



Field trip – Project visiting within the Cooperation Committee of the SK-Climate Programme

On November 7-8, 2022, with the participation of [Donor Programme Partners](#), representatives of the National Contact Point - the Ministry of Investments Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic, a representative of Royal Norwegian Embassy in Bratislava and representatives of the Programme Operator of the SK-Climate Programme, which is the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic, the implemented projects implemented under the Calls: [ACC01](#), [ACC02](#) and [ACC03](#) in Central Slovakia were visited.



[Visit No. 1](#)

The entry point of the program was a visit in Tisovec, where the project at the Secondary Vocational School is implemented under the project No. ACC03P13 titled as: "**Give future generations a chance for better life**". The students traditionally welcomed the Norwegian delegation with bread and salt, followed by a presentation of the project's outputs. The main goal of the project is to raise the awareness of students, teachers and the public about mitigation and adaptation to climate change by focusing on theoretical education together with practical implementation.

The project activities includes environmental education - elaboration of a separate teaching subject within optional subjects and updating curricula to implement the mitigation and adaptation theme as part of the curriculum of existing subjects, elaboration of worksheets on specific topics, Installation of waste sorting equipment - collecting containers, building vermicomposters. Installation of rainwater

collection containers for watering the Walipini greenhouse. Building green hypoallergenic moss wall to improve the atmosphere and improve air quality. The project also includes awareness-raising activities, propagation and dissemination - workshops for public, lectures for pupils and students, brigades.



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[Visit No. 2](#)

The following stop was in Secondary Vocational School of Trade and Services in Rimavská Sobota, where is the project under title: ACC03P12 - „**Climatic Garden**“ is realized. The project aims to raise awareness of climate change in primary and secondary schools, to create focus on theoretical and practical teaching of students in the field of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The project activities includes construction of Climatic garden, building the self-watering raised beds with useful plants and herbs, lake and rain garden, sensational path, a meditation garden, planting of different plants and trees, building the insect house. Adjusting curricula in the subject Sustainable life and opening an extra-curricular school club. Creating educational materials. Use of educational utilities in Climatic Garden, organizing information events in kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools in the city of Rimavská Sobota, environmental events, lectures and workshops in the Leisure Centre Waste reduction by using the composters and consolidating bilateral partnership with Donor Project Partner – exchanging experience, sharing educational materials in the field of climate change.



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After visiting the schools, the delegation stopped at the projects of the cities of Brezno and Banská Bystrica, implemented as part of the Calls [ClimaUrban](#), which aim was to support systematic planning and implementing of the climate change mitigation and adaptation measures in urban areas.



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[Visit No. 3](#)

The municipality of Brezno is implementing project titled as ACC02P04 – “**Action plan and activities of the City of Brezno**”- designed to mitigate the consequences of climate change implementation of measures, which will contribute to mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

The project activities mandatory includes development of action plan based on analysis of the climate conditions, risk analysis, analysis of the territory vulnerability to climate change and monitoring of areas with rapid water drain and extreme erosion or slipping hazard and elaboration of proposals for action. On the other hand are investments in the buildings realized which are aimed to increase energy efficiency of Kindergartens, alternative elements of green infrastructure in the yard of M. R. Štefánika, green walls of the container stands, conversion of asphalt pitches to bright areas. Energy saving solutions and smart solutions like installation of solar lightning in the parks, installation of air quality sensors are also implemented. Activities are not forgetting transport, where electric car, bicycles and bike stands for the Town Hall employees are arranged. The project includes Green and blue infrastructure elements, Waste management, Water management - bioretention system with functional vegetation for catching and draining rainwater from slopes and soft measures like establishment of a “permanent exhibition - exposition” on the implementation of measures and education on reducing the impact of CO₂, etc.



For more information about the project click [here](#).



Visit No. 4

The last stop was in historical City of Banská Bystrica, where is project No.: ACC01P02 - “Response to Climate Change in the Banská Bystrica” is realized. The municipality is implementing the set of pilot adaptation measures, which are aimed to improve the adaptability of the urban climate in the selected location, while serving as a model for other city districts. Project activities must include the development of action plan, where are climatological assessment, vulnerability assessment, CO₂ inventory, and other inputs involved.

The key activity is the implementation of mitigation measures in city borough called “Fončorda”, where the complex renovation of the kindergarten building is performing now. The implementation of adaptation measures in city borough Fončorda, includes rain gardens, shadowing playgrounds, planting additional greenery, creation of fruit garden, replacement of impermeable surfaces to permeable ones in the kindergarten and primary school.

Other innovative activity is a for example a development of early warning system software for climate change impacts (make use of digital info-panels on bus stops), campaign “Go to work on a bike”.



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The project-monitoring visit took place in a stimulating atmosphere, met mutual expectations and inspired the successful finalization of project activities, while outlining further possible cooperation between the relevant actors of the project.

We look forward to further visits to projects implemented within the SK-Climate Programme.

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