

ACTION D.4:
INFORMATION AND NOTICE BOARDS¹

Description (what, how, where and when):

The unsustainable visitors' management presents a major threat for the favourable conservation status so of wetlands habitats and species on project areas. In the past increased uncontrolled human leisure activities (mass-hiking over bogs, uncontrolled frequent motorbike traffic) have been observed. Actual tramping of the habitat is directly damaging it and additional human presence is causing disturbance of targeted habitats and species.

This action will contribute to our efforts to educate the general public (visitors, locals...) about the importance of the project areas, targeted animal and plant species of Community importance as well as, project action and goals. Boards will also promote Natura 2000 and indicate the EC financial support as required. They will also facilitate the implementation of the project.

Action foresees following board:

- Complex info boards: Pohorje bogs (2), Zelenci (3), Planik (1), Gornji kal (1), Mura Petišovci (3),
- Small info/notice boards: Zelenci (3), Gornji kal (2), Vrhe (1)

In addition wooden garbage baskets (Zelenci (10), Gornji kal (3)), and benches will be constructed (Zelenci (10), Gornji kal (3));

A coordinating beneficiary will place information boards in all project areas (Pohorje bogs, Zelenci, Mura Petišovci, Planik, Vrhe and Gornji kal). Every board will provide information on the LIFE+ project activities, project area and about Natura 2000 network, while information about the local project areas' characteristics, endangered species and habitats, etc, will be presented as appropriate for every area individually. The boards will be placed at carefully selected, easily accessible locations where the majority of hikers and other visitors pass by.

Each board will bear the *LIFE* logo to indicate the EC financial contribution to the project, and the Natura 2000 logo to inform that this project contributes to the nature conservation in Slovenia as required by the EU directives.

The preparations for placing the info boards will begin in the year 2011, also the placing of one info/notice or complex board for each project area will be done till the end July 2012. All remaining placing of the boards will be done till the end of May 2014.

Pohorje bogs:

- 2 complex info boards,
- 2 traffic signs on forest roads;

Zelenci:

- 3 complex info boards (notice board included),
- 3 guidance boards (small info/notice boards)
- 10 wooden garbage baskets,
- 10 wooden benches;

Vrhe:

- 1 small info/notice board;

Planik:

- 1 complex info board (notice board included);

¹ All the projects info/notice/guidance boards are in the output indicators Table 5 (Part 3 – Awareness raising and communication) accounted together (not only notice boards as it is written in table). This is because we followed the instructions that we should not add lines or columns or modify the format of the tables – According to the Guidelines for Applicants 2009.

Gornji kal:

- 1 complex info board;
- 2 small info/notice boards,
- 3 wooden garbage baskets,
- 3 wooden benches;

Mura Petišovci:

- 3 complex info boards (notice board included);

Placing, editing, translating and designing of information, notice, guidance boards, traffic signs, wooden garbage baskets and wooden benches will be subcontracted.

Reasons why this action is necessary:

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Beneficiary responsible for implementation:

Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation

Expected results (quantitative information when possible):

1. Following items constructed:
 - Complex info boards: Pohorje bogs (2), Zelenci (3), Planik (1), Gornji kal (1), Mura Petišovci (3),
 - Small info/notice boards: Zelenci (3), Vrhe (1), Gornji kal (2),
 - Traffic signs on forest roads: Pohorje bogs (2),
 - Wooden garbage baskets (Zelenci (10), Gornji kal (3)), and benches constructed (Zelenci (10), Gornji kal (3)),
2. Public awareness of visitors and locals will be raised and the knowledge on the importance of the wetlands and its habitats and species be enhanced.