

## Study visit to good practice examples in Green Economy and Green Entrepreneurship in Croatia organised for civil society organisations from Montenegro and the neighbouring region

Within the project **GEAR - Green Economy for Advanced Region**, a study visit to good practice examples in Green Economy and Green Entrepreneurship was organised for civil society organisations from Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Hercegovina, North Macedonia and Albania. The study visit took place in Osijek-Baranja County in Croatia, from 15 to 17 April 2019. Total of 26 participants coming from these countries who, through the activities of their organisations and their personal attitudes and actions, value and protect natural heritage, were connected by their **"green" way of thinking and pursuit of sustainable development**. By visiting various successful examples in this area during the study visit they further strengthened their attitudes, gained valuable experience and collected ideas which they would like to apply and share in their own communities.



## ECO HOUSEHOLD "ORLOV PUT", Kopacevo

A very impressive eco-house Orlov put is located on about 7 hectares of arable land that have not been chemically treated for almost 30 years. The owners have developed agriculture and tourism on that land. They sell one part of their products while the other part they use for tourism purposes.

<https://www.facebook.com/orlov.put/>



## UNIKOM Ltd. Osijek

Unikom Ltd, a public local company for the collection and disposal of municipal waste, mainly on a recyclable basis and by completely removing containers for waste disposal from public areas. All residential buildings have adequate rooms and equipment for this purpose. The recycling system of waste disposal stimulates citizens by discounts or penalties. In addition, they deal with maintenance of cleanness of public areas in Osijek, as well as with maintenance of public areas and fountains. They have also organized an educational classroom within the recycling yard.

<http://unikom.hr/>





## STUDENTS' COOPERATIVE DALYA, Dalj

Dalia – Cooperative is a part of the Central Agricultural School which exists as the only secondary vocational school in the rural area of Croatia. There are only about 80 students who, with the mentorship of teachers and other school staff, are successfully engaged in fruit growing, production of strawberries and various strawberry products, they maintain a nursery, a vegetable garden and a wine cellar. They are also engaged in beekeeping. By selling their products on the market, every year they manage to provide free summer holidays for all students, including future first graders, up to 5 days at sea. After finishing school, a lot of students continue to deal with green entrepreneurship successfully.

[www.ss-dalj.skole.hr](http://www.ss-dalj.skole.hr)



You can see a short and very interesting eight-minute film about this cooperative and the school here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpKynQnI0rY>

## SOLAR SYSTEM Ltd. Osijek

An energy-independent house (i.e. a solar passive house) that has an equipped space for education and demonstration of the principles of energy efficiency. The lecturer explained the advantages and disadvantages of this and similar projects, with the remark that it is always necessary to take into account the proportionality of investment and benefits, especially in this practice.



## AGRIA ltd. Osijek

The company that started with selling heating equipment, and today successfully builds and sells residential buildings in which a heating, cooling and hot water system is implemented using renewable energy sources.

<https://agria.hr/>



## ECO CENTER "ZLATNA GREDA"

Eko complex, which under the one roof, gathered numerous activities: the first Croatian eco-tourist agency; a social enterprise owned by the Association *Zeleni Osijek*; a house in nature, an eco-center, an excursion site, an educational center, an adrenaline park, adventure and active tourism.

[www.zlatna-greda.org](http://www.zlatna-greda.org)



## ECOCORTEC Ltd. Beli Manastir

The factory of biodegradable plastic foils, which patented the production process in accordance with the environmental protection regulations, and produces a different assortment of bags with the patented technology. This company is the daughter of Cortec Corporation from St. Paul, USA. It started with twelve and now employs forty-five employees. It is completely export oriented (97% for the European and Russian market).

<http://www.ecocortec.hr/>



## SOLAR PROJECTS, Josipovac

A company focused on the development of solar projects or solar power plants. One of the private projects is the largest solar irrigation system in Europe set up in the area of the Vineyard of the Prince.

<http://www.solarniprojekti.hr/>



The study visit was organised within the project ***GEAR – Green Economy for Advanced Region*** whose aim is to increase the impact of civil society organisations from Montenegro, Serbia, B&H, North Macedonia and Albania in environmental protection by promoting networking, strengthening their capacities and by promoting green economy through CSO local projects. The project is financed by the European Union within the Civil Society Facility and Media Programme 2016-2017, and implemented by FORS Montenegro in partnership with the organisations SMART Kolektiv from Serbia, Centre for Development and Support from B&H, EKO Svest from North Macedonia, EDEN Center from Albania and Association Slap from Croatia.