

NEWSLETTER

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The aim of the newsletter is to briefly present the project's goal, the activities and the outcomes.

Project: School Green Action for Better Future

Implementing partners: [Analytica](#) and [Nansen Dialogue Center](#)

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Donors: [Regional Environment Center for Central and Eastern Europe \(REC\)](#) with support of the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC), the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia.

Project duration: 15 November 2011 – 8 June 2012

Target group: The target group of this project is pupils of I-V grade in the two primary schools “Rajko Zinzifov” – Skopje and “Shemshevo”- Jegunovce and their teachers. Second target group is the remaining pupils in the two schools, the parents and civil servants in the municipalities Cair and Jegunovce working in the education domain.

Project aim: The goal of the project is to contribute to awareness raising among the pupils of I-V grade and to support acquiring eco-friendly habits with the overall aim of contributing to sustainable development and developing greater sensitivity towards the environment from youngest age. The project is to test the draft version of the Green Pack Junior in order to include the pupils' and teachers' feedback before it is being distributed to the schools for usage. The project's concrete aims are:

- Awareness raising and acquiring eco-friendly habits for the pupils of I-V grade in the two schools by having practical lessons outdoors and in the classroom dealing with topics in the Green Pack Junior as well as preparing the pupils for using the Green Pack Junior tool;
 - Awareness raising among the included teachers, parents and other pupils in the two schools on environmental issues;
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- Getting feedback about the applicability of the activities in Green Pack Junior from the pupils of I-V grade and the teachers;
- Strengthening the cooperation between the pupils, parents, teachers and civil society organizations.

Green Pack Junior is a specially designed tool for education on environmental issues for pupils of I-V grade with the aim of increasing the awareness about sustainable development in the schools in Macedonia. It will be used as a learning material in the primary schools as of 2012/2013. Its draft version was used as a basis for preparing the classes and activities for this project with the aim of getting the target group's feedback. The Pack is composed of 12 topics, each topic containing set of games, questions and various activities for the pupils of youngest age.

Project activities and outputs:

- *Practical outdoor and class activities including materials and topics from Green Pack Junior.* More than 50 such classes were held and total of 9 topics from the Pack were used. The teachers and pupils were supplied with materials from the Pack and other materials for the purpose of organizing and implementing the classes. Topics used from Green Pack Junior included Connections, Atmosphere, Water, Soil, Energy, Biodiversity, Resources, Consumption and waste and Health. The choice of topics was made in close cooperation with the teachers in accordance with their working programs and the needs and interest of the pupils. The chosen topics were an excellent possibility for practical use of the acquired knowledge based on interactive and outdoor classes. In this project 34 teachers and 540 pupils have taken active participation by working with materials from Green Pack Junior. The participating teachers have given extensive and concrete feedback for the Pack, enabling better adaptation of its draft version. At the end, the active teachers and the two principals received certificates of appreciation for their significant contribution to the project implementation.

- *Outdoor activities and excursions connected to the topics in Green Pack Junior.* The pupils, teachers and parents from the two schools had the opportunity to visit the ZOO, mountain Vodno and the Hydro power plant Matka.

- *Meetings with the teachers and the principals for the purpose of discussing the project, choosing the topics and clarifying the materials.* Total of 5 meetings were held. In addition, the project team was in constant communication with the teachers via phone.



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The project implementation in pictures:



School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teacher: Vasilka Todorovska
Date: 14 December 2011
Green Pack Junior topic: Consumption and waste
Description: The pupils are performing a play



School: Shemshevo
Teacher: Olivera Dimitrieska
Date: 16 December 2011
Green Pack Junior topic: Soil
Description: The pupils are testing the characteristics of different types of gathered soil



School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teacher: Lumnije Mustafa
Date: 21 December 2011
Green Pack Junior topic: Water
Description: The pupils are learning by drawing that there is water all around the continents



School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teacher: Snezana Minoska
Date: 26 December 2011
Green Pack Junior topic: Resources
Description: The pupils are learning to differentiate the renewable from non-renewable energy sources



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School: Shemshevo

Teacher: Zarife Mustafi

Date: 28 December 2011

Green Pack Junior topic: Water

Description: The pupils are learning that water can be found in three states, one of which is solid (ice)



School: Shemshevo

Teacher: Slobodanka Ristoska

Date: 30 January 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Soil

Description: Picture taken of the pupils, the teacher Slobodanka Ristoska (first on the right), the project coordinator Ana Stojilovska (first from the left) and the REC coordinator Kornelija Radovanovikj



School: Shemshevo

Teacher: all teachers of I-V grade

Date: 23 December 2011

Green Pack Junior topic: Biodiversity

Description: During the ZOO visit in Skopje the pupils are happy to see the brown bear



School: Shemshevo

Teacher: Linda Jashari

Date: 28 December 2011

Green Pack Junior topic: Consumption and waste

Description: The pupils are learning that some waste can be reused for decoration purposes



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School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teacher: Lidija Bozinaska
Date: 15 March 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Health
Description: The teacher Lidija Bozinaska explains the pupils how to fill in the questions on dietary habits



School: Shemshevo
Teacher: Hristina Jancevska
Date: 7 March 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Atmosphere
Description: The teacher Hristina Jancevska guides one of the pupils in performing the exercise of realizing the characteristics of air



School: Shemshevo
Teachers: Tatijana Cuprina and Vangja Jankulovska
Date: 11 April 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Consumption and waste
Description: Picture taken of the pupils, the teachers Tatijana Cuprina (second from the left), Vangja Jankulovska (third from the left) and the project coordinator Ana Stojilovska (first from the left)



School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teacher: Lindita Pitarka
Date: 23 April 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Health
Description: The teacher Lindita Pitarka is guiding one of the pupils in discovering healthy food by blind-testing it



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School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teacher: Lindita Mamuti

Date: 18 April 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Health

Description: The principal of the school Kadri Agushi and a civil servant from the municipality of Cair have visited the class



School: Shemshevo

Teachers: Ubavka Stojanovska and Natasha Kocoska

Date: 23 April 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Day of the Planet Earth

Description: The pupils are showing real eco-activism by performing this raising awareness campaign on saving the Planet Earth



School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teacher: Zorica Kalajdzieska

Date: 22 March 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Health

Description: The pupils are learning more about healthy food by setting up posters



School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teacher: Ibadete Dallosi

Date: 24 April 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Consumption and waste

Description: The teacher Ibadete Dallosi is explaining pollution with the example of a dust bag full of exhaust gas from a car



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School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teacher: Refkije Sherifi
Date: 18 April 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Water
Description: The vice-principal (in the corner) is attending the class while the students learn more about the importance and use of water



School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teacher: Nebahat Ramadani
Date: 23 May 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Connections
Description: The teacher Nebahat Ramadani is performing an experiment



School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teacher: Blagica Mihajlova
Date: 10 May 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Biodiversity
Description: The pupils are using the Green Pack Junior material for biodiversity in order to practice the natural food chains



School: Shemshevo
Teachers: Zulfa Abaziand and Nurane Shaqiri
Date: 15 May 2012

Green Pack Junior topic: Consumption and waste
Description: The teachers Zulfa Abazi (left) and Nurane Shaqiri (right) are measuring the amount of garbage the pupils have collected in the school yard



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School: Shemshevo
Teachers: Verica Stojkovska and Sanja Zlateska
Date: 11 May 2012
Green Pack Junior topic: Consumption and waste
Description: The pupils has successfully recycled old paper



School: Rajko Zinzifov
Teachers: part of the participating teachers
Date: 4 June 2012
Green Pack Junior topic: Water
Description: The pupils, part of the teachers, parents and the project coordinator Ana Stojilovska (in the back middle part) have visited the Hydro power plant Matka



School: Shemshevo
Teachers: part of the participating teachers
Date: May 2012
Description: Part of the teachers in Shemshevo, the principal Burhan Ejupi (in the back) and the project coordinator Ana Stojilovska (right, behind the upfront standing teacher) conclude the successful implementation of the project in this school with a group picture



School: Rajko Zinzifov
Date: June 2012
Description: The project coordinator Ana Stojilovska is handing out the certificate of appreciation to the principal Kadri Agushi for the successful completion of the project in this school



Project results:

- The targeted pupils' increased knowledge and practical skills on environmental issues;
- The targeted pupils' increased eco-awareness and acquired eco-habits;
- The targeted pupils' and teachers' familiarization with the Green Pack Junior;
- Received the targeted teachers' feedback for the Green Pack Junior;
- Improved cooperation between the targeted pupils, teachers, parents and the civil society organizations.

Some of the gained feedback about the draft version of Green Pack Junior:

- The success rate of actively including the materials from Green Pack Junior depends on the teachers' motivation and interest. Therefore, encouraging the teachers to take topics from the Pack that are closely connected to their current subject of teaching is most recommendable. In addition, in the phase before formally introducing the Pack in the schools, the teachers have to be well trained about it;
- The Green Pack Junior tackles important and useful topics and is a solid additional material for the subjects learnt by pupils of I-V grade. It makes the class more interesting and interactive;
- It is most suitable for pupils of IV and V grade;
- The pupils which took part in a class, in which materials from the Green Pack Junior were used, enjoyed the class and have actively participated.

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