

PROJECT INFORMATION

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Feasibility Study for the Green Pack in Croatia



Green Pack logo. Source: REC

Background

With the advent of the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), European countries are challenged to fully integrate ESD into all strata of education. The Regional Environmental Center (REC) has developed a "Green Pack" to support the Central and Eastern European Countries in their respective efforts.

The Green Pack represents a proven model of developing environmental education materials and the training of teachers. It can be implemented in curricular and extracurricular activities. It addresses particular environmental and sustainable development aspects through a variety of educational materials combined in a package (teacher's handbook with lesson plans and fact sheets, collection of animated clips and educational films, interactive CD-ROM with extensive information on various environmental topics, dilemma game with case studies). The REC's team of ESD experts implemented the Green Pack already in 18 countries of Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (for details, see www.rec.org/REC/Programs/Greenpack).

Project

This project practically supported efforts towards an education for sustainable development, by

testing the feasibility to implement the Green Pack in Croatia and to assist teachers/educators and government authorities in fulfilling their roles in raising awareness of sustainable development. As no similar educational tool or material exists in the Croatian school system, the Green Pack, with its integrated, country-specific approach has been incorporated in the national ESD Action Plan, in the frame of the operationalisation of the national Sustainable Development Strategy.

Together with relevant local partners, institutions and organisations, local challenges and conditions were analysed for the feasibility study. Based on a number of individual interviews and a public consultation event, which altogether involved more than 50 experts from 20 different institutions, a detailed implementation plan as well as the structure and content of the Croatian Green Pack were defined, aiming to harmonise the product with national curricula and educational standards. The final product will come in two different versions – Green Pack for elementary schools, and Green Pack Senior for secondary schools – in a combination of printed material, CD-ROM and DVD film collection. The feasibility study also presents the technical expenses and costs for capacity building of teachers, as well as options for their funding.

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