



THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONING OF THE LANDSCAPE WITHIN THE UPPER SITE OF THE ONDAVA RIVER CATCHMENT AREA

ONDAVA FOR LIFE

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Project promoter: Nižná Polianka, Municipality

Partners: The association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia, State enterprise: Forests of the Slovak Republic, State Nature Conservancy, village Šarišské Čierne, Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute (NSLI)

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

From the 2nd of July 2014, the Municipality Nižná Polianka will be implementing a two-year project called The reconstruction of ecosystem functioning of the landscape within the upper site of the Ondava river catchment area – Ondava for Life, which was financed by the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009–2014 and the State Budget of the Slovak Republic.

The project is a reaction to the negative synergy effect of the consequences from the climate change and inappropriate, or even devastating impacts to nature. The main objective of the project is the catchment area of the Ondava river, which is the axis of Zemplin.

44 municipalities of the Bardejov and Svidnik counties form the upper catchment area of Ondava. In total, the population of these villages is over 8000, all living in the subject area. The municipalities came together and reacted to the call under the EEA program – Adaptation to Climate Change – Floods and Drought Prevention. The result was an approved project, designed to create an adaptive strategy for the region of the aforementioned municipalities, forming an area of cca 332 km². Another part of the project is the realisation of the suggested measures, utilising the potential of the long-term unemployed, with the aim to retain water in the region and help restore the small water cycle. At the same time the project aims to create new partnerships and networks of various subjects (municipality, non-government organisations, elementary schools, local media, fire brigades, fisherman unions, tourist groups, urban representatives, artists etc.) which are essential to the process of increasing life standards and quality of life in the region.

The Municipality Nižná Polianka as the project promoter will, in the scale of 22 months, realise activities in cooperation with five partners: The association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia, State enterprise: Forests of the Slovak Republic, State Nature Conservancy, village Šarišské Čierne, Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute (NSLI).

The budget of the project is 1 681 738 Euro, of which the non-refundable financial contribution from the EEA grants and the State Budget form 85%. The Carpathian Biodiversity Conservation Foundation's contribution to the project forms 15% of the whole budget.

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BASIC INFORMATION

Program: The EEA Financial Mechanism 2009–2014

Program Promoter: Government Office of the Slovak Republic

Call: ACC01 under the program: Adaptation to Climate Change – Floods and Drought Prevention

Name of the program region: Adaptation to Climate Change – Floods and Drought Prevention

Name of the project output: created strategies and measures to adapt to the changing climate

Date of project start: 02.07.2014

Date of project end: 30.4.2016

Length of realisation: 22 months

Name of applicant /recipient of financial contribution: Nižná Polianka, Municipality

Partners: The association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia, State enterprise: Forests of the Slovak Republic, State Nature Conservancy, village Šarišské Čierne, Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute (NSLI)

Project type: an integrated project, using the principle of multisector partnerships

Main activities: the creation of an adaptation strategy, realisation of suggested measures in the region and networking the partners

Project outcomes:

- number of prepared strategic documents, dedicated to the adaptation measures: 1
- total sum of constructed individual water-retaining measures: 505
- total volume of constructed water-retaining measures (in m³): 625 000
- number of prepared project documentations for flood-prevention measures: 1
- number of communities involved in the project: 7
- number of national and foreign institutions involved in project: 8
- number of newly-formed institutions – a non-profit organisation responsible for project outcome sustainability: 1

Total approved project expenditure: 1 681 738 €

EEA and State Budget grant: 85% of the whole budget

Own resource: 15% of the whole budget

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Village Nižná Polianka in cooperation with its' partners: The association of towns and villages of Slovakia, The forests of the Slovak republic, Government protection of the nature of the Slovak republic, village Šarišské Čierne and the Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute (Norwegian kingdom)

Invite you to the final conference for the project

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THE RESTORATION OF ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONS OF THE UPPER RIVER BASIN REGION OF THE RIVER ONDAVA,

which will take place on the 19th of April 2016 in the village Nižná Polianka

in the hall of the Culture house in Nižná Polianka, the building of the municipal office of Nižná Polianka

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 13:00 Introduction to the conference

Presentations from the hosts

Summary of the results of activity realisations of the project

The realised adaptation ecosystem measures

in the project region

Social and economic aspects of the employment of the long term unemployed candidates for employment in the project

Presentation of the documentary of the project realisation

An European project in context to the roll of eastern

Slovakian villages

Moderated discussion

Final summary

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 A tour of the realised adaptation measures in the project region

Transport and a commentary from project experts will be provided

We look forward to seeing you.

Please send your applications and a list your attendees names to:

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The main contact person for the conference: **Vladimír Frický / 0949 393 399**

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