

ON THE WATER ROAD THROUGH THE NONFORMAL EDUCATION SHORT STUDY VISIT

FIRST WORKSHOPS

INTERCULTURAL EVENING SOPHA, BULGARIA, JUNE 2009

VYTOSHA MOUNTAIN PATH
SOPHIA'S WATER SUPPLY
PURIFYING & TREATMENT FACILITY

WASTE WATER
TREATMENT PLANT

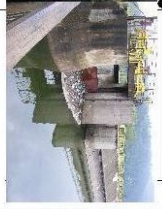
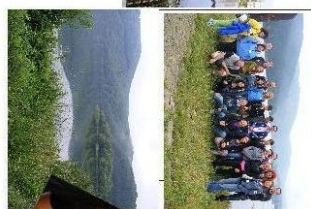
WOMEN ECO TOURISM FACILITY
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MAKING FRIENDS
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DEAR, OWL & DRAGONFLY MUSEUMS

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BEST PRACTICES ON WATER NON-FORMAL EDUCATION AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN BULGARIA

Project title: On-site educational visits to water facilities

Institution/Organization: Sofia water operator – Sofiyska Voda

Tools: Providing educational visit for students for practical observation of the water cycle. Acquainted with summer internship programme of Sofiyska voda which includes on-site visits and introduction to water engineering and master technologies for water treatment.



There is an Open Door Day once a year for the citizens of Sofia at the WTPP "Bistritsa".

Achieved results: Annually, more than 1000 citizens visit the two facilities at WWTP Kubratovo and WTPP Bistritsa. Each year at the Open Door Day open-air lectures are organized for interns at these facilities.

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Project title: Educational programme "Water for the future"

Institution/Organization: Sofia water operator – Sofiyska Voda

Tools: Child open air event "Water festival"; monthly educational newspaper named "H2O"; long-term strategy for effective use of the water resources for the customers; corporate social responsibility: The Sofia Water operator as a corporate citizen.



Achieved results: more than 15000 children have visited the water festival for the period 2003-2005; achieved sustain-

able public awareness for responsible water consumption at different stakeholders

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Project title: Adjacent infrastructure to ease the access for children and pupils to natural water resources and protected areas (flora and fauna)

Institution/Organization: VITOSHA Natural Park Administration

Tools: Construction and restoration of eco-paths in the area of the Natural park. Newly-opened museum of water dragon and bears, specially designed for children and pupils. Attractive outdoor and indoor facilities regarding the protection of environment and water. Open-air place called "Dendrarium" – for educating youngsters on the natural resources and species.



Achieved results: three eco-paths including one for blind people, monthly bulletin, 3 newly created museums, and more than 3000 children visits per year. 250 volunteers involved in public awareness campaigns for the annual initiative for planting trees against erosion, cleaning water and lake areas from garbage, monitoring park areas.

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Project title: Rural and eco-tourism educational programmes for clean water and nature

Institution/Organization: RILA Regional Eco Tourism Union, town of Samokov.

Tools: open-air mountain initiatives for local rural and urban youth. Learning-by-doing, volunteer initiatives for cleaning the Beli Iskar River and Iskar Dam.

Achieved results: sustainable annual educational programmes for the youngsters from the town of Samokov, constructed 5 km eco-path on Beli Iskar River within RILA National Park. Certified 40 mountain guides.



Increased public awareness for the outdoor activities in the wild nature and added value to the local tourism development by protecting the water resources and areas.

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Project title: Students qualification activities and internship programme on water resources protection

Institution/Organization: Bulgarian Water Association (BWA)

Tools: youth exchanges and summer schools on twinning project within German, Austrian and French twin associations. Annual European Youth Summit and Fair on water issues.

Achieved results: 65 students involved and trained during the last 2 years. 40 persons are certified on EU water policies and technical measures on water operations.

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Project title: Water Educational theatre – "Drop and Dropage"

Institution/Organization: A.T.O.S Union for Alternative Theatre Education

Tools: Specially designed educational performance on the water cycle, including role-games, personal involvement of children in the different stages of the theatre. On-site visits at schools, special decoration and puppets.

Achieved results: More than 30 schools within the municipality of Sofia visited annually since 2003. Published children cartoon book with advices how to use water at home.



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