

## SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR KUPA VALLEY

### EKO LIBURNIA, CROATIA

### FIRST REPORT

covering period  
from 1<sup>st</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2001

1. On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2001 Ranko Tadic (coordinator) and Biljana Kulisic (administrator) have visited all four Croatian project area communes: Brod Moravice, Vrbovsko, Delnice and Cabar. The aim was to inform local decision-makers about Project activities and to get their support, specially taking into account the inquiry to be implemented during the Project Summer Camp. During first week of July Eko Liburnia has prepared all the written material in Croatian for the Summer Camp (letter to inhabitants, questionnaire, letter to project communes, invitation for Project lectures).
2. From 6<sup>th</sup> –15<sup>th</sup> July, 2001 R. Tadic and B. Kulisic actively participated in Project´s Summer Camp located in Kostel, Slovenia. Besides two of them Croatian participants were Dea Barentic and Marija Jeroncic. Lucija Babic from Eko Liburnia also has participated as assistant at the beginning and the end of camp, including transporting of participants from both Croatia and Slovenia. Beside organizing of the smooth implementation of the Project inquiry on Croatian side of the border, R. Tadic gave two afternoon lectures, as follows:
  - Brod na Kupa, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2001 - EcoAgriTourism and Organic Farming
  - Brod Moravice, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2001 – Systematic “Green” Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Rural Development
3. During August Eko Liburnia actively participated in Summer Camp collected data finalization and presentation.
4. In order to promote Project and its activities on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 R. Tadic and B. Kulisic held two meetings in Zagreb:
  - With Mr. Hrvoje Glavac, Assistant Minister, and Ms. Marijana Petir, Spokeperson of the Croatian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning; and
  - With Mr. Julije Domac, BIOEN Programme Coordinator of the Energy Institute HRVOJE POZAR.
5. Representatives of the Ministry have promised full support in Project´s promotion and possibly co-financing of its follow-up in 2002. With Mr. Domac a contract has been



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signed for holding of two lectures during Project's workshop to be held in Gerovo, Croatia.

6. Travel to Zagreb was also used for a brief meeting with Mr. Andrej Klemenc, Project Coordinator, in Ljubljana on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2001.
7. In Rijeka on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 R. Tadic and B. Kulisic held a meeting with representatives of the County Primorsko-Goranska Institute for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development (Project area administratively belongs to this County). They also promised support in project's follow-up. With Mr. Zoran Skala, Sustainable Development Coordinator, a contract has been signed for holding of one lecture during Project's workshop to be held in Gerovo, Croatia.
8. During September R. Tadic has prepared two articles for the Project's magazine VITRinA.
9. On 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2001 R. Tadic and B. Kulisic have visited commune of Cabar in order to settle all details related to holding of the Project's workshop in Gerovo, planned for October 18-19, 2001. During visit they finalized details concerning accommodation and food for participants with Mr. Josip Lipovac paying HRK 3,000.00 as advance.
10. In September/October Eko Liburnia sent over 100 invitations for the Project's workshop throughout Croatia (project communes, authorities, NGOs, forestry, wood processing industry). For this purpose the e-mail list of the REC Office in Croatia was also used.
11. Finally, on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2001 a contract has been signed with Terra Magnifica Co. Rijeka related to designing of the Project's web pages. According to the Contract web pages will be completed in two months time and launched on Eko Liburnia's web-site ([www.eko-liburnia.hr](http://www.eko-liburnia.hr)) in January 2002.