

Best Practices - Sustainable Development - (Sustainable Development Goals) — SERBIA —

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Good Practices in Serbia in the field of Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals

Good Practice I

The Center for Development and Research Projects "EcoDev" works on raising awareness and educating the population and influences the raising of standards in the field of environment in Serbia by bringing together individuals, organizations, institutions, educational institutions and companies around the application of the highest standards in the environment, creating green jobs and greening other areas.

The organization of conferences and gatherings, workshops and consultative meetings with participants in the field of sustainable development are some of the key activities of Eco Dev.

Some of the results:



Activities:

a) Providing support to civil society organizations dealing with environmental protection.

This contribution is reflected in greater information on EU standards, eco-certification, the application of energy efficiency in buildings, the importance of using renewable energy sources, stimulating the circular economy and creating green jobs.

b) Encouraging the positive aspects of Ecotourism through various seminars, conferences and educational activities to create a platform that will present Serbia to future generations as an environmentally responsible tourist destination with preserved natural, cultural and historical values (development of environmentally friendly tourism; observation and preservation of natural habitats and archaeological treasures; economic earnings and preservation of natural, cultural and historical resources; minimizing negative impacts on nature and culture that can harm the tourist destination; educating visitors about the importance of protection; protection and management of natural and protected areas).

c) "Adequate waste management and development of social entrepreneurship" - an education platform (training and interactive sessions).

The purpose of the initiative is:

- Strengthening the environmental awareness younger generation that will be more environmentally conscious than the older generations;
- Finding a solution to the problem of excessive waste and solving it;
- Minimize waste generation, adequate disposal, storage and reuse;
- The importance of environmental protection for the environment in which we live;

The initiative is implemented as online workshops for students, teachers and experts of the Center for Research and Development Projects - "Eco Dev" on various topics that are the field of interest of high school students. Workshops are organized two days a week.

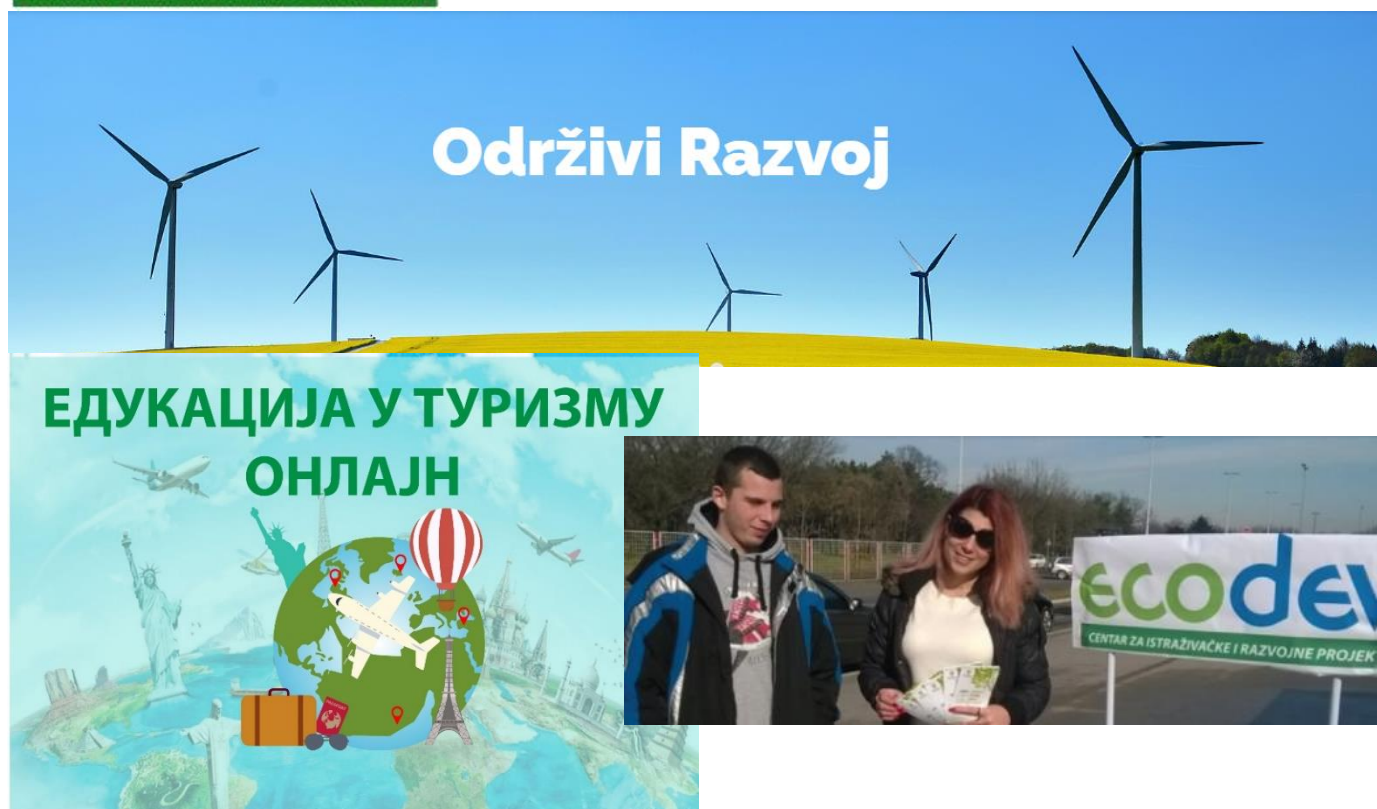
Workshops topics:

- Waste management
- Rules in waste management
- Social entrepreneurship
- Roma population groups in the light of waste management and the development of social entrepreneurship.

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Link: <http://ecodev.rs/>



Good Practice 2

EcoVirtour E-Guide through eco destinations in Serbia



EcoVirtour e-guide through eco destinations in Serbia is a unique virtual eco-tour of protected areas of Serbia. E-guide consists of an internet presentation and android application (can be downloaded for free by scanning the QR code).

The project aims to unite all elements of sustainable tourism and ecotourism: sustainable management of protected areas, environmental protection, protection and promotion of cultural heritage and life of local people while encouraging their economic well-being under global criteria of sustainable tourism.

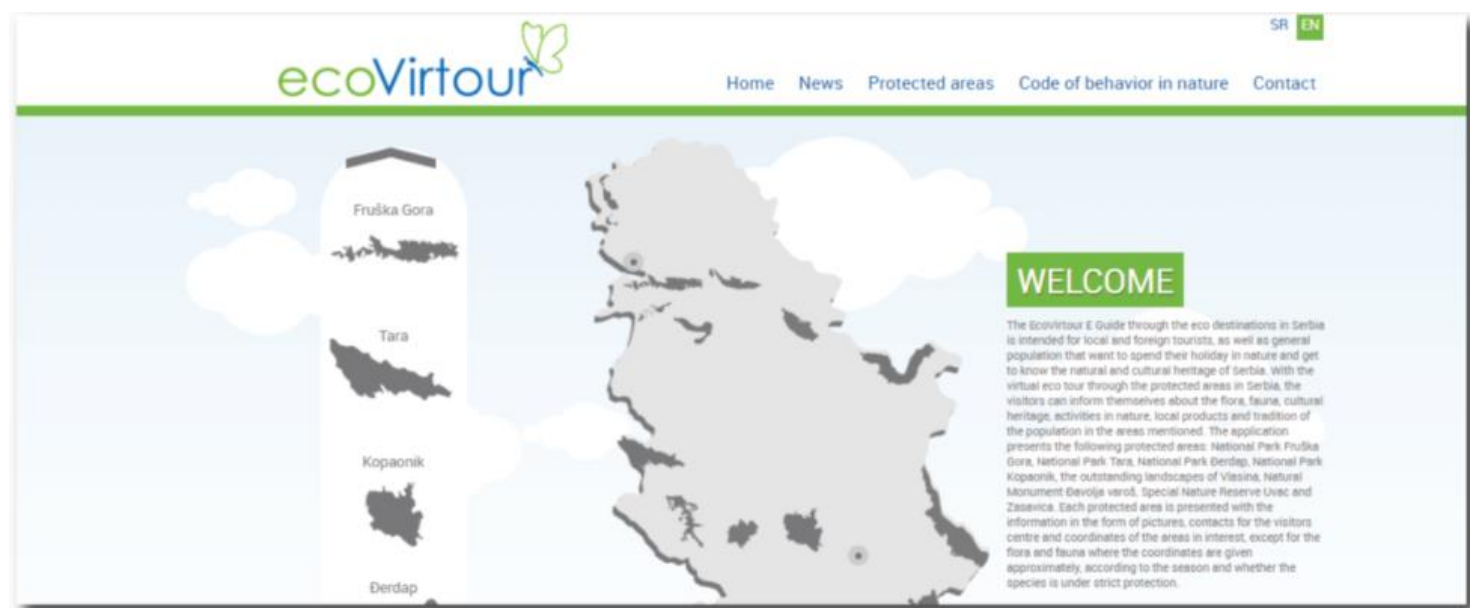
Project results:

- web presentation with eight areas under protection in Serbia: 4 national parks (Fruška Gora, Kopaonik, Tara, Đerdap), 2 special nature reserves (Zasavica and Uvac), one landscape of exceptional features (Vlasina), one natural monument (Devil's Town).

The project contributes to the promotion of protected areas, encouraging domestic and foreign tourists to choose such holiday destinations, learning about the natural and cultural values of a particular area and ways to protect the environment.

Project supported by the Telenor Foundation.

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Good Practice 3

"Environmental Education - a bridge for sustainable development of the cross-border region" (Link: [here](#))

The project is co-funded by the Interreg IPA-CBC-Programme of the EU (Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria-Serbia 2014-2020, CB007.2.32.151)

At the beginning of 2020, the Association of Citizens PLANT, as a partner, began the implementation of the project "Environmental education - a bridge for sustainable development of the cross-border region." The leading partner in the project is the Directorate of Vitosha Nature Park from Sofia, Bulgaria, and the other partner is "Open Door" from Pernik, Bulgaria.

The main goals of the project are:

- Capacity building and creating opportunities for environmental education in the cross-border region
- Promoting environmental awareness, responsible behaviour and eventual action through education
- Building a connection with the environment and changing the perception that young people have of the environment.

Project results: within the project, the following was prepared:

Handbook of Environmental Education ([LINK](#))



A film for preschool and elementary school students ([LINK](#))

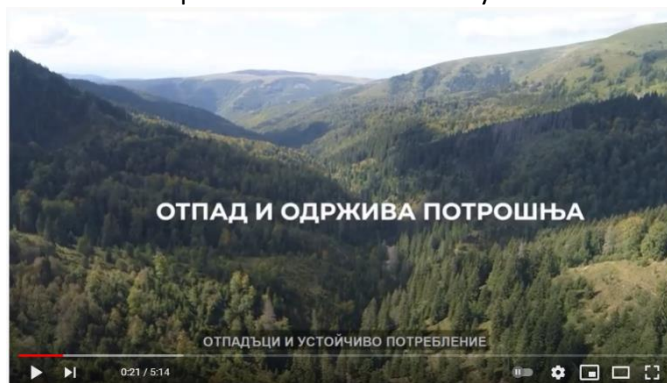
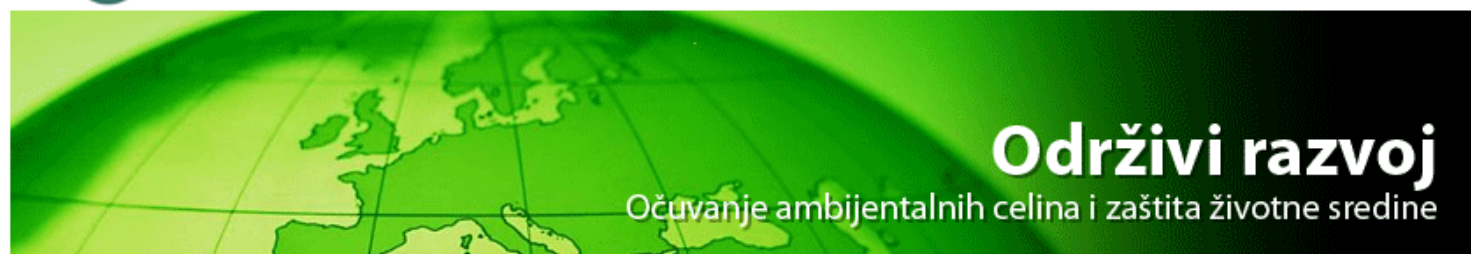


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Good Practice 4

A platform for general social dialogue on sustainable development (<https://sdgs4all.rs/>)

The “SDGs for All” Platform is supported by the Swiss Government and German Development Cooperation and implemented by GIZ, within the project “Public Finance Reform – 2030 Agenda”, and was launched at the conference held on March 4, 2020, in Belgrade.

The “SDGs for All” Platform enables a broad discussion among Serbia’s non-state actors, including civil society, corporate sector, academic and research community, media and the citizens, on aligning Serbia’s development priorities within the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In addition to dialogue throughout society at the national level, the Platform will be active at the local level, in 10 municipalities, recognizing the need to localize SDGs and ensure the delivery of identified national development priorities on the ground.

The platform structure reflects three dimensions of sustainable development: social, economic and environmental (as 3 pillars), but in an integrated manner. Each pillar is managed by a responsible pillar coordinator, a credible Serbian civil society organization, selected through a public and transparent process.

The key objectives of the platform are the following:

Facilitation of dialogue: to establish a society-wide dialogue for defining and implementing SDG-related policy priorities and open space for discussion and consent-building with decision-makers on different levels.

Awareness-raising: to raise awareness and build knowledge about SDGs across various segments of the Serbian society and among the various audience.

Utilization and linking of networks: to link existing civil society and other non-state actors’ networks and to provide room for cross-sector dialogue and support consensus building among different stakeholders.

Advance mutual learning and knowledge exchange: to strengthen the knowledge dissemination role of non-state actors and facilitate mutual learning and knowledge exchange among CSOs, businesses, professional associations, research organizations and international actors.

Enhance monitoring and accountability: to support monitoring and accountability by collecting, systematizing and providing data on SDGs implementation.

Call for Action: To encourage the active engagement of stakeholders and the general public over the 2030 Agenda implementation in Serbia, the Platform will open various channels for active participation in the discussion about Serbia’s future.

