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# Parks and Gardens in Europe – Paths towards Environmental Education Short Summary

The Grundtvig-learning partnership "PaGE - "parks and gardens in Europe - ways to the environmental education" was carried out from 2012 to 2014. The project language was English. In the Grundtvig-learning partnership a total of seven institutions from Germany, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Austria and Croatia took part. All partner organizations are active in the informal and non-occupational environmental education for adult learners and brought their expertise from different fields to the project: Ecological Technologies, cultural heritage, ecological gardening, eco-urbanization, traditional gardening and garden therapy. All these specialties use gardens and parks as places for social exchange and informal environmental education for adults.

The heterogeneity and diversity of the adult target groups, poses an enormous challenge for all partners in their daily work. There are people of different age, origin, language, level of education, people with and without disabilities, people from different social positions, etc. who stay in gardens and parks. Hence, an important aim of this partnership was to create an added value in the European cooperation and to close an intercultural gap between the partners by getting to know different cultural specific features in the educational attempts of the nonoccupational environmental education. From particular importance was, on this occasion, the question how every partner can adapt his educational activities successfully to the special needs of the different target groups of adult learners in the environmental education. This was made possible by a cross-border exchange of experience and knowledge between partners with an equal background, because each partner organization contributes its opinion, view, experience and knowledge about non-occupational and informal environmental education for adult learners to the project. Own approaches and working processes could profit from the positive experiences, potentials and competence, however also from the negative experiences of the other partners. Thus a multilateral dialogue and an approach to the varied attempts of informal and non-occupational environmental education were possible in the european context. The participants of this partnership were employees and representatives of the partner organisations who are working on the field of informal and non-occupational environmental adult education and have been able to contributes their specialist knowledge and her experiences to the project.

## Parks and Gardens in Europe – Paths towards Environmental Education Short Summary





A total of five meetings were carried out. Germany, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland and Austria allowed insights into their organizational structures, competences, methods and approaches. During these five meetings each partner presented its own organisation and informed all participants about the organization, function fields, target groups, offers and planned projects. This allows each participant to understand more about the diversity of partners' background. Excursions to private and public gardens, public institutions, natural areas, historical parks, ecological pattern gardens, exhibitions and educational institutions etc. gave informative insights and contributed to that many ideas could be taken home for own work and be able to achieve this in own projects and processes. In addition to the presentations of the different organizations and excursions workshops have been organised. During the workshop the participants had to work alone or in groups. Through the workshops, the activities of other countries could be got to know in practice. Beside the practical insights, the hosts allowed the participants an intensive and natural insight into the traditions, the culture, the nature as well as in culinary and tourist specific features of the country. Furthermore it was worked intensely on the expiries, competence, demands as well as on products of the project and contacts were deepened.

So that the experiences of the project can be used sustainable by other organisations, four products originated within the scope of the learning partnership: a documentary film, a photo booklet, an evaluation report as well as the summary of the project the "PaGE-Agenda".







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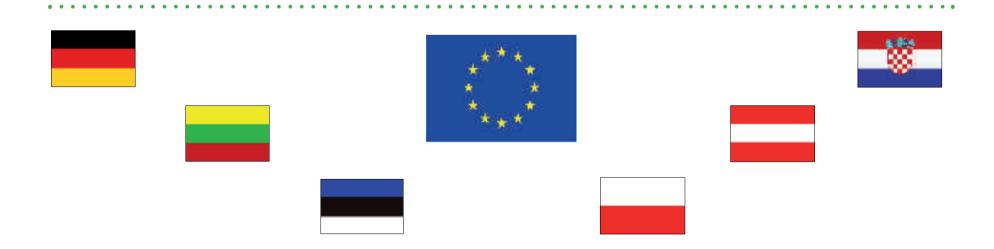
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## Gardenacademy Saxony-Anhalt



## Germany





Gartennetz Deutschland Bundesverband regionaler Garleninitiativen









"Nothing flourishes without care, and the most excellent things lose their value through inexpedient treatment." Peter Joseph Lenné (1789-1866)

The Gardenacademy of Saxony-Anhalt has worked to this guiding principle since 2011. It is dedicated to the transfer of lost gardening knowledge in various fields:

- Seeing, uncovering and capturing traces in overgrown, nearly forgotten gardens and parks,
- o Planting and harvesting an organic kitchen garden,
- Courses in pruning fruit trees,
- o Presentations on gardens all over the world.

Workshops with children and teenagers and lifelong learning as a means of transferring knowledge between young and old represent the cornerstone of the gARTenakademie Sachsen-Anhalt's activities.

Opportunities offered by the activities

- Promoting art and culture by promoting the cultivation and preservation of cultural values,
- Promoting the protection and preservation of historical monuments, with particular focus on garden design,
   the protection of historic gardens, landscape conservation and the preservation of cultural landscapes,
- A forum for information, further training, advice and experience in gardening and garden design, in order to communicate the knowledge necessary for the upkeep and management of parks, gardens and cultural lands capes,
- Generating greater public awareness of parks and gardens, improving their attractiveness, and enhancing historic and current significance of parks and gardens with respect to their general and landscape design ties for the benefit of the general public and the common good,
- o Creating provisions for training, further education, exchange of experience and qualification for members





and non-members,

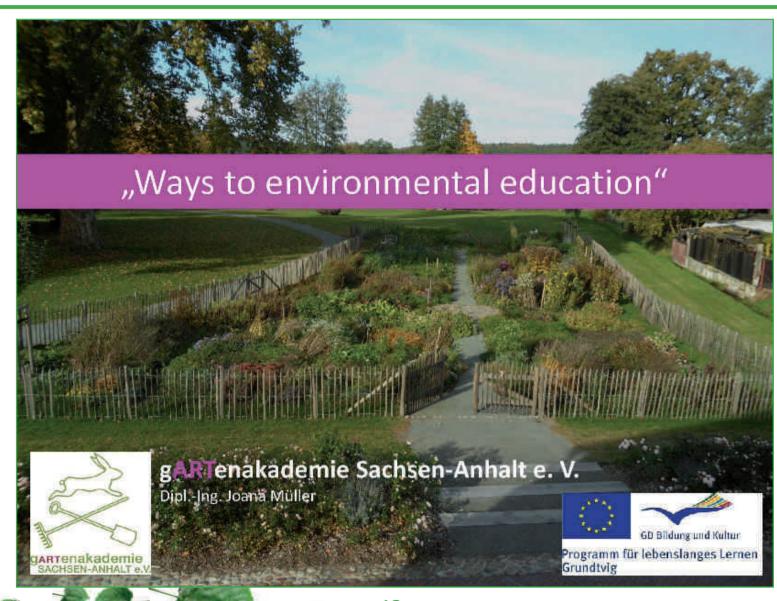
- Establishing parks and gardens as places which enhance public quality of life by maintaining their cultural, social, design and health-related significance,
- o Networking and co-operation with garden academies and universities in Germany,
- Support in the development of garden academies,
- Building and extending co-operation at the level of federal states and nationally, as well as co-operation with European and international project partners.

In co-operation with "Nature in Garden" in Lower Austria, the organic gardening programme "Nature starts at your door" will kick off in autumn 2013 with a comprehensive programme of seminars titled Learning – Experiencing – Understanding. The gARTenakademie Sachsen-Anhalt supports garden owners in sustainable garden design and care - without chemicals, artificial fertilisers or peat. Gardens in Zichtau form the basis of the Living Gardens Catalogue in the Altmark region "Land of Gardens".

"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand". (Confucius 551-479 BC)













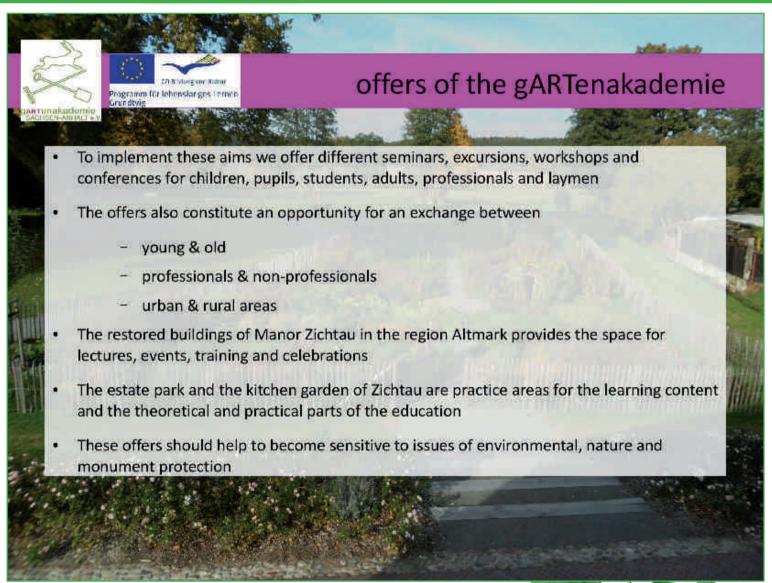
























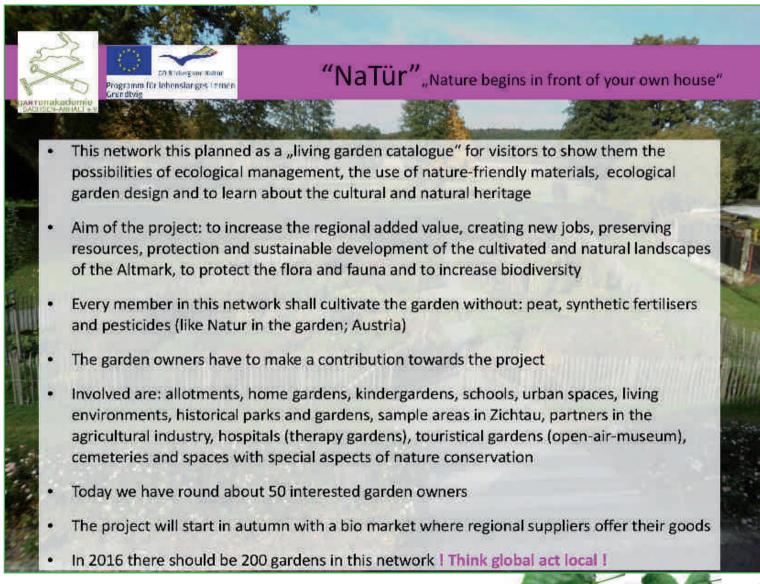






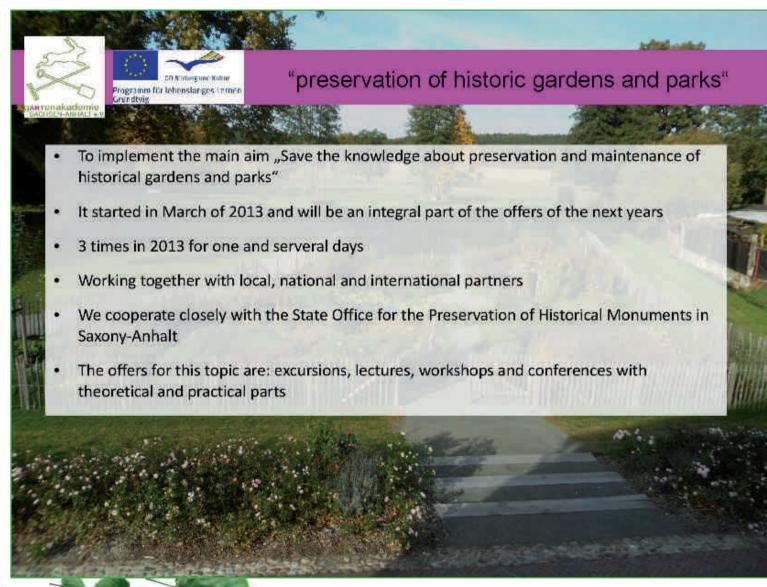












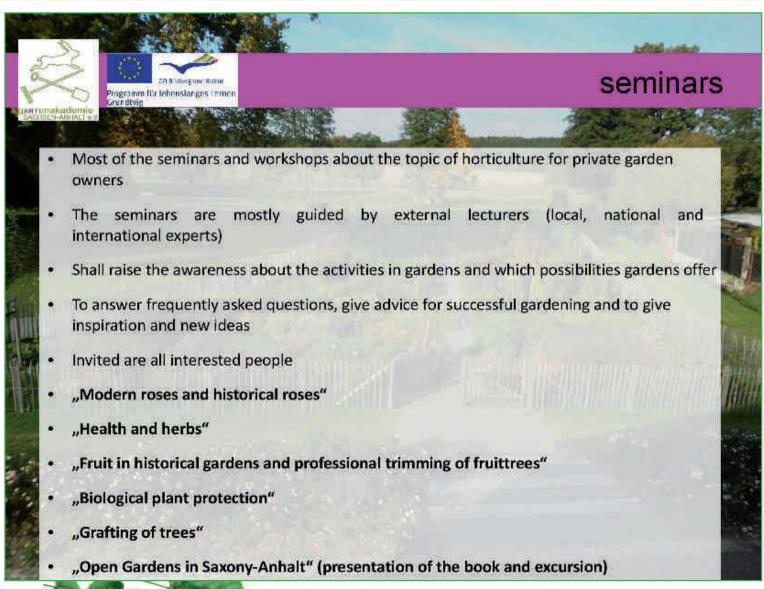






















The initiative was founded 2007 by a group of 7 garden initiatives in Germany and now the net has 25 members who represent about 1.500 private and public garden owners with their gardens in Germany and beyond the frontiers.

#### Main aims:

acting together to develop garden culture

The Gardennet Germany e. V. combines the interests of garden initiatives for the preservation and the care of parks and gardens. To develop the garden culture is the main aim. The future of German gardens and parks should be sustainable secured by professionalization. They should reach in the awareness of a broad public as garden artificial attractive places with a high residence quality.

Parks and gardens will be developed for the use of the visitors. Gartennetz will sensitize and contribute to the security of the cultural heritage as well as to the sponsorship of contemporary garden art.

To achieve these goals, the Gartennetz uses the following instruments:

o communicate, advertise, learn and organize

The Gardennet Germany e. V. offers an information and communication stage to regional garden initiatives – the market place for an exchange of experiences and a networked acting.

- o assembly and development of cooperations and working structures also with European partners
- o regularly interdisciplinary exchange of experiences
- o sponsorship of measures for the preservation, the reconstruction and development of parks and gardens
- o support in the conception of garden tourism offers
- o workshop talks, events with publicity effect







- o communication work press, PR-work, advertisement
- o support in fundraising-measures

#### Cooperations

o garden networking in Germany and Europe

The Gardennet focuses on increasing quality, increasing number of visitors, on advancement of garden tourism, on image improvement, on the exchange of experiences through cooperation amongst each other and in a European context, as well as on the professionalization of services connected to parks and gardens. Networking and cooperation in regional, national and international contexts is an important task and the Gartennetz is already working with a lot of partners in Europe.

#### Projects

o learning and working together for valorization of parks and gardens

The Gardennet organizes different projects with its members and European partners. Subjects are always the parks and gardens with its variety of jobs and tasks around from the care of individual plants, garden design, environmental protection to environmental education.













## Lifelong Learning Programme Grundtvig 2012-14 PaGE

#### Gartennetz Deutschland e.V.

(German gardennet) founded 2007

federation of regional gardeninitiatives engagement of private and local owners of gardens and parcs and accompanying foundations

#### 23 Gardeninitiatives in

communities, districts, states and international alliance with more than 1.500 gardens and parcs

#### Grundtvig project objective:

environmental, garden and nature education 4 exemples





Gartennetz Deutschland

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Horst Forytta Vorsitzender

Geschäftsführung Annemarie Harzbecher

Projektentwicklung













expert advice for hobby and amateur gardeners

#### "advice and information"

- horticulture
  - plants
- pest control
- garden planning
- gardentelefon



conferences, lectures, workshops, guided tours





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#### Gartenträume Historische Parks in Sachsen-Anhalt e.V.

#### parc seminar

"working together"

every year volunteers come and care for one garden

- planting
- clearing
- · building
- learning
- exchanging







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#### BAGS

(BundesArbeits-Gemeinschaft Schulgarten)

"paths to nature education" Federal Labor Community of school gardens

- support
- informations
- contact and partners
- · competence network
- curriculum development





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#### Europeen Garden Heritage Network e.V.

## International youth camp cultural pedagogy

"Wild - Formal - Art"

- learning in, about and from gardens
  - exchanging
  - developing teaching materials





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British Quality Award for German parks

- 1. education for garden owners and judges and
- 2. a chance to win more tourists from foreign countries

The Award is given to good maintenanced gardens.

#### Criterias:

Presentation
Health, Safety & Security
Maintenance of equipment, buildings & landscape
Abfall, Sauberkeit, Vandalismus
Litter, cleanliness, vandalism
Environmental Sustainability
Conservation of heritage & nature
Community Involvement
Marketing
Management





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#### our wish for 2015

International camp

.. Working in a park with young and old people

.. learning in, about and from gardens

.. Exchanging

.. developing teaching materials





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Gartenakademie Baden-Württemberg e.V.

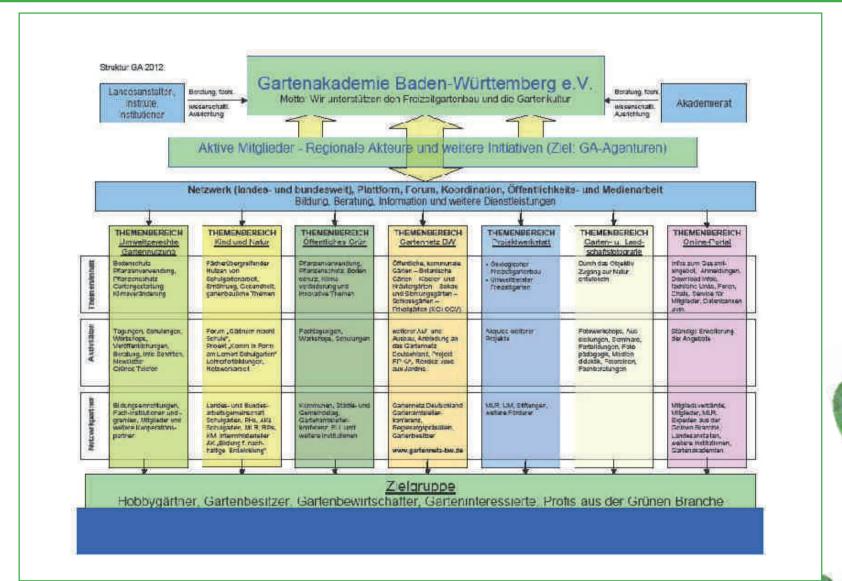
## Visit to Estonia

Jeanette Schweikert - Manager













## Environmentally compatible horticulture

## Aim:

Comprehensive advice of the 2,5 Mio. recreative gardeners in BW like the project "Natur im Garten" from Niederösterreich





















Qualification to experts for plant protection













### Child and nature

### Aim:

To integrate the term "Schoolgardening" in the education planning.

To use and realize the interdisziplinary potential of schoolgardening

























# Child and nature







# Public green

### aims:

- Impowerment of the "green" expertises in the communes
- Creation of necessary additional green spaces, green roofs and urban trees to improve the urban climate, quality of life and to reduce damages by the Climate Shift
- Notice the positive effects of gardens, green and open spaces for recreation and health







# Public green

From Allmendgarten to Urban
Gardening - Chances and limits
of citizens involvement in
public space

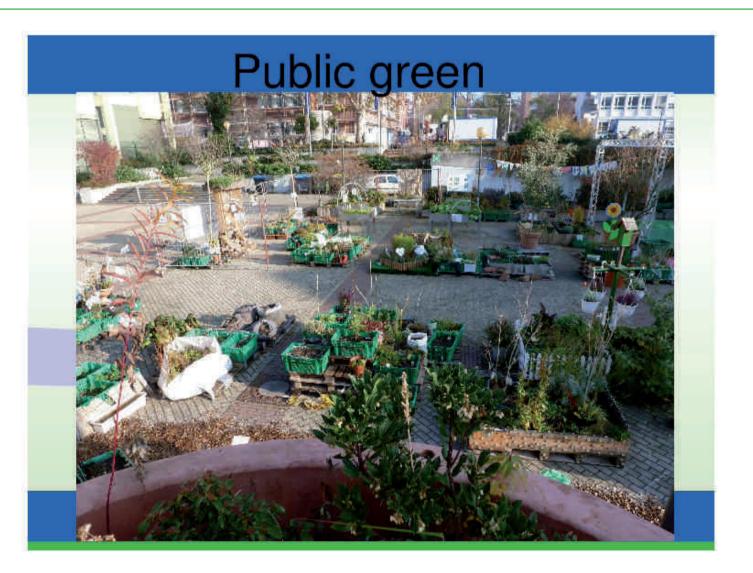
















# Public green

Blossomy green for biology diversity in gardens and communs











### Garden network Baden-Württemberg

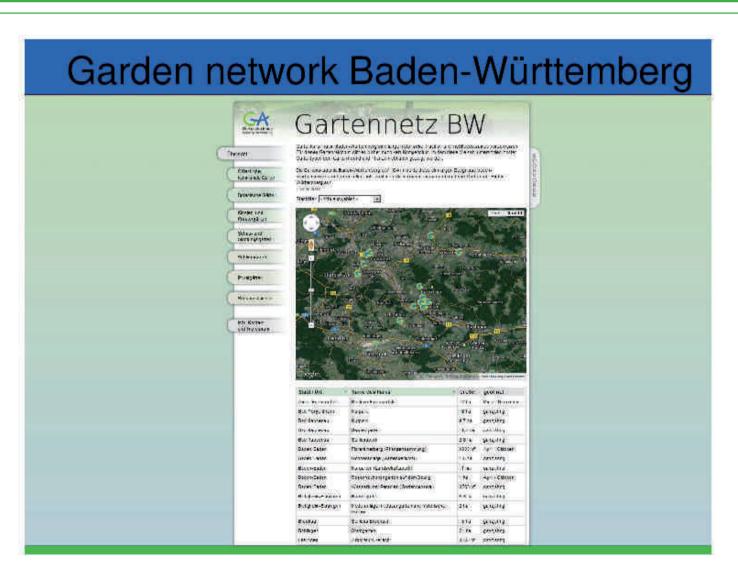
Garden network Baden-Württemberg aim:

Further development and expansion of the network















Verband Bayerischer Parks und Gärten e.V.

Sabine Freifrau von Süsskind



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12.5.2014









### Schlosspark Dennenlohe





History and "start-point" for the network

Private Landscape Garden and castle in Bavaria

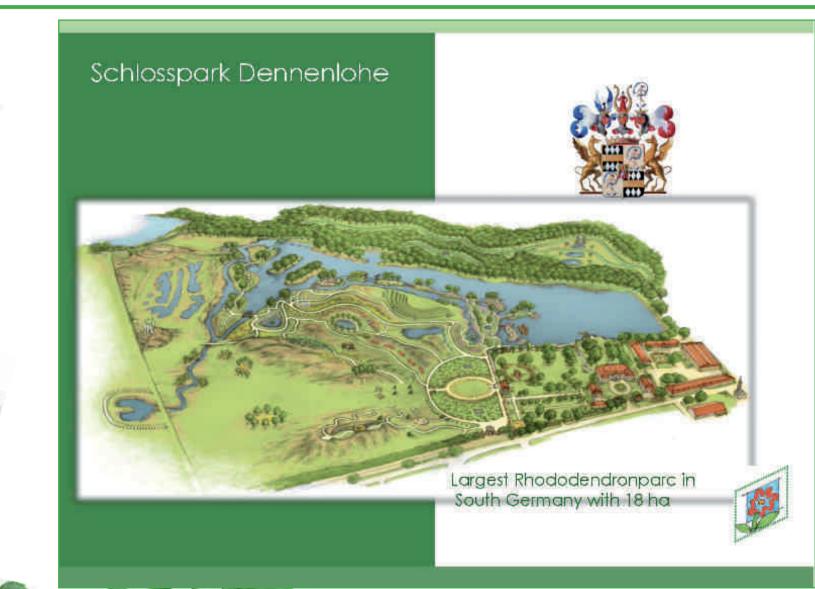
Since 2008 open to the public























Since 2007

German and European Garden Book Award Initiated and founded by Dennenlohe



















Cooperation with IGPOTY

International Photographer of the year - London Kew Gardens, Sydney Botanical Garden ...





Winner 2014







### Bavarian GardenNetwork

- 2008 First private Garden map
- Cooperation with Bavaria Tourismus
- · Agency "BayTM" -
- Since 2012 Flyer together with the Bavarian Ministry of Economy

















Founded January 2011

25 Members

84,000 "green" workers in 33,000 bavarian companies with 10 Mrd. Euro volume in 2009\*

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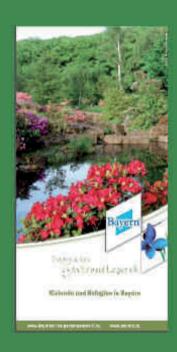


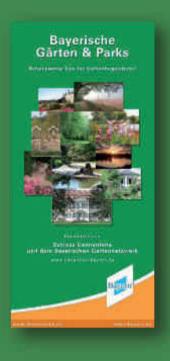












Gartennetzwerk von Bayern



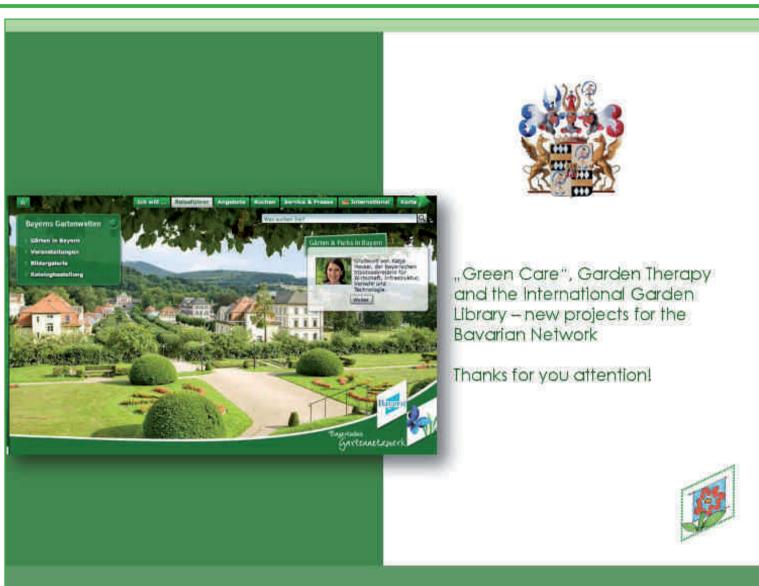
#### Duties of the "Verband"

- · Development of Bavarian Garden Culture
- Tourism offers
- Networking
- Inwertsetzung of gardens
- Leader projects













### Germany

Gardenacademy of Saxony-Anhalt & Gardennet Germany Meeting from 22nd and the 25th of October 2012

22.10.12 Arrival at Berlin Airport "Tegel" – Transfer to Zichtau

23.10.12 Meeting PaGE Partners – Place: Gut Zichtau, Am Gutshof 2, 39638 Gardelegen, OT Zichtau

Address of Welcome

Ways to nature education - learning by doing

The DBU project: Cause - objective - implementation

Lithuanian Association of Castles and Manors, Cooperation partner in the DBU project

Benefit and effect of Effective Microorganisms for man and environment and in particular in the water

restoration

Lunchtime

Press event, walk through the park

discussing the overall structure of the partnership: communication, time schedule,

contents, objectives of the PaGE Agenda, evaluation and documentation

Networking and collaboration between garden action groups - Best practice examples

Coffee break

Working on the PaGE Agenda

Planning the evaluation methods and schedule

Outlook and discussion

Dinner

24.10.12 Field trip – Guided tour, experience exchange with owners and gardeners Courtyard nearby Arendsee, Garden of family Mueller, "Open garden gate" Castle park Krumke, exhibition "Love to the boxwood"

Lunch at "Kavalierhaus"

Wittenmoor Manor: Water & moor, LandWerkStadt e.V. / Gut Wittenmoor



Germany
Gardenacademy of Saxony-Anhalt & Gardennet Germany Meeting from 22nd and the 25th of October 2012



Coffee break

Lindstedt Manor: Water projects pond and herb habitats

25.10.12 Return trip – Transfer from Zichtau to Berlin





### Germany

Gardenacademy of Saxony-Anhalt & Gardennet Germany Meeting from 22nd and the 25th of October 2012

During those 4 days the participants had the chance to get to know organisations and persons working on this project and to establish new contacts. In extensive workshops they talked about actions, goals and further meetings of the EU partners and accomplished the first sub-steps. The final conference regarding the DBU project "Water body restoration in the historic parks of the Zichtau estate, Saxony-Anhalton October 23rd 2012 and the Aštrioji Kirsna estate (Lithuania) under exemplary use of the effective microorganism (EM) technology "gave all participants a professional approach to the area of activity of the gARTenakademie Saxony-Anhalt."

Visiting model projects as well as interesting private and historic gardens that are an asset to this project the participants from 6 EU countries gained a first insight into German garden culture, organisational structures and responsibilities. To discover the culinary side of the host country the 15 foreign guests were offered a variety of regional products and dishes. On pleasant evenings spent together the participants could discuss their experiences, deepen new contacts and develop new ideas.

The next Grundtvig meeting concerning the project "Parks and Gardens in Europe – Ways to environmental education" (PaGE) will be hosted by Lithuania between the 20th and the 24th of May 2013!



Germany
Gardenacademy of Saxony-Anhalt & Gardennet Germany Meeting from 22nd and the 25th of October 2012



























### Lithuania





Anyksciai Education Assistance Authority Meeting from the 20th and the 24th of May 2013

# **Lithuania**Anyksciai Education Assistance Authority



Anykščių švietimo pagalbos tarnyba (Anyksciai Education Assistance Authority) was founded in 2004. It is a newly established institution in the region providing informal adult education. Anyksciai is a rural district in the East part or Lithuania with a relatively slow economic and social development. A new concern on the occupation situation has come up within the last few years since the economic situation changed after the declaration of independence and accretion to the EU. In today's world of information and ICT there is a need of new competences and skills that our centre is aiming at developing.

The main objectives of Anyksciai Education Assistance Authority are: to organize the qualification improvement work of the members of educational institutions and other communities, to initiate active participation in the educational reform and to help teachers who work with pupils having special needs: to provide information, consultation and recomendations.

The spheres of the activities are:

- o the advancement of teachers' qualification
- informal adult education
- o helping pupils, schools, teachers

The Authority has been organizing all kind of activities: seminars (about 100 every year), courses (computer literacy and foreign languages, art workshops), exhibitions, projects, educational trips. Education Assistance Authority has been organizing all kind of courses and seminars for various people: teachers, unemployed, volunteers from Community Centres of the region, seniors, people with disabilities or for everyone who is interested in acquiring new skills. The Authority is co-operating with all educational institutions in the district. Education Assistance Authority has lots of experiences organizing the international workshops and lots of skills in managing local and international projects.

The Authority aims at providing the possibility for adults to continue learning all their life, be flexible and be ready





# Lithuania Anyksciai Education Assistance Authority

to adapt in the changing world. Learning on the background of the competences is the main purpose of informal education. Participants not only have to learn on theoretical level, but also they have to use the tools and skills which are offered in the practical part of the program. It is impossible to define the number of adult learners since the number is changing constantly as some courses and seminars are not long term learning activities. During one year more than 2.000 participants attend the activities of the Authority. There are only 6 employees working constantly in the Education Assistance Authority. The central values of institution is need of clients, human-centred; freedom to choose our own way; know-how, development; balance between financial resources and needs; responsible workforce.









Anyksciai Education Assistance Authority

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### **ANYKSCIAI**

- The name of Anyksciai was mentioned for the first time in 1440
- Anyksciai district is situated in the Eastern part of Lithuania.
- It is one of the biggest districts with a land area of 1765 square kilometres.



## **ANYKSCIAI**

- The district centre Anyksciai is a town situated in the confluence of two rivers – Sventoji and the Anyksta.
- There are 76 lakes laying in this district and more than 250 monuments of culture.







# **POPULATION**

- The population of the district is 34 000 residents
- The population of this town 12 000 residents





# MAIN SOURCES OF LIVELIHOOD



- agriculture and naturebased occupations
- industry and construction
- · services and tourism
- · public services
- · other sectors







# **Education Assistance Authority**

- It is a budget institution founded in 2004.
- The Education centre of Anykščiai is an institution in the region providing informal adult education.
- It aims at providing the possibility for teachers and adults to continue learning all their life, be flexible and ready to adapt in the changing world.



# **Vocational Teacher Qualification Improvement**



The main sphere of the activities of the Education Centre









# **Vocational Teacher Qualification Improvement**

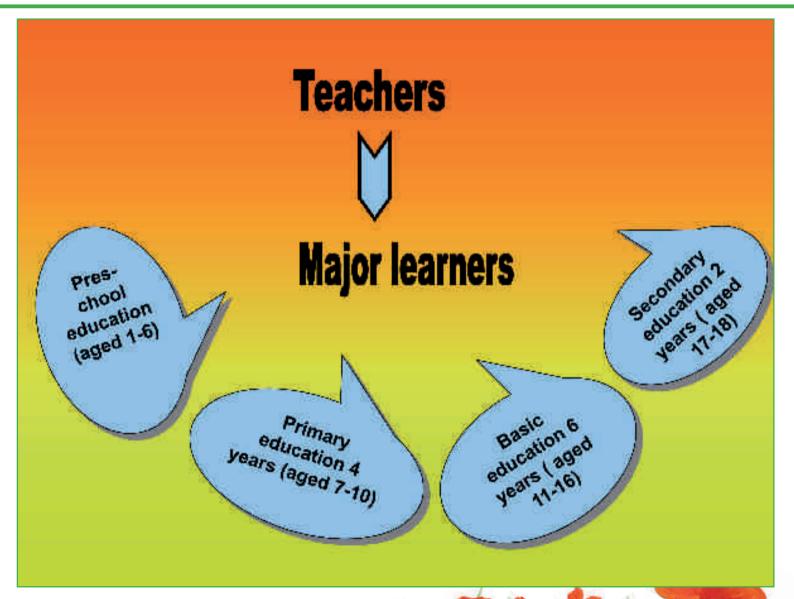
5 qualification improvement days per year sponsored by the government for a teacher



570 teachers in Anykščiai region



3000 participants per year







# Anyksciai Education Assistance Authority

- The spheres of the activities:
- The advancement of teachers' qualification
- · Informal adult education
- Helping pupils, schools, teachers



## **OBJECTIVES**

 To organize the qualification improvement work of the members of educational institutions and other communities, to initiate active participation in the educational reform.

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## **OBJECTIVES**

 To help teachers who work with pupils having special needs: to provide information, consultation and recomendations. GRUNDTVIG

## CENTRAL VALUES

- · need of clients, human-centered
- · freedom to choose our own way
- know-how, development
- balance between financial resources and needs
- responsible workforce







# ACTIVITIES OF OUR EDUACATION CENTRE

- Seminars (about 100 every year)
- Courses (computer literacy and foreign languages)
- Exhibitions
- Projects
- · Educational trips



# PROGRAMS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

- Programs for:
- · Subject teachers and primary teachers
- Teams (methods didactic)
- Specialists (speach therapists psychologists)
- · School administration
- Adults (IT languages psychologic courses)
- Pupils (how to participate in the pupils council)
- Parents (drugs prevention social behaviour of the children)









### **PROJECTS**

- International projects (Grundtvig mediated learning, Comenius Regio)
- National projects (the introduction of a new national curriculum)
- Local projects (preventive health children with special needs)

#### MANAGEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The Authority is co-operating with all educational institutions in the district:

3 gymnasiums, 6 secondary schools, 6 basic schools, 17 primary schools, 10 kindergartens, 3 extra-curriculum educational institutions (music, art and sport schools), 1 educational centre, 1 career information centre





#### MANAGEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

- Twice per year we ask what kind of programs the institutions need
- We make the plan of activities for a year, but every month we send detail activity plan to the institutions
- Participants, school teams or persons who are interested have to write into a program in advance
- We look for the lecturer for the program
- The lecturer makes the qualification program for the seminar



# Other activities

Design an Anual Training Plan according to the needs detected at 3 levels of:

- Teachers (individual priorities)
- · Schools (school priorities)
- Educational system ( National priorities )







# **QUALIFICATION PROGRAM**

There are three levels of qualifictation:

- Workshop of sharing good experiences: 6 hours program
- 2. Institution level: 18 hours program
- 3. National level: 40 hours program

The Institution and National programs have to be registrated in the National Education Centre

These programs can be organized by our centre all over the country



## **COMPETENCES**

- Learning on the background of the competences is the main purpose of informal education
- Participants not only have to learn on theoretical level, but also they have to use the tools and skills which are offered in the practical part of the program









### **LECTURERS**

- The lecturer who prepares the program for the seminars is also the leader of the seminar and can be:
  - a teacher
  - a co-operator of an education department
  - a teacher or specialist from abroad
  - a scientist/specialist from the university

## **PARTICIPANTS**

3000 participants took part in our events

250 pupils were consulted by our specialists





# **Education Assistance Authority**

#### Our team:

- Director
- Mcthodologist
- Computer engineer
- Psycologist
- Speech therapist
- Special needs teacher
- Accountant





Anyksciai Education Assistance Authority Meeting from the 20th and the 24th of May 2013

**21.05.2013** Welcome to Anyksciai educational assistance service Presentation of activities of the service.

The first working session

| Presentation of activities of institutions (each institution of the project present 5-10 minutes their institution)

| Presentation of activities institutions carried out by the partners

| Visit the main objectives of our town: park, The Church, "Laimes ziburys" and ect.

| Trip to the forest "Anyksciu silelis", getting acquainted with unique nature and plants

**22.05.2013** Welcome to Anyksciai regional park, the participation in the educational program of the park

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The trip to Traupis botanical garden. The educational program of the garden. Workshop together with adults.

The second working session:
Plans for the coming period
The planning next meeting in Estonia.



Anyksciai Education Assistance Authority
Meeting from the 20th and the 24th of May 2013



**23.05.2013** Visit to Vilnius to get a squainted with the Lithuanian culture

Trip from Anyksciai to Vilnius

Visiting Gediminas Tower, The Cathedral

Visiting TV Tower, Lunch in TV tower`s restaurant Visiting Pilies street or free time in the centre of city

The evaluation of the meeting Farewell dinner in Anyksciai

**24.05.2013** Departure



Anyksciai Education Assistance Authority Meeting from the 20th and the 24th of May 2013

Partner country Lithuania hosted the second meeting of the Grundtvig learning partnership "Parks and Gardens in Europe – Ways to environmental education" (PaGE) in Anykščiai.

On May 20th 2013 16 visitors from the participating countries Germany, Croatia, Poland, Lower Austria and Estonia were welcomed by representatives und the mayor of the city.

In the following days every organisation had the opportunity to present their current projects and inform all participants about new ideas and developments that occurred since the last meeting in October 2012. Thus creating new approaches and inspirations that all participants want to incorporate into their work and projects.

A meeting with the mayor of Anykščiai resulted in productive talks about new cooperations between the countries

that will be deepened in the future.

The participants gained special insight into the work of their hosts since the "Anykščiai educational assistance service" invited them to visit class rooms and employees during work to learn more about the institutional work.

Additionally the hosts provided intense and natural insights into traditions, culture, nature as well as culinary and touristic aspects.

Visiting special natural areas and projects which were realised in 2012 in the city area as part of the "Capital of Culture Anykščiai" the participants from 6 EU countries gained an insight into the work of nature protection as well as the community and their organisational structures and responsibilities.

To discover the culinary specialties of their host country the 16 participants enjoyed various regional products and dishes. During a traditional evening with Lithuanian music the participants could conclude this meeting, share this week's experiences and deepen new ideas.

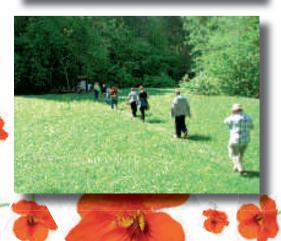
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### Estonia



Carl Robert Jakobson's Farm Museum Meeting from the 4th and the 8th of June 2013





C. R. Jakobson's Farm Museum was established in 1948. It is a national museum that works as active farm. It involves 85 ha land where are farm established in 1874—the dwelling house, cattle barn, mill, storehouse, beehive house, sauna, threshing barn and arable lands, grasslands and almost 30 hectares of forest. All the buildings of Kurgja Linnutaja farm have been completed according to the project of C. R. Jakobson and therefore they are unique.

The main house of the museum includes an exhibition which introduces the life and activities of C. R. Jakobson who was the first Estonian well-informed farmer, politician, enlightener, journalist and one of the Estonian most beloved leaders in the Age of Awakening. As he wished to be a role model and a teacher, he intended to build a sample farm to Kurgja.

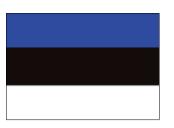
The museum is special due to an active farm with cattle-breeding and land cultivation. Estonian country breed cows, white headed sheep, Estonian horses, rabbits, roosters, hens and turkeys are a true feast for the eye. One aim is encourage people to be engaged in agriculture – to take care of animals and grow their everyday food by them self. We are having orchard and vegetable garden. We also practise ten-field system.

The purpose of our museum is to conserve and give out knowledge of the 19th century farm culture and the heritage of C. R. Jakobson.

#### To achieve goals:

- We offer excursions to a farm
- We offer Estonian national food, most of which we cook from our own farm's raw material and bread we bake in an old mill stove.
- We offer educational programmes, such as "Autumn in the farm", "Christmas in the farm", "St. Catherine's Day and St. Martin's Day programmes", "Carnival Tuesday in a farm", "Easter programme", "Farm Child





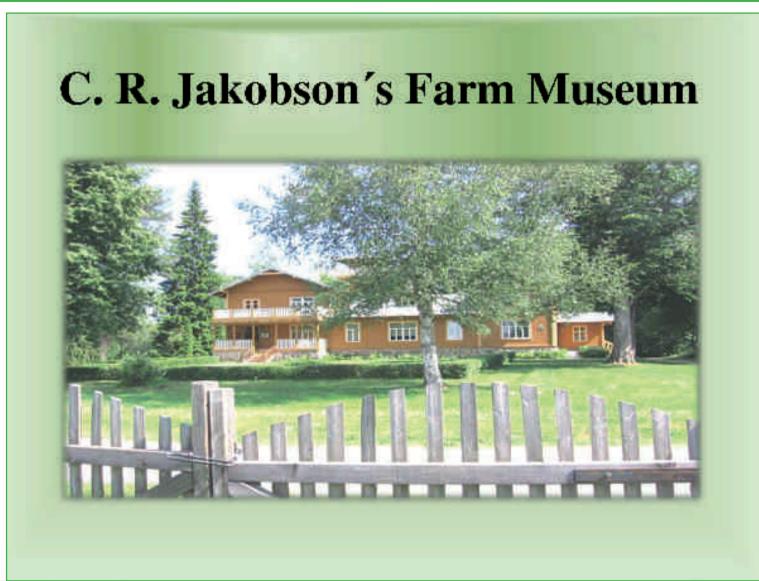
# Estonia Carl Robert Jakobson's Farm Museum

Chores" and "Annual Food Circle in the Farm" which describes the old-time Estonian farm food.

- Traditional events such as Farm Day, where we present works performed in a farm; Handicraft Day, running and camping on the Sakala road, Midsummer Day, Sheep Day, handing over the C. R. Jakobson awards to the best agricultural, educational and cultural figure in Pärnu county, the Day of the Estonian native Cattle and Estonian native horse.
- Since 2010, our museum has been housing a farm culture school which provides various courses for adults. The first two years focused on old skills and handicrafts. The previous year's programme taught making local folk costumes and this year focuses on gardening, with the related skills and activities. We consider it important to provide adults with self-education possibilities and new skills which are learned in an environment as authentic as possible.















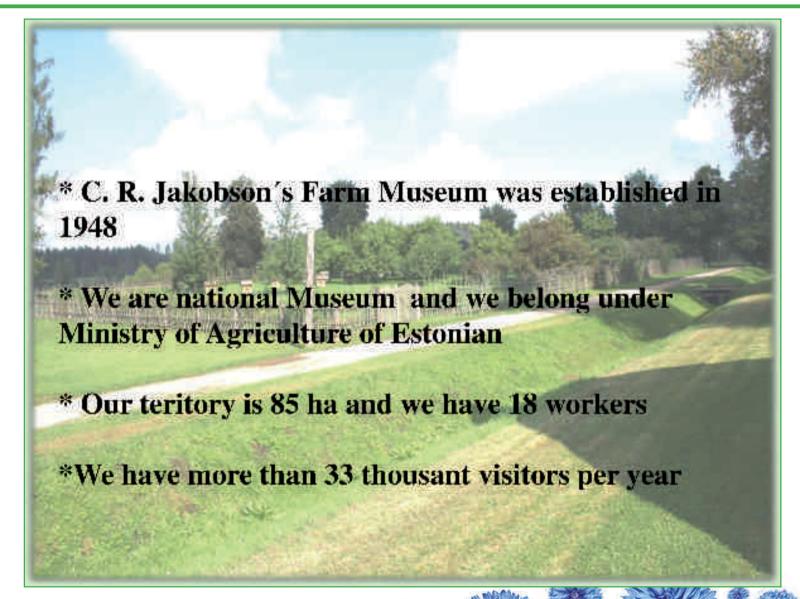


# **Carl Robert Jakobson**

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- he became a farm owner in 1874
- he intended to build a sample farm to Kurgja. His dream was to establish a dairy industry school, which was supposed to develop into a complete sample school of agriculture





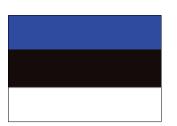


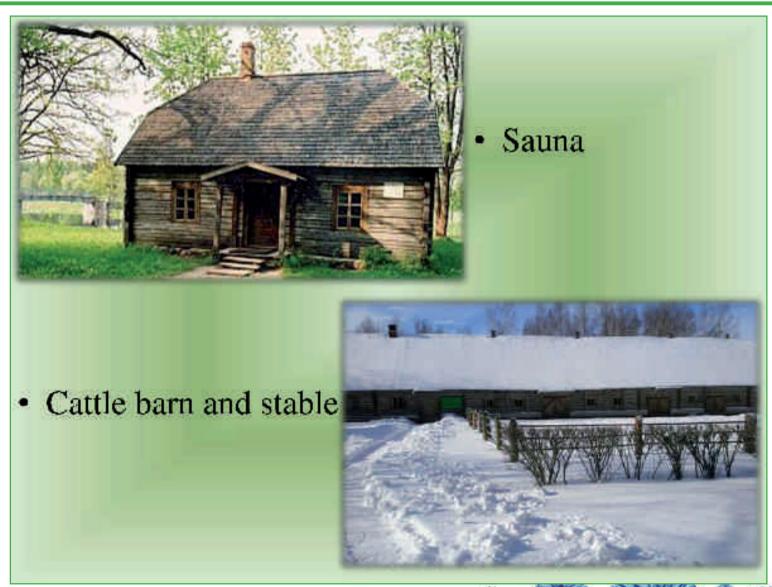






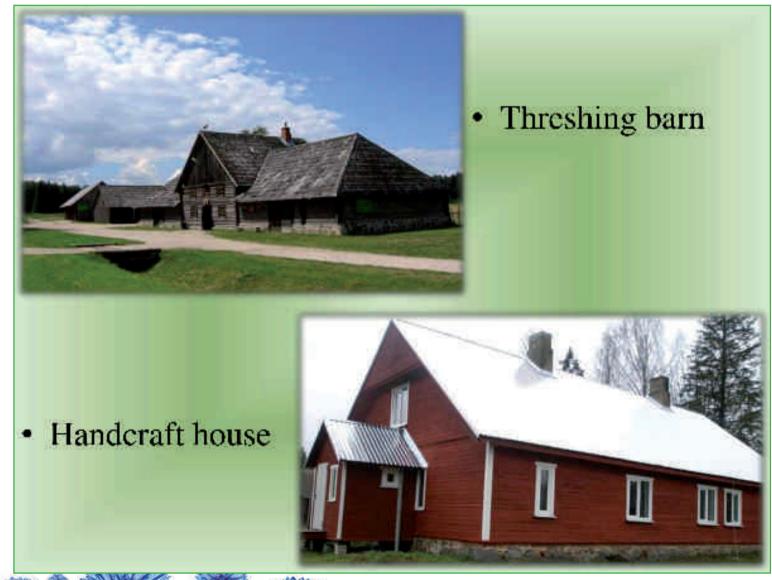
















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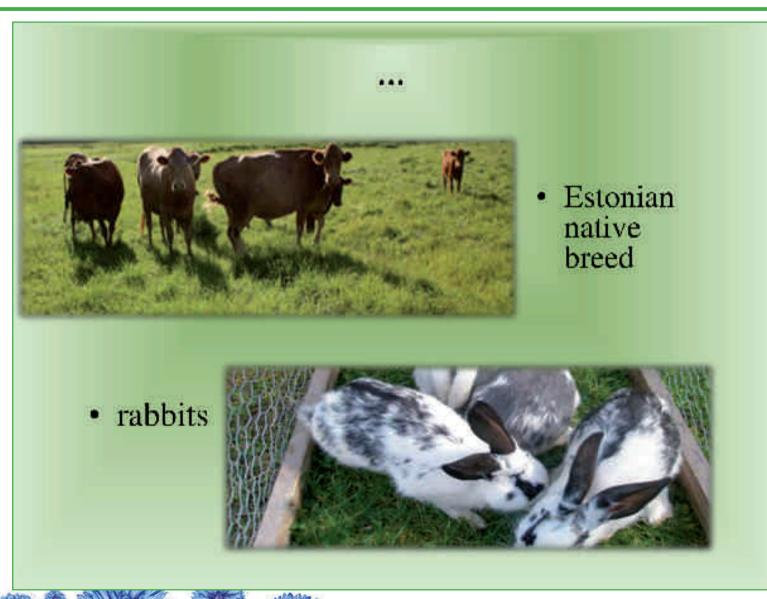
• Estonian horse

Estonian whitehead sheep

















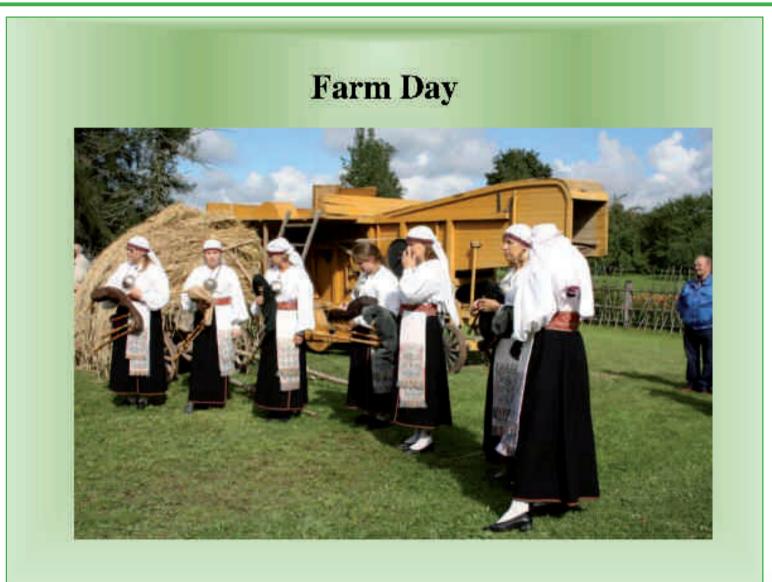






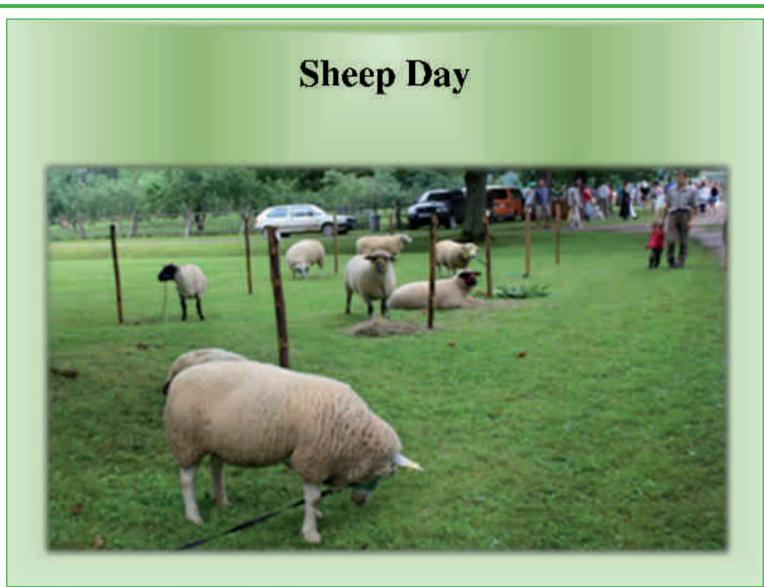
















## Day of the Estonian country herd and Estonian horse







# Handing over the C.R. Jakobson awards to the best agricultural, educational and cultural figure in Pärnu county









# Runing and camping on the Sakala road







## **Educational programmes**

"Autumn at the farm"

"Christmas at the farm"

"St. Catherine's Day

St. Martin's Day programmes"

"Carnival Tuesday in a farm"

"Easter programme"

"The work of a farm child"





## Estonia Carl Robert Jakobson's Farm Museum

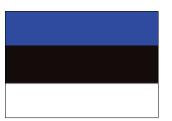












#### **Estonia**

Carl Robert Jakobson's Farm Museum Meeting from the 4th and the 8th of June 2013

**04.07.2013** Arrival - Transfer Tallinn airport to Suure-Jaani guesthouse

Dinner in Suure- Jaani Guesthouse

**05.07.2013** Breakfast

Nõrga Farm

Energy Farm - Coffee break, lunch, excursion

Saare-Tõrvaaugu Farm

Hendrikson's Home garden

Estonian evening – Dinner with program in C. R. Jakobson's Farm Museum

**06.07.2013** Breakfast

Kadrioru Park

Lunch

Flower festival Botanical garden

Dinner in Suure-Jaani guesthouse

**07.07.2013** Breakfast

Educational program

Lunch

Handicraft Day program

Evaluation

08.07.2013 Breakfast

Departure

#### **Estonia**

Carl Robert Jakobson's Farm Museum Meeting from the 4th and the 8th of June 2013



Partner country Estonia and especially the Carl-Robert-Jakobson farmers museum in Kurgja hosted the third of five meetings of the project "Parks and Gardens in Europe – Ways to environmental education" (PaGE).

The Estonian partner arranged for a fascinating programme that served to discover nature and gardens as well as cultural aspects of the host country.

Those diversified days gave all 19 participants many ideas and incitements from various areas. In addition to visiting private gardens and farms as well as public institutions that develop their programmes in accordance with nature and environment the participants gained a unique insight into the historic garden culture of Estonia based on the example of the Kadrioru park, the most outstanding palatial and city park in Estonia which spans an area of approx. 70 hectare.

After visiting the Botanic Garden that gave all interested parties an understanding of the local flora, the fifth "Tallinn Flower Festival" showed all visitors modern garden design created by local and international landscaping architects. Lectures and guided tours conveyed interesting facts about history and culture as well as facts concerning the culinary and medical use of herbs and flowers.

The Carl-Robert-Jakobson farmers museum that will be celebrating its 65th anniversary this year presented its work on 2 days with various offers. Once a year the museum hosts the "Handicraft Day" where all participants were actively integrated, got to know regional products as well as traditional crafts which they could also try their hands at.

A pleasant finish of the Estonian meeting allowed for discovering regional dishes, traditional music, dances and games. All participating countries took home various ideas and inspirations from the design of private gardens and farms that grow fruit and vegetables. Public institutions also provided inspirations for implementing their natural working methods and organic products in projects of the participating countries.

Especially the "Handicraft Day" with insight into dealing with traditional heritage and today's requirements of visitors was rewarding for every partner country.

The participants deepened approaches and ideas of the last meeting in Lithuania.





#### **Estonia**

Carl Robert Jakobson's Farm Museum Meeting from the 4th and the 8th of June 2013























DOBRO KULTURY - Foundation for the protection of european cultural heritage

Meeting from the 16th and 19th of September 2013



DOBRO KULTURY - Foundation for the protection of european cultural heritage

DOBRO KULTURY, founded in 2003, is one of the few non-governmental organizations dedicated to preservation of the cultural heritage in Poland and the first foundation of this profile in the border region. Our duty is to encourage residents of the Polish-German border area to become involved in the care of local cultural heritage, which leads to strengthening of interpersonal relationships and to the development of civil society.

The Founders of the Foundation of DOBRO KULTURY is a group of persons of Polish, German and Dutch nationality. This is evidence that supports the thesis that the protection of European cultural heritage knows no borders.

#### **Principles and Objectives**

- o preservation of cultural and natural heritage, especially in the Polish-German border area
- o awareness raising in the area of cultural heritage among the local communities
- o protection and preservation of local traditions, customs and of other intangible cultural heritage
- o strengthening the society's sense of identity and its emotional ties to the cultural heritage
- promoting cultural tourism
- o promoting understanding between peoples
- strengthening intercultural exchanges and promoting the development of civil society;
- o stimulating growth and creating new jobs in the sector of cultural heritage preservation;
- study and diagnosis of social awareness regarding the preservation of monuments and the diversity of cultural heritage
- promoting international understanding
- o professional education, continuing education and training

## DOBRO KULTURY - Foundation for the protection of european cultural heritage



#### **Instruments**

The DOBRO KULTURY Foundation pursues its objectives by developing, coordinating and supporting projects, mainly in the following areas:

- o educational activities, working with children, youth and adults
- o raising public awareness, cooperation with the media
- o organization of exhibitions, seminars, international meetings, conferences and other scientific and cultural events

#### **Volunteering**

One of the statutory goals of the DOBRO KULTURY Foundation's is to develop awareness regarding the preservation of cultural heritage and youth work. Volunteering in the area of the preservation of monuments is not a very popular form of social engagement among the Polish youth. Our Foundation would like to change it and in cooperation with foreign organizations to encourage young people to taking part in this type of activity. In addition, our organization would like to assist partners in Germany in the coordination of projects taking place on the Polish territory. So far, we have established a partnership with German institutions such as the Internationale Jugendbauhütte Gartendenkmalpflege.





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Dobro Kultury – Foundation for Protection of European Cultural Heritage



## Foundation

- Established in 2003 by a group of students of Polish, German and Dutch nationality of Masters' degree programme European Cultural Heritage at Europa Universität Viadrina in Frankfurt an der Oder.
- In 2011 Joanna Kopczyńska became the president of the Foundation.

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## Mission

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- Local local initiatives and partnerships
- Polish-German projects
- International Grundtvig and Youth in Action

## Local projects

Save Kino Piast



 PWD – long term volunteering project for Polish volunteers



























## Polish-German projects

Moje? Twoje? Nasze! Mein? Dein? Unser!







## Battle in Kunersdorf 1759

• Excavations, research and the conference





## International projects: European Voluntary Service

· We are hosting two volunteers Laura & Vanessa











 We sent one volunteer Ewa for one year long project to Altoebern

## Youth Exchange "Redefine your style"









## New Grundtvig partnership

- Title: "Culture without borders"
- With partners from Turkey, Belgium and Germany.
- Topis: culture in multicultural environment and active participation in art and culture.





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# LAND ART

The art from nature







Land art, Earthworks is a form of art that is created in nature, using natural materials such as soil, rocks, organic media (logs, branches, leaves), and water with introduced materials such as concrete, metal or mineral pigments.

Sculptures are not placed in the landscape, rather, the landscape is the means of their creation.



## History

- Started in late 60's in the USA as a protest against plastic aesthetics and commercialization of art.
- · Rejection of museum and art galleries.











## Valley Curtain (1972) by Christo and Jeanne-Claude











(Almere, Netherlands) by Lombardy poplars





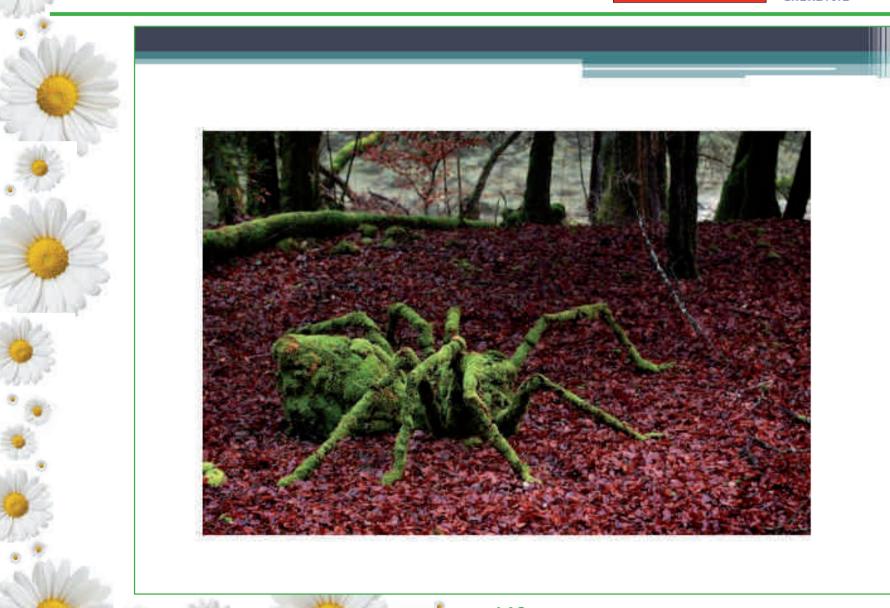
# Free flow by Jarosław Koziara















### **Poland**

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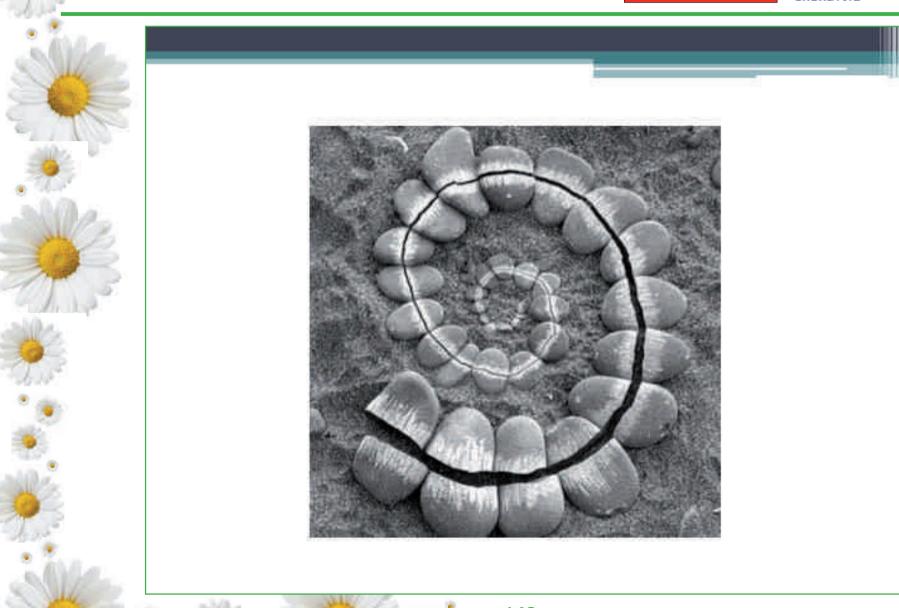
# Smaller examples













# Land art all year long

Spring













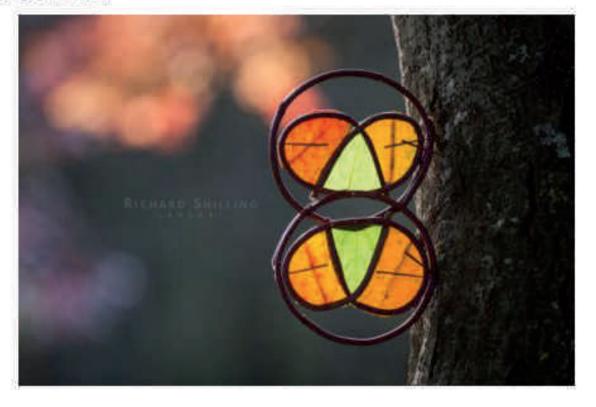




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## Autumn

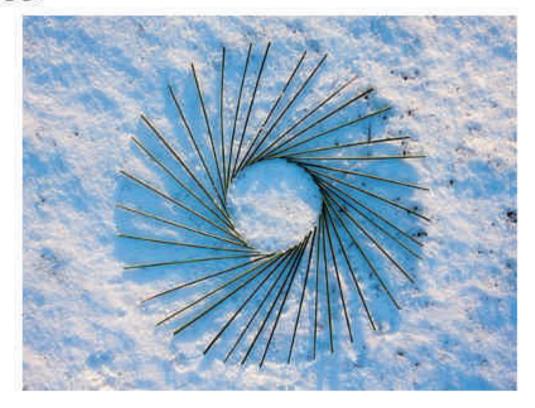












## Land art visit card

- · a piece of paper
- two-site tape
- imagination
- press to dry it / or a book









- Your imagination.
- A camera (but not necessary).
- Somewhere to explore: a park, the woods, a beach or your own garden.

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## Instructions

- Explore your chosen location. Take a good look at all the different shapes, colours and textures you see. Collect materials to create your art.
- Find an interesting place to make your art.
- Look at the materials you have collected and let your imagination run free.
- · Remember there are no rules in land art.
- · Create some art.
- Take a picture.







- Land art pieces can have different shape: mandalas, spirals, shapes, animals, or patterns.
- Think about symmetry and harmony.
- Play with colours and the light.



# Ready?

- Places:
- Lennepark in Frankfurt (Oder)
- The meadows near the river in Słubice In small groups or individually.
- Take pictures!
- Be back for the lunch at 13.30 in Bar Europa.
- · Give your photos to Monika.



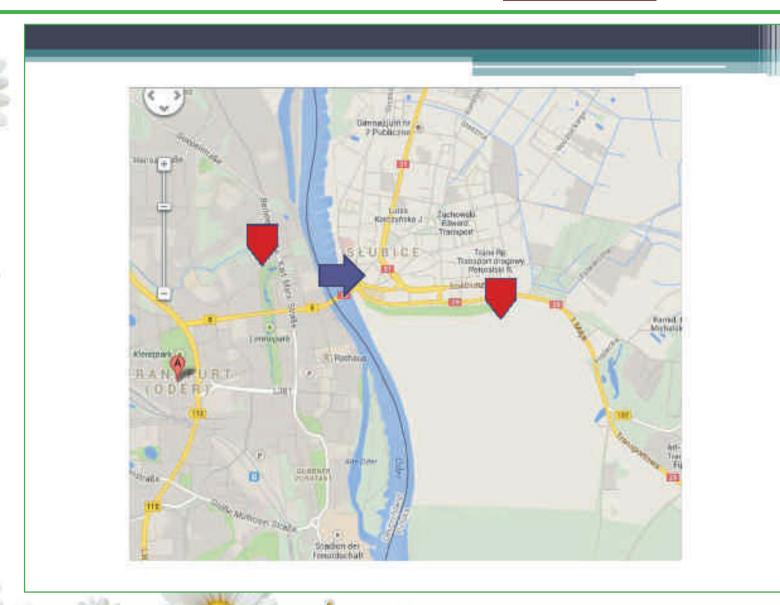
















### **Poland**

DOBRO KULTURY - Foundation for the protection of european cultural heritage Meeting from the 16th and the 19th of September 2013

**16.09.2013** Welcoming, and presentation of the meeting in the office of Fundacja Dobro Kultury Dinner in Słubice – in restaurant Ramzes in Hotel Kaliski

**17.09.2013** Trip to Dąbroszyn/Tamsel

In Dąbroszyn:

- visit to the palace and the chapel.

- Discussion: how lead programs with youth and unemployed people in order to protect and

revitalize old park and gardens Dinner in Slubice – in Villa Casino

**18.09.2013** In the Foundation office:

- presentation of the Croatian organization

- coffee break

- Land art workshops

Presentation of the photos from the workshop.

Preparation of the final report

Evaluation of the meeting in Poland

Guided tour in Słubice and Frankfurt an der Oder

Dinner in Frankfurt (Oder) in Rathauskeller

**19.09.2013** Departure

### **Poland**

DOBRO KULTURY - Foundation for the protection of european cultural heritage
Meeting from the 16th and the 19th of September 2013



The fourth meeting took place in Słubice and was hosted by partner country Poland. Poland and especially the foundation "Dobro Kultury" hosted this four day meeting, the second last one within this project. 23 representatives of the 6 international partners met to get to know the work and responsibilities of "Dobro Kultury", to gain insight into its work with historic gardens and parks and to further develop ideas that originated from the last meeting.

A visit of the manor and its adjoining park as well as a guided tour through the manor and its church in Tamseln provided an interesting approach to the topic of the active preservation of historical monuments in Poland. In a playful way a rally through the park gave an understanding of the place and its history. The first day was concluded by group works with results for the final report.

As the Croatian partner will not be hosting a meeting Croatian organisations used the second day to present themselves. Their presentation gave graphic and interesting insights into Croatian geography, nature and culture.

The partners also discussed the next steps within the project as well as important and necessary contents of the "PaGE" projects final report and appointed persons for single tasks. The Polish partner also prepared an excursion on "land art". After an introduction into the topic every participant was invited to design their own land art individually or in groups. They collected natural materials in their immediate surroundings along the river Oder and composed small artworks, took photos of them und presented them to the group.

In conclusion all participants evaluated the days in Poland, gave leads regarding the next meeting in Lower Austria and discussed its possible content.



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### **Poland**

DOBRO KULTURY - Foundation for the protection of european cultural heritage Meeting from the 16th and the 19th of September 2013

























Meeting from the 20th and the 24th of May 2013

Environmental protection association "environmental and citizen"

Department "Nature in the Garden"





**Environmental protection association "environmental and citizen" Department "Nature in the Garden"** 

The initiative was founded in 1999 by Deputy Governor Wolfgang Sobotka and is an initiative of the province of Lower Austria that aims to make gardens and green spaces more ecological by encouraging people to create and cultivate natural gardens with a rich diversity of plants. "Natur im Garten" offers a home to environmentally-conscious gardeners and also uses this appealing topic to raise environmental awareness in general.

#### Principles and objectives

- o No pesticides, no chemical, synthetic fertilizers and no peat are key criteria
- Rich variety of indigenous, regionally typical and ecologically-valuable plants
- Encouragement of beneficial insects and ecologically-valuable garden elements
- Recycling by means of composting, mulching and the use of rainwater
- Use of robust varieties which are resistant to diseases and pests
- o Rich variety of plants in locations to which they are best suited
- Home-grown herbs, fruit and vegetables

To achieve these goals, the initiative uses the following instruments:

- Information and advice over a telephone hotline, on-site advice, the "Natur im Garten" magazine, bro chures, specialist literature and a TV show
- o Training and Advanced Training by the "Natur im Garten Akademie" (Nature in the Garden Academy) for hobby gardeners, multipliers and professionals
- Demonstration objects and exhibitions in the form of ecologically designed and cultivated show gardens and model projects in public green spaces
- Partner companies and the Green Market through a network of companies with ecological products and services



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- Subsidies for reference projects and ecological gardening projects in public green spaces
- Awards for natural gardens and partners in the form of plaques, signs and certificates
- Festivities and events to encourage fun, games and entertainment in natural gardens

#### THE GARDEN PLAQUE

At the request of the garden owner, gardens that fulfil the most important natural gardening criteria will be awarded "Natur im Garten" Garden Plague in recognition of sustainable garden management and ecological design.

#### ACADEMY "Natur im Garten"

The training and advanced training courses offered at the "Natur im Garten" (Nature in the Garden Academy) bring together 10 years of experience in natural gardening. Irrespective of age and previous knowledge, participants will find suitable courses that combine both theory and practice. Practical training in natural gardening, seminars, themed guided tours, workshops and courses – there's something for everyone!

#### LOWER AUSTRIA - A LAND OF GARDENS

Lower Austria has an abundance of gardens. At the initiative of "Natur im Garten" a startling variety of gardens reflecting the province's rich gardening tradition have been opened up to visitors and offer tranquillity and inspiration in settings as diverse as magnificent palace gardens, idyllic monastic gardens, contemporary garden projects and unusual gardens in private homes. Natural gardens that are managed with love are always also about pleasing people. The Gartensommer Niederösterreich programme in particular offers additional garden enjoyment with its wide range of events in July and August.

DIE GARTEN TULLN has been "Natur im Garten" most multi-faceted show garden since 2008. The show garden is the first ecological horticultural show in Europe and has already attracted more than one million visitors. With more than 50 show and themed gardens, the 10-hectare site opens up a fascinating world of natural gardening culture.





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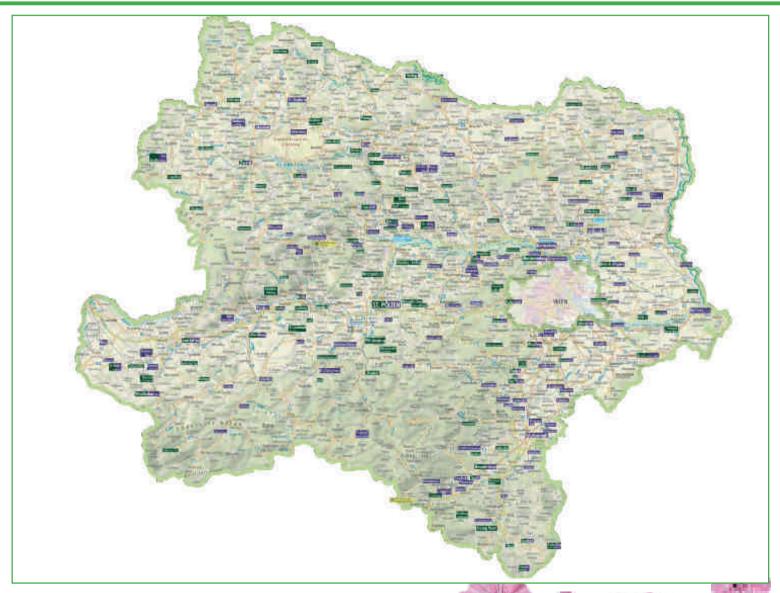






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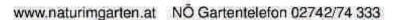




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**Environmental protection association "environmental and citizen" Department "Nature in the Garden"** 





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## The show garden network A land of gardens

- Network of 148 natural maintained show gardens
- Serviced, adviced and inspected to special criteria for show gardens
- More than 3 million visitors a year
- In the categories
  - Public gardens
  - Semi-public gardens
  - Community gardens
  - Private gardens

















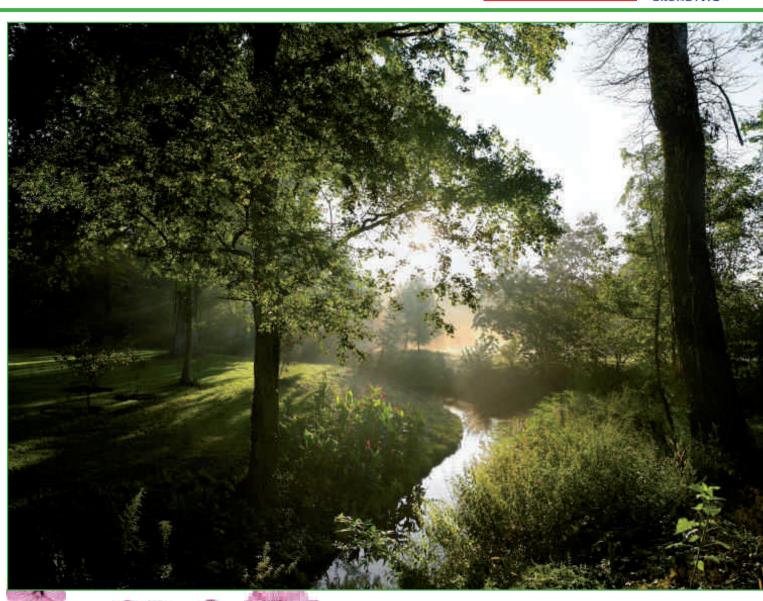






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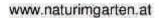
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### Die Garten Tulln

- · The first ecological horticultural show in
- Location of the "nature of the garden" academy
- Since 2008 open annually from April to October
- 10-hectare site opens
- With more than 50 show and themed gardens
- Since 2008 more than one million visitors



www.diegartentulln.at





















**Environmental protection association "environmental and citizen" Department "Nature in the Garden"** 





- 10 Years of experience in natural gardening
- Training and advanced training courses for hobbygardeners, multipliers and professionals
- Irrespective of age and previous knowledge
- Seminares, themed guided tours, workshops and courses in natural gardening
- Knoweledge database of natural gardening



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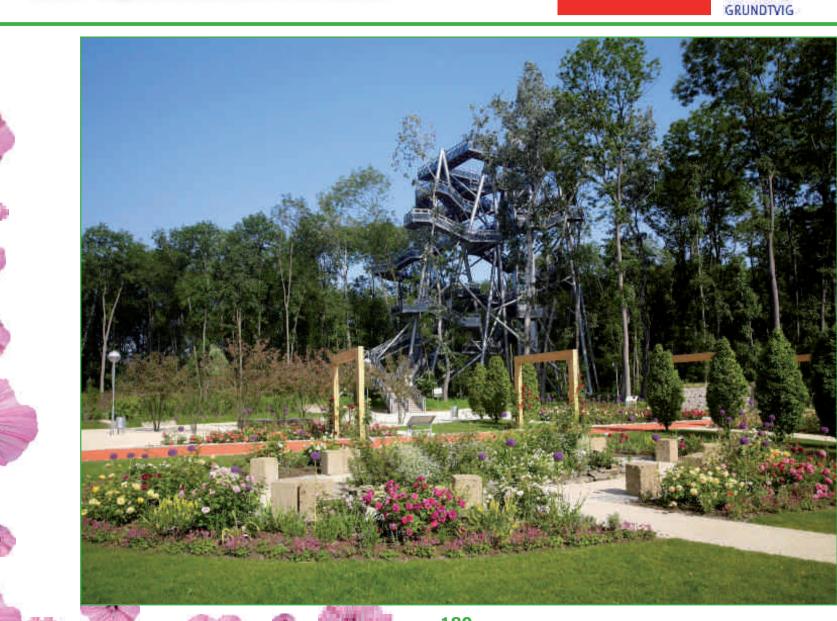






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Environmental protection association "environmental and citizen"

Department "Nature in the Garden

Meeting from the 12th to the 15th of May 2014

12.05.2014	Meeting at the GARDEN TULLN Dinner in the city of Tulln
13.05.2014	Workshops at the GARDEN TULLN about Natural Education and Therapy Lunch in the restaurant at the GARDEN TULLN Guided tour at Arche Noah Schiltern Guided Tour trough the garden of the horticultural school Langenlois Dinner in the city of Langenlois
14.05.2014	Visit to the showgarden family Pabus Visit to the showgarden family Ungersböck Visit to the showgarden family Hackl Visit to the museums village Niedersulz and lunch (www.museumsdorf.at) Visit to the showgarden family Heller Visit to the community garden Ulrichskirchen Dinner in the city of Tulln
15.05.2014	Departure



Environmental protection association "environmental and citizen" Department "Nature in the Garden" Meeting from the 12th to the 15th of May 2014



The last and final meeting of the project "Parks and Gardens in Europe – ways to the natural education" straightened the partner country Austria from the 12th to the 15th of May 2014. At this meeting a total of 20 participants from six partner countries were present.

On two intensive days the Austrian partner presented the action "NATURE in the GARDEN" as well as the horticultural show "The Garden Tulln". It is an ecological horticultural show which strictly keeps to the criteria of the land action "NATURE in the GARDEN" whose core criteria are the renunciation of pesticides, chemical-synthetic fertilizers and peat. During a guided tour to the 60 ecologically managed pattern gardens of "Die Garten Tulln", which were decorated by different landscape architects and market gardens, the participants could take numerous impressions and ideas for creation possibilities and style directions and find out about the 100% ecological management of gardens and parks.

The visit of the association "Arche Noha" which exerts itself for more than 23 years for the preservation and the development of the cultivated plant variety gave clear information about its work, about the cultivation of almost forgotten cultivated plants as well as their use. They also reported about the meaning of these plants for the preservation and protection of the biological variety.

The horticulture school in Langenlois allowed the participants insights into the training facilities in the area of horticulture and in general in the areas of education in school and occupation in Austria and gave suggestions to the partners how they can extend own working processes in their homeland.

"NATURE in the GARDEN" presented itself with the visit of four show gardens. A cross section in different garden dimensions, creations and different plant use, gave not only ideas for a many-faceted garden landscaping but also informed the participants of the construction, organisation and structures of the national network and gave a very good insight into the ecological garden management in the private frame as well.

Beside the excursions the intensive and common work on the final report stood also on the programme. Competence, time expiry and the next steps were fixed and ideas for new and continuing projects for 2015 were discussed. After a common and final evening all partners said goodbye and are sure that soon another project can be realised together.



#### **Austria**

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# Croatian Society of Captives of Serbian Concentration Camps of Osijek-Baranya County

Our activities represented within the Grundtvig project "Parks and Gardens in Europe" encompass activities related to landscape architecture that are called: Be healthy by working in gardens and parks. The project started in 2010 and refers to two entities:

- Operations in terms of setting out green areas
- Permanent education of the Society members on possibilities of setting out green areas in the nearest vicity of their residence; cherishing and using them aiming at healthier life

Activities having been organized since 2010:

- Weekly held presentations entitled: Parks and gardens of Europe, Be healthy by working in gardens and parks
- o Development of the project documentation for two parks: locations Nemetin and Ovčara (Vukovar)
- Setting out of the park in Nemetin

Permanent education of the members includes topics as follows:

Getting acquainted with plant material

- o Garden technical elements
- o Irrigation systems
- o Project tasks
- Small eco-systems as clarifiers of the place we live in
- o Importance of green areas in the urban space
- o Practical performance of all activities related to setting out and cherishing gardens and parks

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#### OVČARA

Memorial museum SPOMENDOM and monument were erected to the memory of the victims on the place where 255 civilians and soldiers of Croatian army were executed by the Serbian aggressors in 1991. Today a project for the desired future park was built near the Museum. It will, in the forthcoming time, represent a place where war sufferers from all over the world will meet and warn worldwide people to war caused horrors. The Park is designed as a copy of Croatia i.e. shape Croatia has when air viewed. The Park is divided into as many parts as counties in Croatia. Each county is supposed to put its tree characterized by its climate. Each county arranges its space within the Park. Guests from other countries also contribute to the Park image by bringing their gifts in the form of plant species as a sign of their countries (e.g. a guest from Canada will donate a maple tree). Apart from the practical activities, daily presentations on green areas importance in all human activities spheres are also planned. Regardless the monument, Nemetin memorial on the surface of 200 m2, also has a small park representing realization of the part of activities within the Society. It is initial promotion and efforts of active Society members to make their space more beautiful and rich in plants. The Park itself will be available for conducting diverse activities

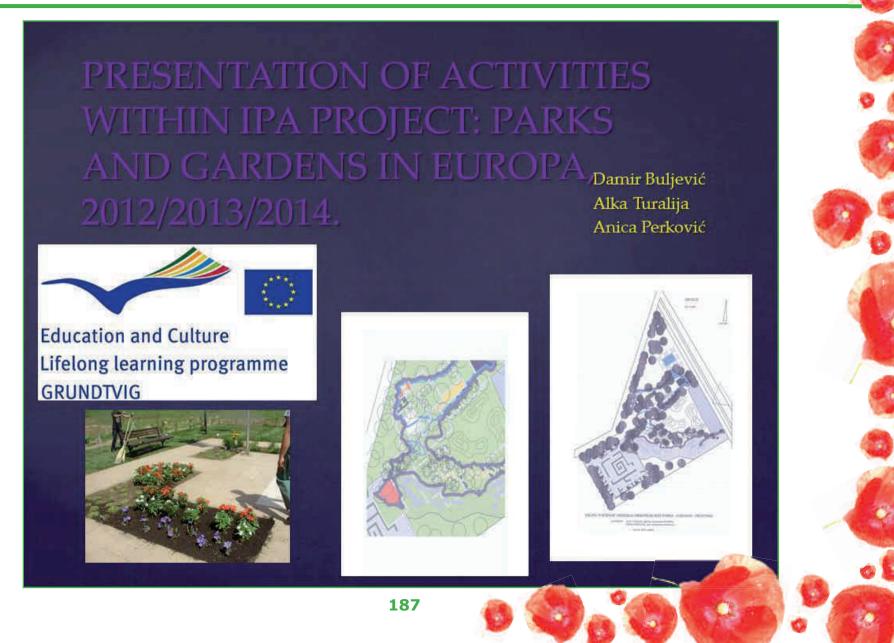
seasonal flowers planting

from spring to late autumn:

- o park cherishing (grass mowing, pruning trees and shrubs, disease and pests plant protection) as well as presentations able to be conducted in the open air
- Work and maintenance of this small park will enable members of the Society to socialize whereas active work in the garden and dealing with plants will make them mentally stabile. This will bring about forgetting troubles they experienced in the past. By choosing native plant species and independent cultivation of a part of the plant production, these activities are extended to a small-scale crop production. In this way a park maintaining cycle is closed by the ones who designed, set out, cherished and used it.
- The completed activities in the Park are followed by socializing with domestic food and drinks. Every year members of the Society are visited by students, citizens, even the Osijek mayor himself –holding the broom in the photo.





















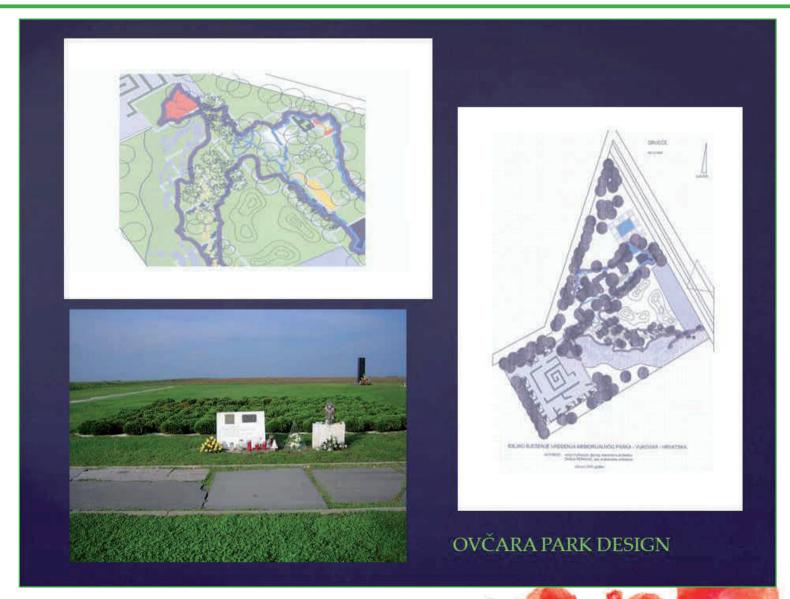






















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SETTING OUT WAS SUPPORTED BY 25 MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY INCLUDING THE MAYOR

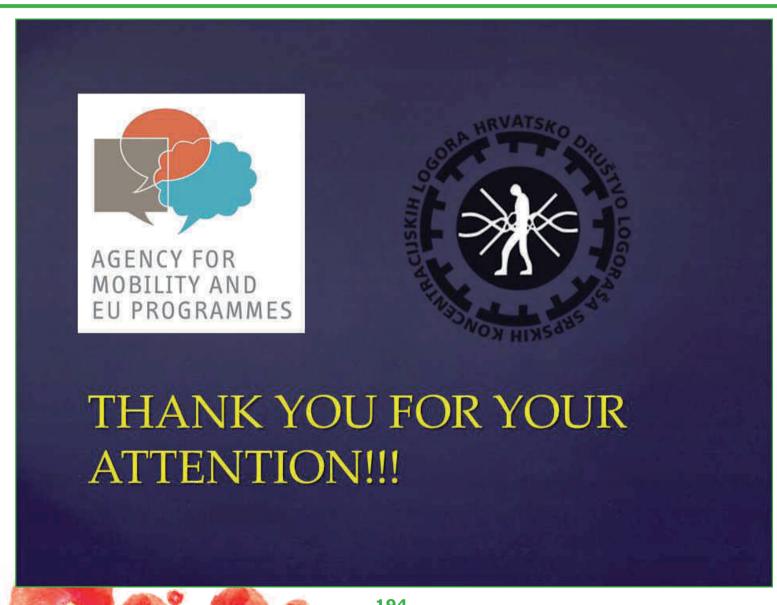




















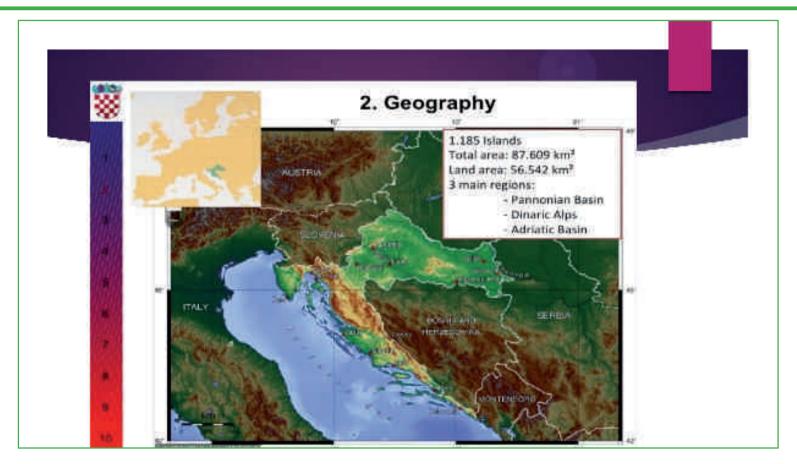














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Croatia is one of the most biodiverse countries in Europe

- 8 National parks
- Kornati Islands
- Plitvice lakes
- Krka river
- Paklenica
- Mljet
- Risnjak
- Brijuni Islands
- Nothern Velebit





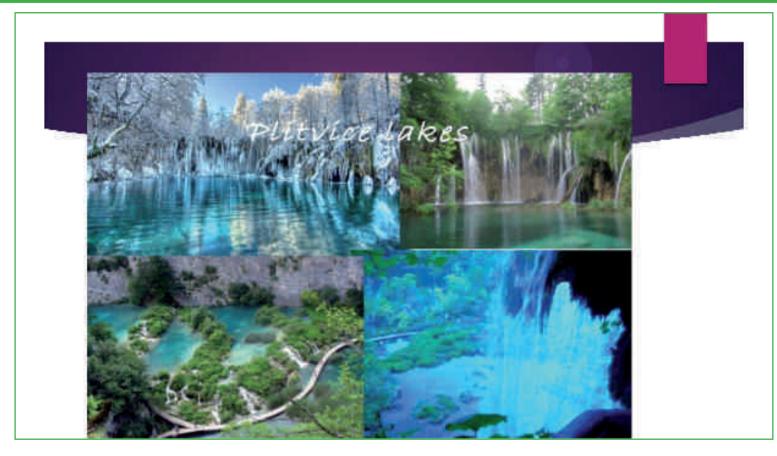


















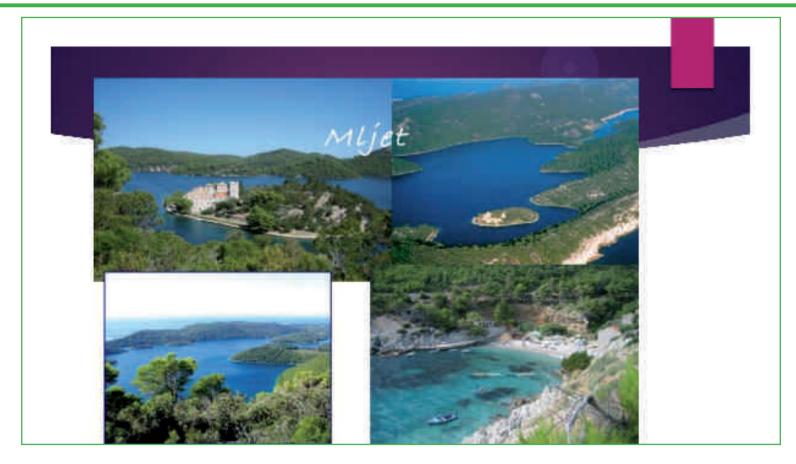








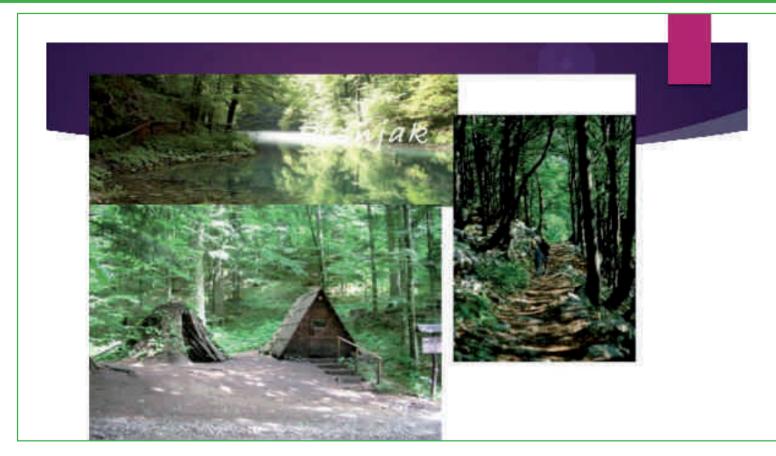














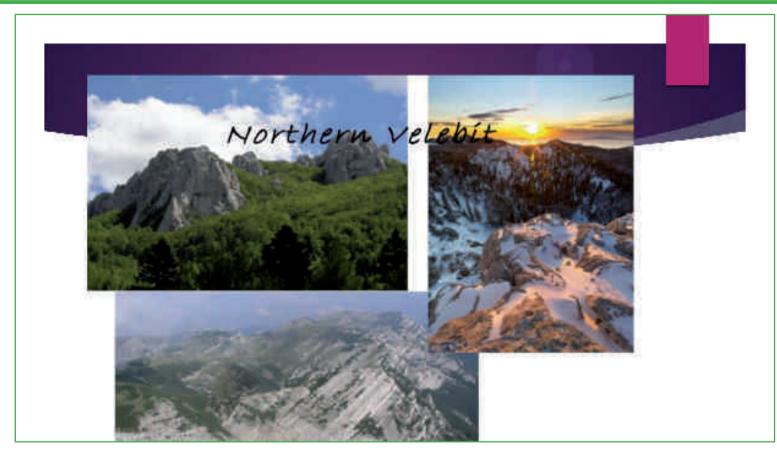


















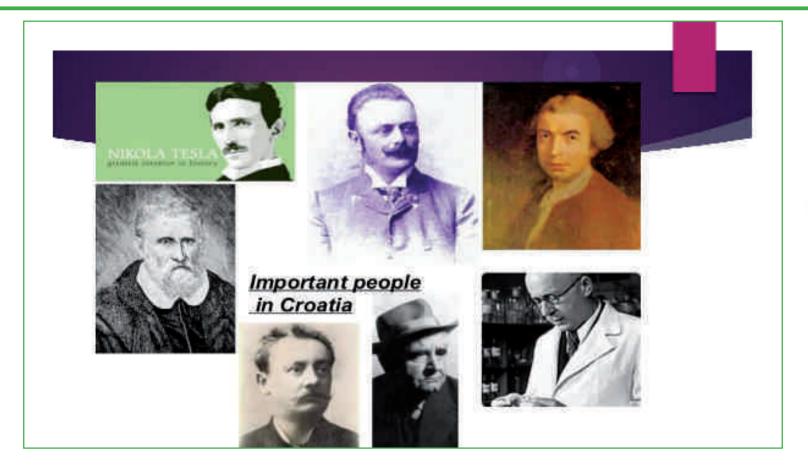














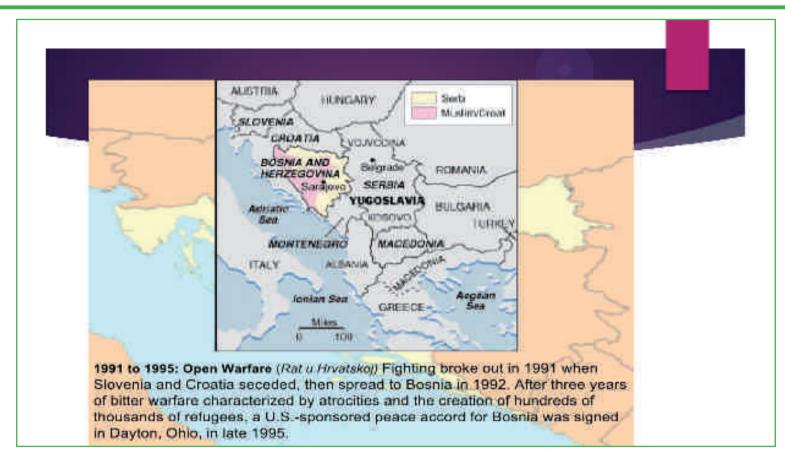












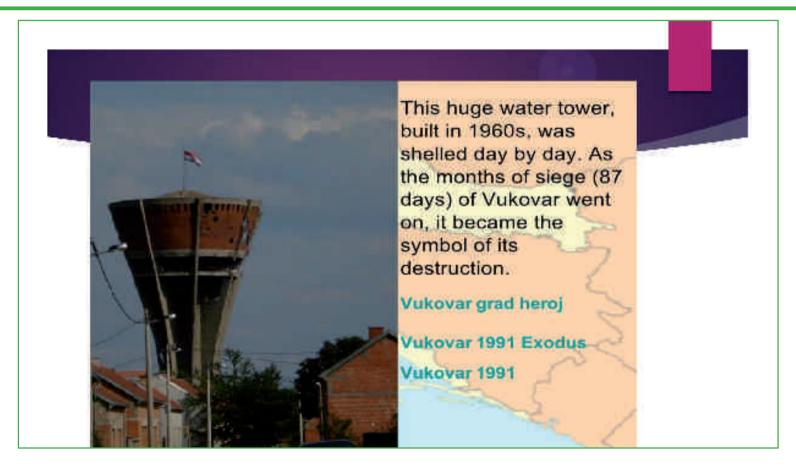






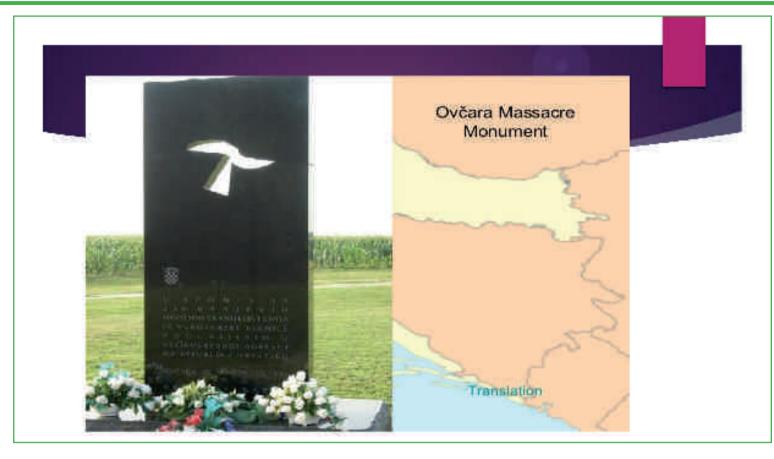






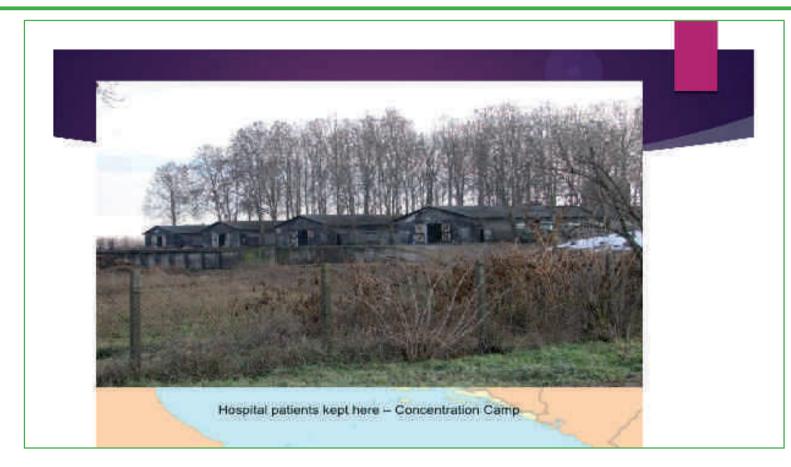






















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#### **Products**



#### PaGE\_Agenda

The PaGE-Agenda is the summary and representation of the whole project "PaGE - "Parks and gardens in Europe - ways to the environmental education". It contains the descriptions of the participant organisations, the program expiries and summaries of the five meetings as well as suitable photos and contains furthermore the presentations which were presented during the meetings.

#### **Photobooklet and Documentaey film**

The photobooklet and the documentary film giving a living impression of the activities which were carried out during the project.

#### **Evaluation report**

The participants were asked to fill in a feedback form, judging the content and progress of the 5 meetings and workshops. The results of these forms were analysed by the project coordinators of each country individually and compiled in this report.

The products can be obtained from all partners. See therfore the contacts at page 5.