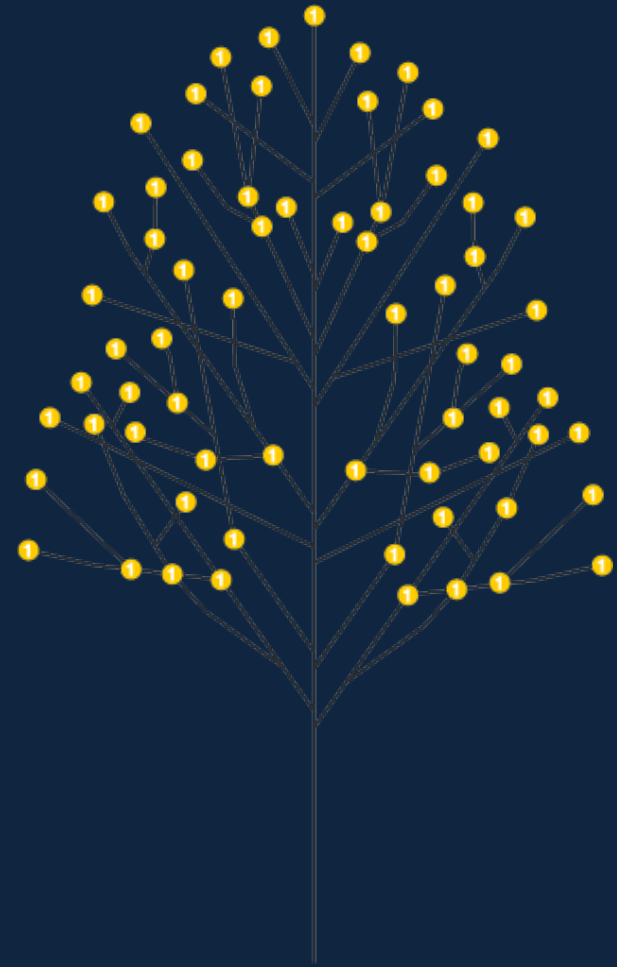
# The Budget System Law (BSL)



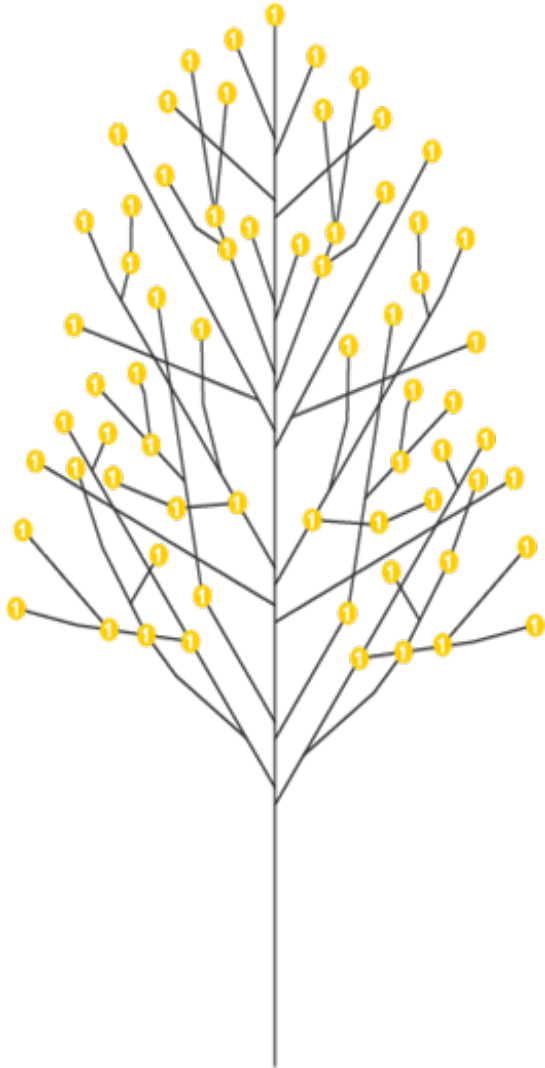
- GRB Definition: Gender responsive budgeting shall mean incorporating the principle of gender equality into the budgetary process, which implies gender-based assessment of budgets and restructuring revenues and expenditure in order to promote gender equality (BSL Article 2)
- Budget Goals: Allocation efficiency that implies allocating budget funds in order to promote gender equality (BSL Article 4)
- 2024 is set as a deadline for full application of gradual GRB implementation at all governmental levels

# Gender Responsive Budgeting- steps

1. Identifying gender gap and/or source of inequality in a certain area – PROBLEM that we aim to solve
2. Identifying appropriate budget programme to close the identified gender gap or eliminate inequality – available RESOURCES
3. Defining appropriate measure and budgeting – ADDRESSING the problem
4. Implementation
5. Reporting
6. Evaluation and new planning cycle – recommendations for improvements



# LSGUs Budget (1)



## **PROGRAMME 3 – Local Economic Development**

Programme activity 003 – Support to economic development and women’s entrepreneurship:

- Public calls for small scale grants:
  - Green economy and eco-entrepreneurship
  - Support to innovative solutions for development of eco-tourism

## **PROGRAMME 5 – Agriculture and Rural Development**

Support programmes for agriculture producers:

- Single female and male-headed households – incentives for agriculture and networking/cooperatives
- Greenhouse and organic production

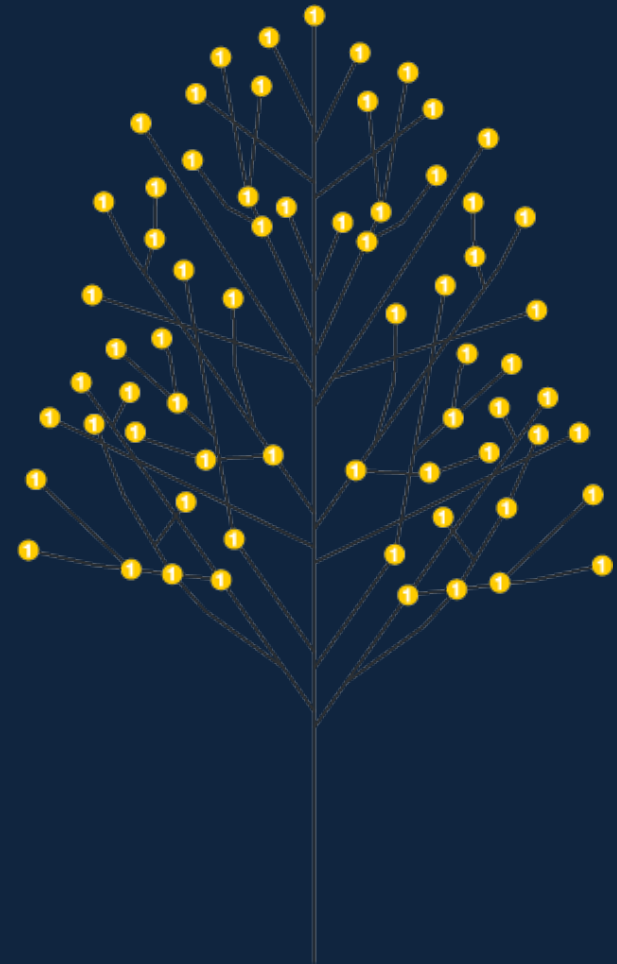
# LSGUs Budget (2)

## PROGRAMME 6 – Environmental Protection

- Advocating for active participation of citizens in environmental preservation
- Financing activities of CSOs working in environmental protection
- Education on circular economy

## PROGRAMME 17 – Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

- Energy poverty and single female-headed households





THANK YOU!

