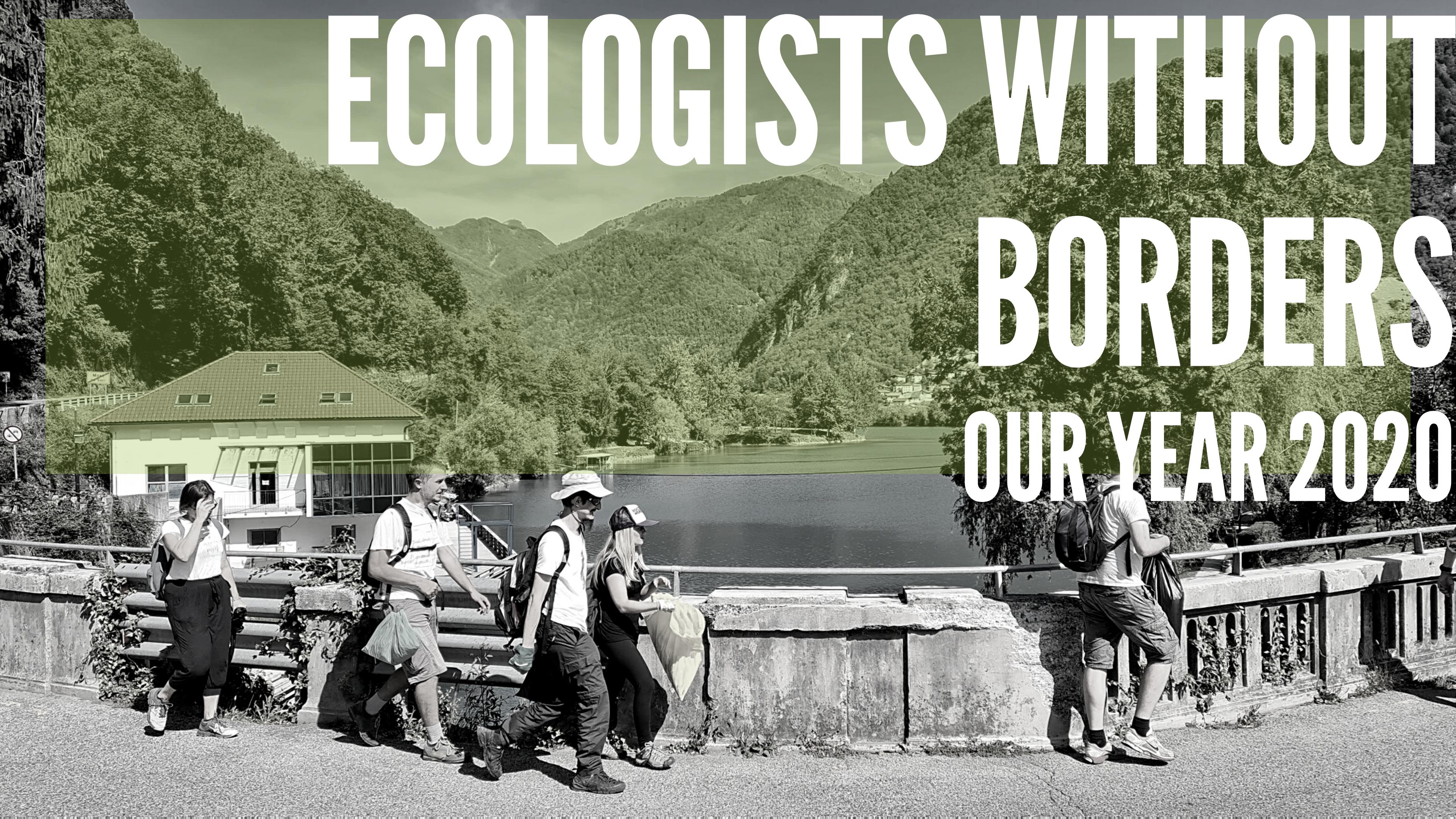


ECOLOGISTS WITHOUT BORDERS

OUR YEAR 2020



NUMBERS THAT COUNT

42

workshops/lectures
carried out

33

number of legislative
initiatives (own &
supported)

9

number of projects

18 %

share of the population
in municipalities with
zero waste strategies

MOST OF OUR TIME WAS SPENT ON

THE TOOLS FOR WASTE REDUCTION
IN MUNICIPALITIES

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Kalkulator občin na poti k Zero Waste
Kakšni so potencialni prihranki?

Občina Odpadki Stroški Rezultati Več ...

Rezultati

Za primerjavo smo izbrali mesto podobne velikosti, ki že izvaja strategijo Zero Waste: **Treviso, Italija**. Izračuni predpostavljajo 75.000 prebivalcev (izbrali ste: 50.000 - 100.000).

Letno bi lahko prihranili **155.000 €** — če bi proizvedli enako količino odpadkov (465 kg / leto v 2017).

Letno bi lahko prihranili **879.000 €** — če bi ločeno zbrali enak delež odpadkov (87 % v 2017).

Letno bi lahko prihranili **849.000 €** — če bi odpadke obdelali na enak način.

Skupna primerjava:
Če bi enako ravnali z odpadki kot Treviso, Italija, bi lahko **letno prihranili 967.000 €**.

Prihranki izpustov toplogrednih plinov:
Če bi enako ravnali z odpadki kot Treviso, Italija, bi se lahko letno izognili vsaj **7.500 tonam emisij CO₂eq**. Opomba: ocenjena vrednost predstavlja spodnjo mejo, saj ne upošteva učinkov preprečevanja.

Naprej



Hnuti DUHA, Ecologists without borders and Zero Waste Europe have created a toolkit with the aim of presenting some of the key principles of zero waste. We added a few practical tools, to give readers an opportunity to investigate and manage key information regarding adopting zero waste on the municipal level (most popular of which is The Zero Waste Cities savings calculator). This Erasmus+ project concluded with a meeting of Slovenian Zero Waste Municipalities.

<https://ebm.si/zw/obcine/zw-obcine/10-orodij-za-obcine/>

NEVER DID WE TALK SO MUCH ABOUT

CLOTHES



A SUIT MAKES A MAN



Ecologists without Borders, Focus Association and Fair Trade Slovenia launched the project **Obleka naredi človeka** (A suit makes a man). We have been advocating for environment- and people-friendly fashion in our respective fields for years and have now joined forces. We have prepared the most extensive and up-to-date research in the field of textile waste in Slovenia, which will address decision-makers and producers and transform consumers into (re)users.



UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

PLASTICS

#PLASTICSINTHE SPOTLIGHT

With colleagues from Spain, Belgium, Bulgaria, Latvia and Portugal we analyzed 52 urine samples for the presence of phthalates and phenols, hormone disruptors that enter our bodies through plastic packaging.

Our call was heard by decision makers, artists, journalists, experts and other public figures, including the Vice-President of the European Commission, Margarete Vestager.

Of the 28 chemicals analyzed, we found an average of 20.5 in the samples, which is a loud alarm for the need to tighten legislation, transition to more sustainable packaging and self-protective behavior of individuals.

<https://bit.ly/PlastikaPodDrobnogledom>

Ali veš, koliko kemikalij, ki izvirajo iz plastične prehrambene embalaže, je v naših telesih?

#PLASTICS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Nisem plastična, a vseeno je v meni plastika.

#PLASTICS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Plastika in hrana v istem stavku nimata kaj početi. Bodimo trajnostni - skrbimo za zdravje in okolje.

#PLASTICS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Huje kot mivka v riti — povsod pride!

#PLASTICS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Prah si. In v plastični prah se povrneš. Ravnajmo s plastiko pametno!

#PLASTICS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Najbolj me prepriča izdelek v povratni embalaži.

#PLASTICS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Osebna izbira je rešitev za enkratno uporabo. Zgolj sistemski spremembe bodo ustavile neskončno recikliranje problema. Zahtevajmo jih!

#PLASTICS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Izbira je naša – mi in življenje na planetu ... ali plastika.

#PLASTICS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ANDREJA PALATINUS



MAKS VESELKO



ZALA PRIMC



MAG. LIJANA KONONENKO



WE WERE CIRCULAR

WITH THE WOOD PHOENIX PROJECT

WOOD PHOENIX



The Lesni feniks (Wood Phoenix) project breathed new life into wood by connecting different stakeholders. Students of Šolski center Škofja Loka made preliminary designs of new benches, deck chairs and other equipment, while the M Sora company then built them out of used wood to adorn the municipality of Žiri. The second key focus of the project was raising awareness of the importance of the circular economy, reuse and higher public awareness, with Ecologists without Borders playing a key role.

<http://www.lesnifeniks.si/>

PROJECT RESULTS

8 LECTURES

& 4 screenings of documentaries in collaboration with Razvojna agencija Sora

600

PARTICIPANTS

in the events, to whom we shared knowledge about homes with less waste, waste textiles, plastics, food waste, the zero waste concept and general environmental issues

20 BENCHES+

in M Sora, 20 benches, 9 deckchairs, a springboard and a wardrobe for the swimming pool were made from used wood, and a biological toilet was set up in Pustotnik

20 STUDENTS

of the Škofja Loka School Center prepared plans for elements of urban equipment



FOREVER CLEAN

OUR PROGRAMS

ZW MUNICIPALITIES



There are 9 municipalities in the network (18% of the population), which through systematic work prevented at least 19,600 tons of mixed municipal waste and thus saved 4 million euros. At the European level, we are co-creating a certificate for zero waste municipalities, which will see the light of day in the first half of 2021.

In 2020, we also participated in the update of the Zero Waste Master Plan and the State of European ZW municipalities report.

ZW TOURISM



This year has not been the good for tourism and many planned collaborations and events have been canceled.

The **Art Kamp** event was held and retained the title of Zero waste event with its 94% of separately collected waste.

This year, we made reusable **flags** for easier routing of visitors towards bin islands, which, in addition to reusable **glasses**, we also [rent out](#).

In 2020, the events Cool Fridays in Kamnik, the Ceremonial Harvest of the Old Vine in Maribor and St. Martin's Day in Maribor, as well as the Chilli restaurant from Bled, should have joined but the pandemic postponed all these plans.

ebm.si/zw/turizem/

FOOD WASTE

We participated in the preparation of the national Strategy for fewer food losses and less food waste, and we organized awareness raising activities on Food Day (October 16) and the 1st International Food Awareness Day (September 29) together with the **Slovenian Consumers' Association**.

LESS IS MORE



We started with the idea in the summer of 2017, wanting to gather as much information as possible in one place for everyone who wants to live sustainably. Currently, on the portal, you can browse among more than 500 repair masters and more than 100 stores where you can buy at least some of the products without packaging.

Despite unpredictable times for event organizers, we recorded more than 130 reuse events on the site, and we also prepared 8 articles on various good practices and examples.

manjjevec.si

- We organized the **Slovenian online premiere** of **The Story of Plastic**, which was watched by 361 individuals
- We have participated in the **global brand audit** and contributed **Slovenian data**
- We are the messengers of the European campaign **#WeChooseReuse** in Slovenia, with which we encourage the **reuse of packaging**
- We concluded the project *Innovative solutions for reducing the amount of packaging* with an exhibition made by the students of ALUO and FKKT



PLASTICS

ADVOCACY



We proactively monitored the preparation and postponement of more and less urgent waste legislation; climate plans; pandemic measures that simultaneously attacked NGOs and participated in public confrontations.

Our most successful contribution was to the preparation of the Strategy for fewer food losses and less food waste, which promises a start to a comprehensive fight with food waste in Slovenia.

We also participated in both Balkan River Defence campaigns - Za naravo along the Sava River and Za naravo along the Soča River.

RESEARCH



In addition to project-related research we also undertook **research on re-use** among reuse centres and consumers in order to determine the extent of and interest in the purchase of used goods.

We also researched the topic of reuse in the European context by participating in the first **report on European packaging-free shops**.

We also investigated the **import / export of waste in Slovenia**.

- **Green office:** The office greening program. After reviewing the measures already taken, it included the measurement and inventory of waste and the study of water and energy consumption. We handed over extensive recommendations and tools to the company for a more environmentally friendly office.
- **Program for schools:** In cooperation with a company, we have prepared a program of awareness-raising workshops for primary schools, which we will start implementing when the situation allows.
- **Cleaning campaign:** The planned cleaning campaign at 20 locations across Slovenia for employees of companies has been postponed to next spring.
- **Awareness raising:** In addition to various educational environmental lectures and workshops for employees, we also raised awareness through the preparation of articles for company newsletters.



COMPANIES

EVENT NUMBERS

50 HOURS
of our lectures /
workshops and guest
appearances

3
Clean-E-debates

4.3
the average
participant
satisfaction rating

361
viewers at the online premiere
of The Story of Plastic

1
(remote) expert event - Waste in our
Municipalities

2764
participants in our lectures and workshops

PARTICIPANTS ABOUT EVENTS



"I got the feeling that anyone can help to improve the situation and I also got the motivation to try to improve my practice." **participant of the lecture *Empty bin, full wallet***

"I liked the lecturer's approach, which went in a direction from general to concrete. We need more of such events!" **participant of the lecture *How to proceed to less waste?***

ZELENCI



The Zelenci (Greenies) online store offers a selection of around 100 products that represent an alternative to disposable products. When selecting providers, in addition to quality, we also take into account the packaging of the product itself and the transport packaging. Zelenci sends the ordered goods to their customers mainly in used cardboard packaging, they encourage personal collection, and the customer can also return some of the product packaging like glass. In 2020, we sold 614 products.

www.trg.ebm.si

On our initiative, in cooperation with Tehniška založba Slovenije, a Slovenian translation of the book Zero Waste Home was published in 2016. At the time, this seemed like a brave decision, as the zero waste lifestyle in Slovenia had not yet been recognized. Our thinking that such a manual is necessary proved to be correct.

A reprint of the book was published in December 2020.

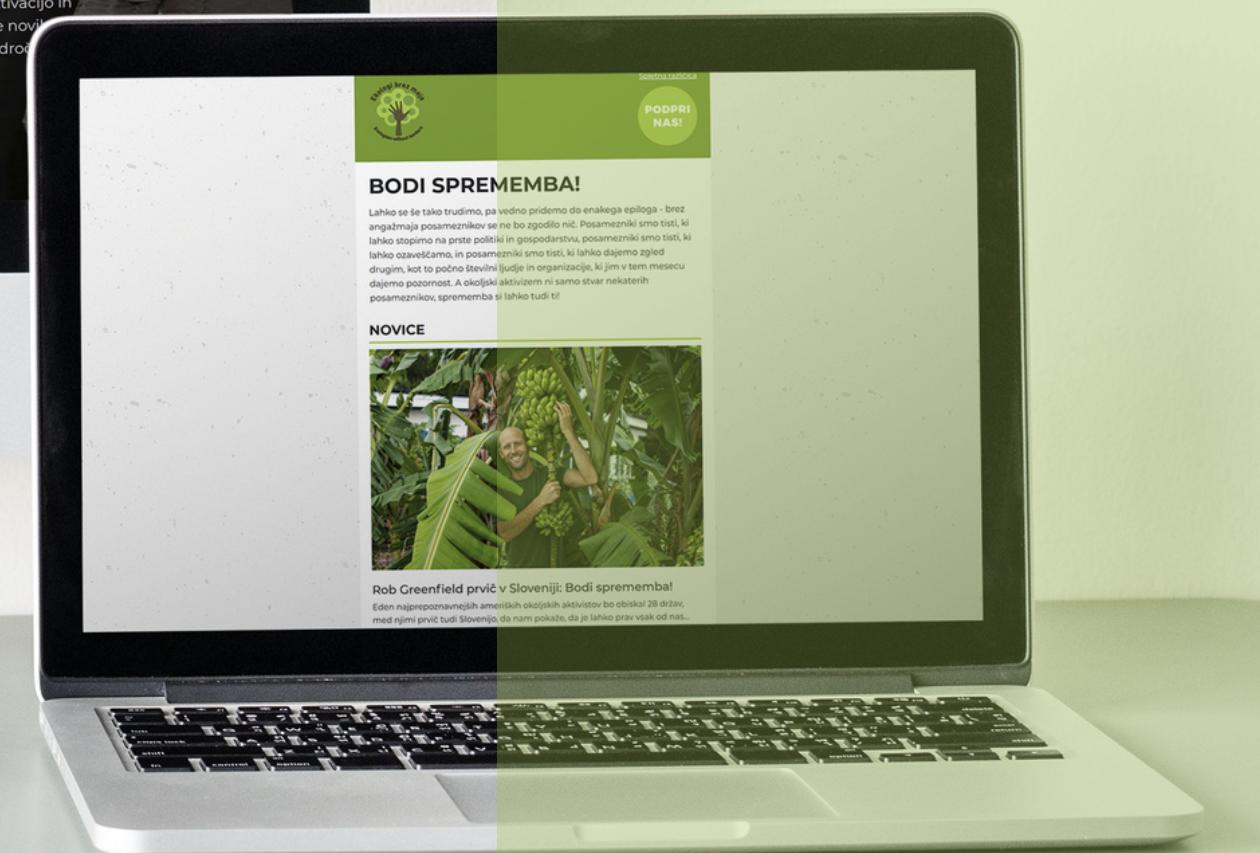
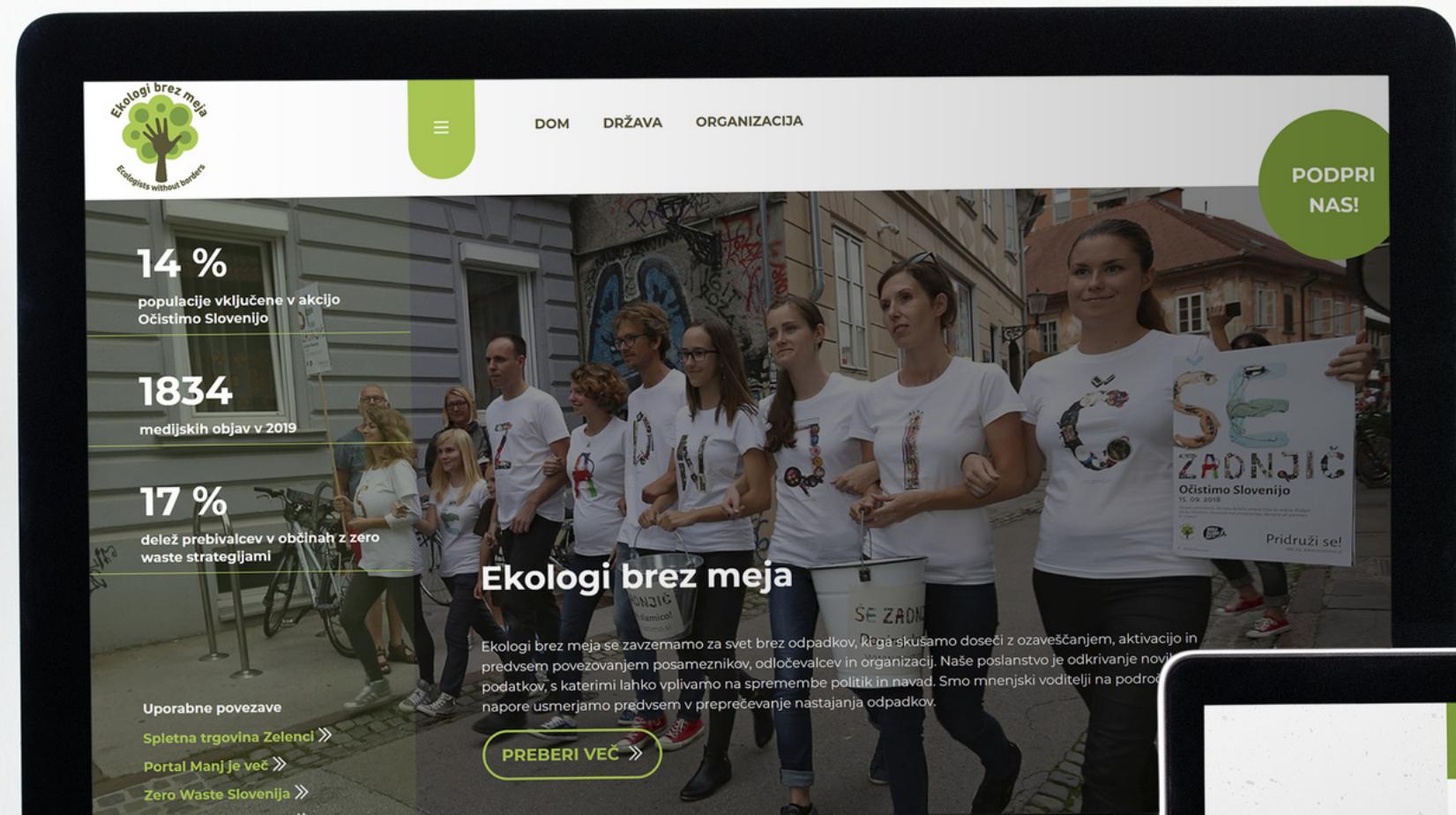
A large, bold title "ZERO WASTE HOME" is overlaid on the right side of the image. The background shows a woman with long hair, wearing a white tank top, standing in a kitchen. She is looking down at a counter where there is a small potted plant in a white container. The kitchen has white cabinets and a window in the background.

ZERO WASTE HOME

Irena Joveva, Čevljarska urgenca, Rok Rozman, Dan Podjed, Boštjan Okorn, Nina Kosin, Ana Hering, Ivan Plevnik, Jaka Kranjc, Tadeja Kvas Majer, Joan Marc Simon, Maja Prijatelj Videmšek.

CLEAN-E-NEWS

We hosted insightful columnists and talked to interesting personalities.





WE ARE MEMBERS OF THESE NETWORKS:

- Plan B for Slovenia: sustainable development network (network of Slovenian environmental NGO's)
- Zero Waste Europe (network of EU national ZW organisations)
- Let's Do It! (movement of organizers of mass clean-up campaigns)
- Break Free From Plastic (movement against plastic pollution)

WE ARE NOT ALONE

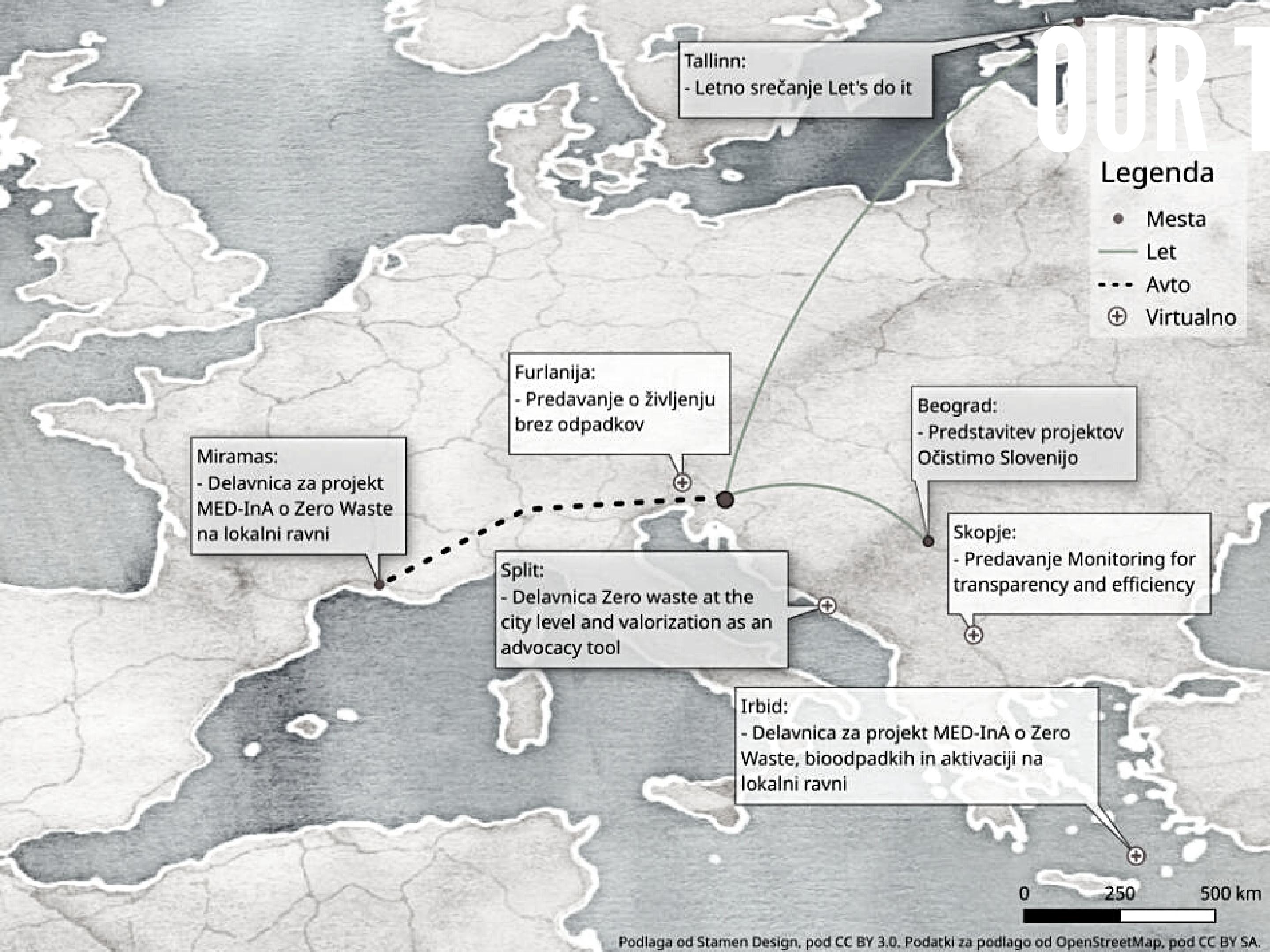
INTERNATIONAL



We proactively monitored the preparation of more detailed European legislation on various aspects of plastic pollution (packaging, microplastics, tax), criteria for European funds and other regulations for the transition to a circular economy.

12x co-signing of public positions, international responses and letters to MEPs
8x responses to public consultations

OUR TRAVELS I



OUR TRAVELS II



Most of our travels around Slovenia were performed by public transport or personal vehicles with electric and hybrid drive.

We included also all the locations we 'visited' remotely this year.

ECHOES

1.072
media publications

12.306
number of
subscribers of Clean-
E-news

265
the number of media
that reported on us

88
articles on our
websites



OBČINA HRASTNIK, SAVA RE, ENGROTUŠ,
AGENCE DES VILLES ET TERRITOIRES
MÉDITERRANÉENS DURABLES, CHILLI, OOZ
RAVNE NA KOROŠKEM, NARODNI DOM
MARIBOR, PLASTIKA SKAZA, CENTER ZA
MLADE DOMŽALE, OBČINA DOBROVA-
POLHOV GRADEC, KOMUNALA VRHNIKA,
NLB GROUP, OŠ FRANA KOCBEKA GORNJI
GRAD, FAKULTETA ZA UPRAVO, MLADINSKI
CENTER IDRIJA, SLOVENSKI PLANINSKI
MUZEJ, ALP PECA, EPEKA MARIBOR, ZVEZA
PRIJATELJEV MLADINE MARIBOR, CMEPIUS,
CIK TREBNJE, MCIC/CNVOS, MC
AJDOVŠČINA, ZAVOD KŠM TOLMIN,
UDRUGA SUNCE, ČSOD, SLOVENSKA
ZAMEJSKA SKAVTSKA ORGANIZACIJA,
DRUŠTVO EKOKAM, DEISY, OVEN MARIBOR,
RAZVOJNA AGENCIJA SORA, OBČINA ŽIRI,
SHENZHEN ZERO WASTE ENVIRONMENTAL
PUBLIC WELFARE UNDERTAKINGS
DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ZVEZA
PRIJATELJEV MLADINE SLOVENIJE AND
MANY OTHERS

SUPPORTERS AND CLIENTS

OUR EXPERIENCE



AVITEM, The French Agency for Sustainable Development of the Mediterranean has hired us to prepare two trainings and a handbook for Mediterranean municipalities on the implementation of zero waste strategies in the European, African and Middle Eastern contexts. We were recognized as relevant experts, and with our and ZWE experience we beat the competition in public procurement. With this handbook, we want to accelerate the transition to a Circular Economy in the region.

In the Phoenix Wood project, we were contractors of two partners: for the Municipality of Žiri we carried out the entire communication about the project and raised public awareness through various communication channels, and for the Sora Development Agency we organized a series of lectures and screenings of films on environmental topics.

ALL OUR REPORTS ARE PUBLIC

INCOME CONSUMPTION DISTRIBUTION:



TRANSPARENCY

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

INTERNATIONAL
cooperation on three
zero waste projects

PROJECTS
A suit makes a man
& Plastic pirates

EXPANSION
network of ZW
Municipalities and
tourism providers

NEW ENERGY
for new projects & tenders

PROGRAMS
for work with businesses
and schools

COOPERATION
in reforming our waste
legislation

FOLLOW US



Ekologi brez meja
Zero Waste Slovenija
Manj je več
Zelenci
Ne meč'mo hrane
stran!



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Zelenci



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Ekologi brez meja

SUPPORT US



defer to us
1% of Slovenian
personal income
tax



donate



shop at the
online store
Greenies
(Zelenci)



support us by
ordering a
service

We also invite you to invite us to your place or organization, where we are happy to introduce ourselves with interesting lectures and workshops. We also cocreate positive stories with companies – contact us to write it together with you!

THANK YOU



Dear journalists, clients, customers, volunteers, supporters. Thank you for helping us push the limits!

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