

Responsible party: Radeče Cultural, Tourist and Recreational Centre

Title: Man and Earth – celebrating World Soil Day

Date and location: 22 May 2015, Park Dvor, Magolnik

Target group: the rural population.

Invited stakeholders: pupils, farmers, forest owners, the horticultural society and folk singers.

Event content

- **Professional part:** lectures by Dr Mojca Kokot Kranjc from the Biotechnical Faculty in Maribor and by Dr Aleksander Marinšek from the Slovenian Forestry Institute, familiarisation with the pedology and geology of the area, and raising awareness of the significance of World Soil Day and the International Day for Biological Diversity.

- **Practical part:** taking soil samples in the field and analysing them, familiarisation with the geological structure of the soil and different types of rocks, and the characteristics and composition of soil which enables the growth and development of plants and contributes to its quality for agricultural and general use.

Findings and recommendations

- Lifelong learning is vital for rural development.
- Study circles are an excellent example of informal adult education.
- Professional events in the field are effective in imparting knowledge to the participants.
- The support of the Slovenian Institute for Adult Education (material support, presence, study materials, etc.) provides great encouragement to learning communities.
- Links with local stakeholders can improve joint efforts and ensure sustainable development and rich social capital.



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