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28 February 2023, Strasbourg

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ELDW ACTIONS

TYPES:

- Informing and educating
- Popularizing, encouraging, raising awareness
- Responsible behavior and active involvement of citizens in decision-making

TOPICS:

- Importance of energy efficiency measures
- Role of LSG in the environmental protection and its importance
- Nature protection, conservation and development
- Importance of recycling and reusing
- Importance of waste treatment

SCTM –NATIONAL COORDINATOR SUPPORT

- **Information webinar on ELDW 2022**
- Information campaign
- **Individual meetings with LSGs on topics of ELDW**
- Meeting with LSGs- potential applicants for **Status of ELDW Partner**
- **Translation of materials** – post on ELDW webpage on the SCTM website
- **Promotional material** – 200 posters, 1000 flyers, 100 bags, eco-pencils, eco-blocks
- Dedicated **SCTM webpage** <http://www.skgo.org/strane/375>

ELDW Promotional material

BAGS, ECO-PENCIL, ECO-BLOCK



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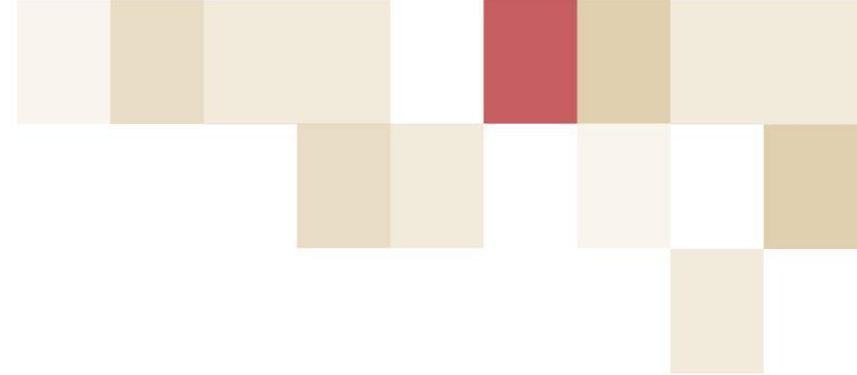
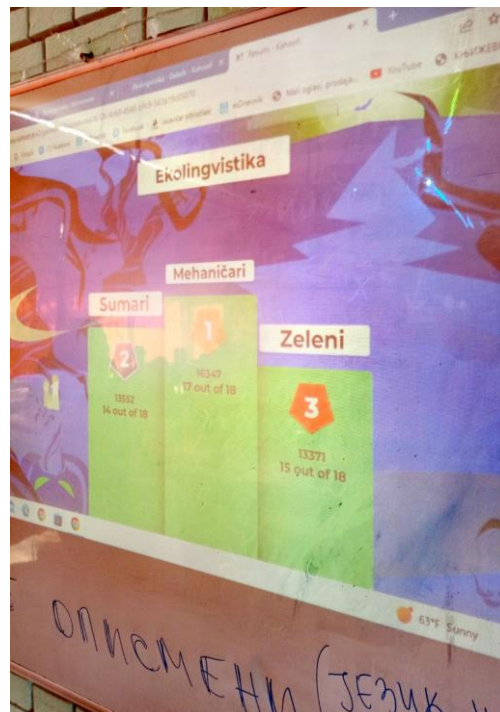
BAČ MUNICIPALITY – Partner of ELDW 2022

❖ Looking for local environmental solutions – Bodjani village

The workshop was realized in Agricultural school in Bač, with the students from 15- to 18-years-old. The goal was to actively involve young people in finding and solving eco problems in local community. How to define a problem? How to find the source of the problem? Fix the damage or fix the source first? What to do? How? With this exercise, young people develop critical thinking and are actively involved in social events. This helps them to find their way in a more mature age of life.

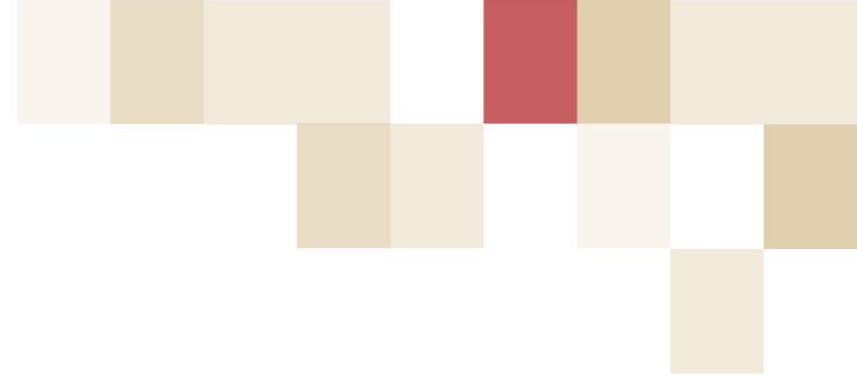
❖ Reuse with child's play - Music for Planet

The European Week of Local Democracy was also marked with activities in the kindergarten in the village of Bođani, with the aim of introducing children to the basics of recycling through play. Through an educational workshop, it was explained to the children how certain items can be reused, instead of ending up in the trash. So the little ones made musical instruments from used plastic packaging and cans. In this way, along with basic knowledge about recycling, the children also saw the importance of creative work and processes.



Kragujevac – Partner of ELDW 2022

- ❖ *Let's Voluntarily Clean and Tidy Our Environment*, realized by the Club of Activists and Volunteers of Kragujevac, financed by the City of Kragujevac, was the action of cleaning and tidying the Memorial Park Kragujevački Oktobar
- ❖ *By planting 50 trees in the Botanical Garden*, students of the Faculty of Science and Mathematics of the University of Kragujevac, financed by the City, marked 50 years of work and existence of this higher education institution. They provided the seeds through the *"Healthy 50 for a Healthy City,,*.
- ❖ *The action "Give back the breath to nature - plant a tree"* obliged investors to plant 10 trees for every 1000 square meters of residential and commercial buildings, and 1 more tree for every additional 500 square meters.
- ❖ City of Kragujevac, in partnership with the municipalities of Batočina, Lapovo, Rača, Knić, Topola and Aranđelovac and the Regional Agency for Economic Development of Šumadija and Pomoravlje, has started the development of the *Urban Area Development Strategy of the City of Kragujevac and the noted municipalities*.
- ❖ *Program for environmental protection of the City of Kragujevac* in its drafting process included citizens via special e-mail.



SVRLJIG

❖ Winter and organic food fair

Promotion of healthy food on October 15 in the village of Crnoljevica. One of the main goals for environmental protection is the right to health and unpolluted soil. This was achieved by promoting healthy food that has not been treated with dangerous chemicals, which greatly lead to soil degradation, which later ends up in our rivers and then finally on our table.



BAJINA BAŠTA

❖ Pass it on to the elderly - the role of children in passing on information about environmental protection

Municipality included children from Elementary School "Sveti Sava" Bajina Bašta and their parents in the project regarding environmental protection. Children and parents were given tasks which, according to them, are the main influences on the environment, whether they properly separate waste, etc.

Educational and creative workshop was conducted on the transmission of information about environmental protection messages, distribution of promotional and information material from children to parents. Children report and draw conclusions and pass them on to their parents.

VRANJE

❖ Workshop: Region development through environmental activities

The Academy of Applied Technical and Preschool Studies (AATPS)- Vranje Department & Office for Youth of the City of Vranje presented the scope of work of the AATPS-Vranje Department and the Youth Office of Vranje to the participants, during the ENLD work program from 11th to 15th of October.

After that, interactive workshop "Region development through environmental activities" was held, emphasizing the role of the local self-government for nature conservation and region development.

After the workshops, youth filled out an anonymous survey describing the environmental state on the territory of the Vranje City and the results of the survey will be used to initiate further actions.



BUJANOVAC

❖ Promotion of nature protection at the Nature protected Area

In the Sveti Prohor Pčinjski monastery, in Pčinja Valley, a lecture on the importance of protecting and preserving nature was held for 20 students from Serbian and Albanian high schools and representatives of the local community. On that occasion, ELDW materials in Serbian and Albanian languages prepared by the SCTM were distributed.

❖ Selective waste collection in local community

Presentation on selective waste collection was held in "Sveti Sava" secondary school with students and representatives of the local community.

Participants were informed about the importance of selective waste collection for efficient use of space, energy, water and health and environmental benefits.



UŽICE

- ❖ **Award ceremony for the most beautiful yard in the territory of the city of Uzice** - every year, City awards prizes to the owners of the most beautiful yards and terraces in the city.
- ❖ **Emphasizing the importance of energy efficiency measures** – activity aimed to emphasize the importance of energy efficiency measures on air quality in the City and environmental protection through the publication of a **public call for the installation of solar panels on family homes with the aim of using renewable energy sources**.
- ❖ **Presentation of a study on fuel consumption** – a **Study on fuel consumption for heating in households** in the City of Užice prepared on the basis of sample of 450 households by the Regional Association of Owners of Private Forests "Omorika", was presented with recommendation to air quality in the urban area of the city.
- ❖ **Tree planting in the urban area - Tree planting in the urban area – Sevojno** was performed as a sign of the beginning of the autumn action of the city of Užice, within which 100 trees were planted.
- ❖ **Television show about environmental protection** - **Television show** about environmental protection and the importance of labelling ELDW.



Lessons learned

- ✓ **THINK AHEAD**
- ✓ **BE PROACTIVE**
- ✓ **CONNECT WITH CITIZENS**
- ✓ **INCLUDE VULNERABLE GROUPS**
- ✓ **PLAN BUDGET TIMELY**
- ✓ **BE CREATIVE**
- ✓ **BE INSPIRED VIA EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS**
- ✓ **BE VISIBLE – PUBLISH RESULTS**
- ✓ **CONSULT ELDW AND NATIONAL COORDINATOR**
- ✓ **PREPARE PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL**



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