

Institute for Rural Development and Ecology



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IRRE

- Established in Gradec in 2011
- Rural area 50 km east of Zagreb
- Promotion of sustainable rural development
- Protection of nature and environment
- Encouraging public participation in all areas of rural development
- 26 members, 3 employees

Project Example 1: Castle Gradec

- former bishop's palace dating from 1821-1822
- functioned as primary school until 2009
- IRRE is planning to start a program of promoting turistical, educational and cultural activities once it is reconstructed and adapted



Project Example 3: Future of Integrated pest management

- May 2012 – lecture named "Better cultivation to healthier food" was held at Stari Glog resort
- Lecturers from College of Agriculture at Križevci
- IRRE published 2 brochures – "Integrated plant protection" and "How to manage agricultural soil"



Project Example 5: Through reuse to social awareness

- February – April 2013. in Vrbovec and Gradec
- Funded by ZAMAH and National foundation for development of civil society through program "Our contribution to society"
- Action of collecting used clothes and other textile



Project Example 6: Waste prevention programmes in Croatia

- In December of 2013 IRRE published research study "Reuse of waste – another obligation or powerful opportunity"
- Funded by European Fund for the Balkans through a program "Think and link – Regional Policy Programme"
- Workshop, study trips...



Waste and reuse action plan

- Action of collection and redistribution of materials
- Reduction of junk mail campaign
- Home composting education and analysis
- Developing recommendations for future waste prevention programmes
- Analyzing and submitting comments to SEA procedure for waste prevention program



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Action of collection and redistribution of materials

- Help for flooded areas
- 19th – 23rd of May in Gradec Municipality – 12 collection sites
- Cooperation with the Municipality of Gradec



Reduction of junk mail campaign

- Prevents up to 20 kilograms of waste per household per year
- 4.000 stickers and leaflets
- Online webpage tool for complaints
- 2000 households will recognize our campaign and prevent at least 40,000 kg of paper annually and 16,600 kg of paper during the project duration
- Sent to cca 50 addresses of active CSO-s in RH and on public events

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Home composting education and analysis

- 30th of June 2014 in Gradec
- Lecture on composting was held by Ljubica Farkaš, expert for composting from NGO Friends of the Environment from Osijek



Home composting education and analysis

- 30 participants, with a lot of hands-on materials, Mrs. Farkaš demonstrated the process of collecting, mixing, sifting and examining the quality of the compost



Home composting education and analysis

- 25 composters for home use were given to participants



Developing recommendations for future waste prevention programs

- Research was focused on discovering existing positive examples and formulating recommendations for implementation of local waste prevention programs
- Developed recommendations were distributed to local authorities (cities and municipalities) as a resource for preparation of their individual prevention programs (as part of obligatory yearly educational activities)

Developing recommendations for future waste prevention programs

- The recommendations for future WPP were developed in form of activity recommendations for:
 - the responsibility of the State
 - the responsibility of economic actors
 - the responsibility of the key players
 - the responsibility of NGO's

- the responsibility of consumers
- Tasks of educational institutions
- Tasks of the media
- Tasks of the scientific bodies

Analyzing and submitting comments to SEA procedure for waste prevention program

- Waste prevention program is announced to be prepared as part of national waste management plan
 - The RH breached the EU deadline and is aware of that fact
- IRRE closely monitored the state of play, but since the program was not prepared, we did not have an opportunity to analyze and comment the chapters of the WMP related to waste prevention
- As mitigation measure we have held several meetings with National Fund for Environmental Protection and Ministry of Environment

Results:

National Fund for Environmental Protection is currently developing national guidelines for reuse projects

Ministry of Environment included reuse and prevention projects in Cohesion Funds Operational Programs

National Fund for Environmental Protection announced the first call for proposals specially designed for reuse projects in 01/2015

Thank You!



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