

**PROJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ECOLOGY AND CULTURE «EIA»**

**ECO EDUCATION FOR A BETTER
WORLD**

Project “Eco education for a better world” has been divided into three parts.

Education of the young people from the child kindergarten to highschool called “Eco education of the young people for a better world” has been planned to last from October 2005 to October 2006. Education of the citizens (including the young people also) is called “Eco education for a better world” and has been planned to last from January to March 2006.

- I. **Education of the young people** is planned to be realized by collaboration between the child kindergarten, elementary school and high-school which have expressed a wish to be involved (territory of Istria) and this project would involve few hundred students and children from kindergarten.

All presentations and workshops would be held in eco art center EIA and the program will be adapted to the age and interests of the children.

There is a fact which serves as an excuse for this project and that is because we want children and young people to be taken out of the closed rooms and we want to enable them a direct contact with the nature and those experiences will be used for the eco education.

Reasons for picking up this target group and activities are our aims and expected results mentioned earlier. Evaluation of a success, in another word, evaluation of our work is planned to be gained through marking on a paper after work of each workshop. Public media will be informed about all.

Igor Drandić, the president of the association for the ecology and culture EIA, is responsible for performing of total project.

- II. **Education of the citizens** would be realized in territory of Istria (Bale, Pula, Rovinj) and this would involve about two hundred citizens (and young people also) in subsequently marked place. Three lectures and a “circular table” would be realized by 9 instructors and 10 leaders of the eco associations from Istria.

The association for the ecology and culture EIA organizes classes which are parts of the project “Eco education for a better world” in a harmony with viable development of our region by themes:

1. Introduction in a perm culture (the ecology of living and organization of a housing place, balcony, garden, green areas,...)
2. eco-agriculture
3. eco-bee-keeping

Instructors would be persons with many-years-experiences in a field of ecology (Helga Turnšek from Šverki near Umag, the owner of a sign “Demetra” for biodynamical growing in agriculture, Nenad Kuftić – the eco-producer (the owner of eco-certificate) from Pudinovi Dvori near Marčane, eco-bee-keepers from neighborhood of Pula, Stevo Kamač from Rovinj, the producer of micro-organisms for purring the liquid waste, Darko Fernanda and Miroslav Cerovac from “The wizard’s hat” , Vlasta Radoičić from “BIO Istria” , Igor Drandić – the leader of eco center EIA) as teachers of perm culture.

Since a strategy of the ecological development is a long-term process, we are encouraged so that our association takes a part in the education of the young people and in that way contribute to the attraction and creating of its own eco identity of Istria.

The point of lectures is that citizens and young people notice what is desirable and to learn how to accept the responsibility for surrounding in which we live. The Ministry of protection for the outer space and structuring of environment points out that the protection of outer space will take an important part in joining Croatia to EU. The viable development has become one of the most important strategy directions of the EU.

We can conclude that there are very good reasons that every local community and every institution take care of creating its own viable development and we hope we will get **Your** support.

It is planned to have lectures through January and February, and after that “The circular table” of all Istrian’s eco associations would be organized in March. Dates will be subsequently determinate.

III. Building of the educational center

One of the points of the association is a realization of international ecological settlement with multicultural educational center. The existing territory has shown small to receive all interested citizens, young people or volunteers which want to stay and learn in the Center, and because of it, our wish is to build new spaces for accepting and education everybody interested.

Existing solar panels and windmills don’t have enough capacity so we are planning to get 4 new panels (a list of expenses is enclosed) and aggregate of 3kVA, we are building a stable for the animals (material is donated by “Austrograd”). It is necessary to build a larger educational space for accepting about 30 people, and it is foreseen a building of a fishpond and a system of irrigation.

Name of the project:

Eco education of the young people for a better world

The leader of the project: Igor Drandić, the president of the association for the ecology and culture “EIA” near Bale and Ljiljana Kencel, prof.

Duration: from 1.XI.2005. to 1.X.2006.

Description: Ecological regaining of consciousness of the young people is one of the main tasks of the strategy of viable development which our country strives for because it should have biological and ecological base, and eco education is in harmony with “Agenda 21” (a plan for 21st century).

It is imagined that project realizes through creative, educative and practical presentations and trainings (workshops) which covers the territory of protection and healthy food.

The project will be realized in collaboration of child kindergarten, elementary school and high school. All presentations and workshops would be held in eco center EIA and would be adapted to the age and interests of children.

For performing of the project, responsible is the association for the ecology and culture “EIA” and her president Igor Drandić.

Presentations and workshops:

The child kindergartens and elementary schools from 1st till 4th class:

- Contact with domestic animals (nanny goats, ducks, hens,...)
- Walking (visiting a natural beauties in the neighborhood)
- Simply works in the garden (sowing, weeding out), knowing salubrious plants
- Music workshop (improvisations with different music instruments, developing a sense for rhythm and harmony)
- Work in clay (shaping of figures – making fairy tale-images after motivating walk through forest and finding out of the few hundred years of oak trees)
- A course of creative photography (using cameras of your own)
- Mixing a bread without yeast and then baking on fire and after that, tasting with herbal tea and chatting about experiences which are gained that day

Elementary school from 5th till 8th class

- Contact with domestic animals
- Walking
- Work in the garden (planting fruit trees, vegetables,...), determination of salubrious and species plants
- Cleaning a forest, building a stable (by eco materials)
- Music workshop (developing a sense for rhythm and harmony)

- A course of creative photography (using cameras of your own)
- Mixing a bread without yeast and then baking on fire and after that, tasting with herbal tea and chatting about experiences which are gained that day