


The first Eco Kindergarten - Ivanic-Grad, Croatia	
Keywords	Environment, waste, ecology, education, cultural heritage
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Objectives	<p>Ecological education is an integral part of lifelong learning for sustainable development and starts in kindergarten. In what way can positive attitudes towards environment and the acceptance of habits that are in accordance with the environment be developed by the children in kindergarten as the first link in an educational system? As preschool children are able to think only within concrete frameworks, they need to have the opportunity to experience everything directly and act practically.</p>
Description	<p>Every preschool teacher adjusts the plan and program of eco-education on the abilities of children, their interests, the area they live in the local circumstances. Children show interest and provide us with different ideas.</p> <p>As preschool teachers, we have to recognise these ideas and create situations which enable the meeting of children's interests and which, at the same time, represent the expression of acceptance of a child's role in the development of life that is in accordance with environment.</p> <p>We offer the presentation of our work with children on the following projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tree 2. Water 3. Pumpkin Fest 4. Waste* <p>Partners in Project In cooperation with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - local government – “City of Ivanic-Grad” - NGO – “Golden Age” - utility service companies – “Ivakop” and “Unija” <p>we have been collect valuable information that help us to be more successful in our eco-actions. Our partners give us also financial support.</p> <p>* see more in Project (att.)</p>
Results / Achievements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kindergarten Ivanic-Grad become first Eco-kindergarten in Croatia (2006.) 2. We achieved higher level of ecological awareness 3. “Green Island” – nice and very functional solution for waste sorting 4. Published publications, posters, picturebooks
Friendly advice for replication	In other kindergartens in Croatia, they use our Project as a case study. We are sharing good practice all over Croatia
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