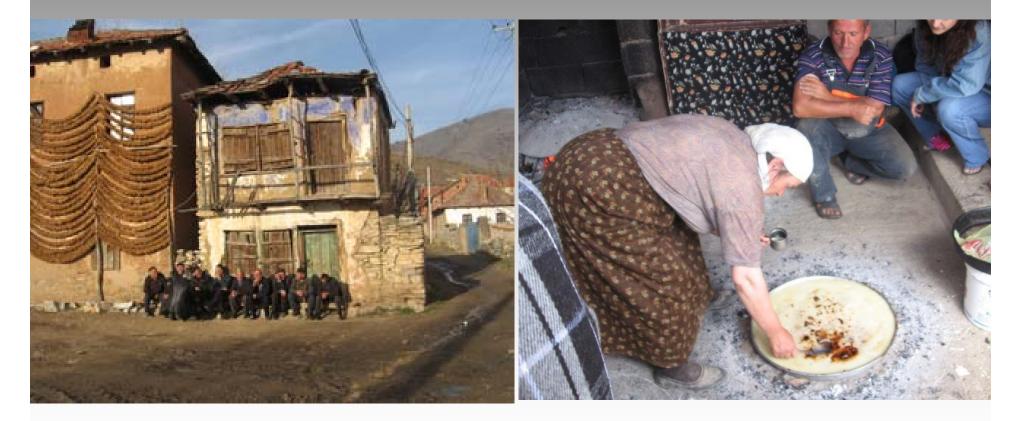
Globe students activities on the field of biodiversity in secondary school Orde Copela - Prilep



2010 International Year of Biodiversity

50 years ago there were 30 000 buffalos in Macedonia.

Today, this animal is very rare in our villages, they have been replaced by cows. It was surprising information for all of us when we heard that the last buffalos in Macedonia are in our "neighborhood". The last buffalos lives in Debreshte, which is a small village near Prilep. It is a unique place with special spirit of the past. Here, the time has stopped.



The project activities were focused on saving the last species of Water Buffalo in Macedonia, more precisely in Debreshte village, where the last 13 buffaloes are living. The students have been working on it from February 2008.



When we started with the project activities there were 13 female Water Buffalos which were not being pregnant for 3 years. Thus, the breeders faced the possibility that their female Water Buffalos are not going to give any milk because of having no reproduction for a long time.



In order to stop this process of buffalo extinction we decided to promote this problem and we expected positive outcomes



We addressed the problem to the public and succeeded with our campaign to increase the people's interest and establish communication with the government and international institutions.

With financial support of the Save Foundation from Switzerland we succeeded to buy a male buffalo and donated it to a breeder with female buffalos.



We developed a plan for all our activities. We visited the household of buffalo breeder.



Learned how to prepare milk products (cheese, fat, a kind of domestic Moccarela in a traditional way).



We invited Peace Corps volunteers to take part in our visit to Debreshte in order to learn more about buffalos.



The students of the International Summer University together with us and the NGO Biosfera have been guests to the family of buffalo breeder.



We conducted a lot of interviews and surveys among the citizens to increase their awareness about the benefit of buffalos.



We initiated campaign through the media to promote the problem in public and asked for financial support



We created a logo for T-shirts, designed leaflets, prepared paroles and started with promotion of buffalos





We visited all primary and secondary schools in our town to collect money for food for the buffalos.







We had a promotion of buffalos which was held on the town square and thus the fund increased rapidly.



Through the Campaign we collected an amount of money, which was enough for providing food for the buffalos for a period of have of year. We donated the money to the breeder for buffalo's food.

The rest of the households have shown interest to revitalize the buffalos breeding.



We had promotion of our project at the ENO conference and SCI fest in Joensuu – Finland

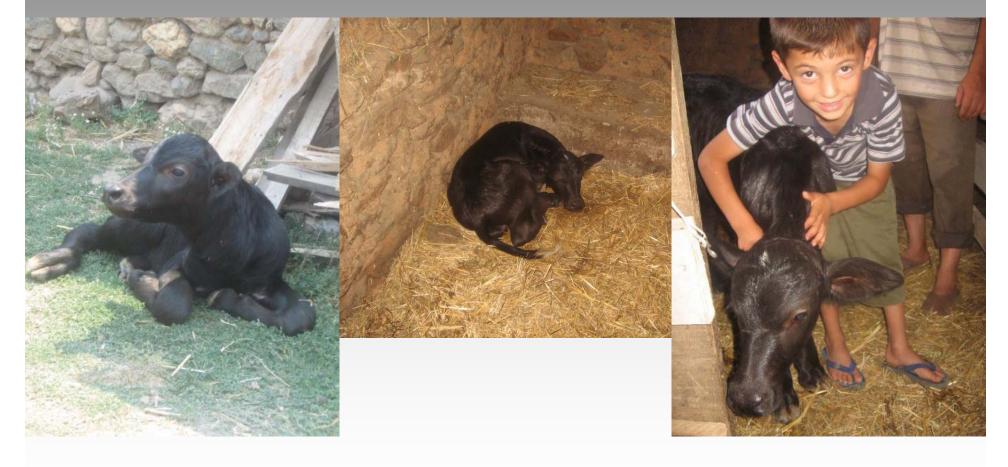


Scifest- Jonesuu, Finland 13-20 April, 2008





AND THE RESULTS OF OUR WORK HAD COME!!! After many years of having no new baby buffalo born, Hristina (little buffalo baby) was born on the 28 th of July, 2008.



But this is not all!!

•After Breshko's arrival (male buffalo), all females are expecting babies, and that means that their milk production is regenerated.

- •3500 students from 7 schools heard the story about buffalo extinction.
- •Private milk factory is interested in buying the milk and producing Macedonian MOZARELA cheese.
- •Journalists, media, state institutions are interested in Water buffalo protection.

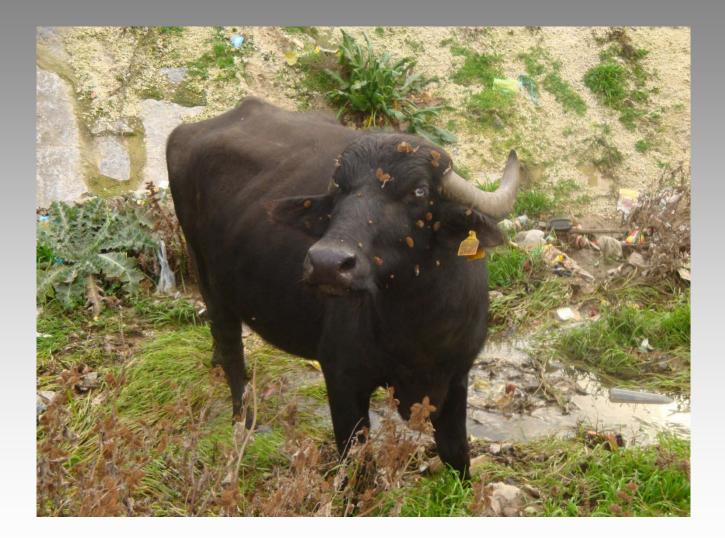
This project von the second prize awarded on UNEP & VOLVO adventure competition in Sweden, 2008.



The team who worked on this project was awarded by the mayor of the Prilep municipality



But, what happened with buffaloes until now? This is the famous Hristina, our first baby born buffalo



The main task of the project team was to spend the amount of money from Volvo competition for buffaloes needs. First, they provide food for the buffaloes.



Very soon, the second baby was born. And he is a boy!!! Meet Slavko!



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We celebrate the day of biodiversity. There, we donated to the owner money for buffaloes food!



And there are our winners! They shared their story with their peers and asked them for help for further protection of the buffaloes.



They presented the main information about those animals in front of the 600 students and parents!



A team of teachers and students wrote a role play about the biodiversity, with buffalo and Dr. Doolittle as main actors!!!





Mr. Demir Sinanoski (the owner of the buffaloes) received the promised help from the students who are still working on this issue!







Environment Online - ENO



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- A global virtual school and network for sustainable development, started in 2000
- Activities on the website, based on global campaign weeks in the end of each theme
- Climate change, ecological footprint, forests, water and cultural development as regular themes
- Tree planting has been the most popular activity

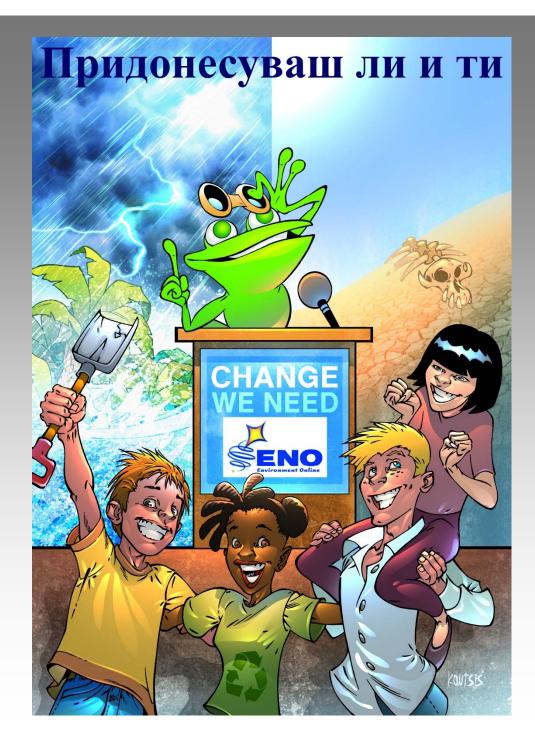
The progress of ENO

- Started in August 2000, after a national science web project supported by NBE
- 2000: 50 schools in 30 countries
- 2003:132 schools in 52 countries
- 2008: 500 schools in 104 countries
- 2009: 5 000 schools in 127 countries
- 2010: ? Schools in 150 countries

ENO FOREST 2017 OBJECTIVES

- To plant 100 million trees by schools, in co-operation with institutions and experts, with a focus on developing world
- To get children and youth interested in forests and building a sustainable future together
- To make a concrete deed against the climate change
- To make a concrete deed for the biodiversity
- To create a unique network of forest know-how, teaching, technology and research, based on interactive web portal and constant communication
- To act towards the UN Millennium Goals (environment, education, global partnership)





Take care of our planet!