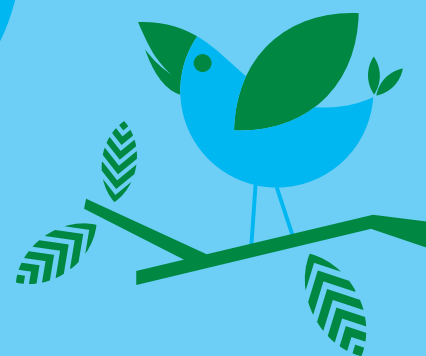
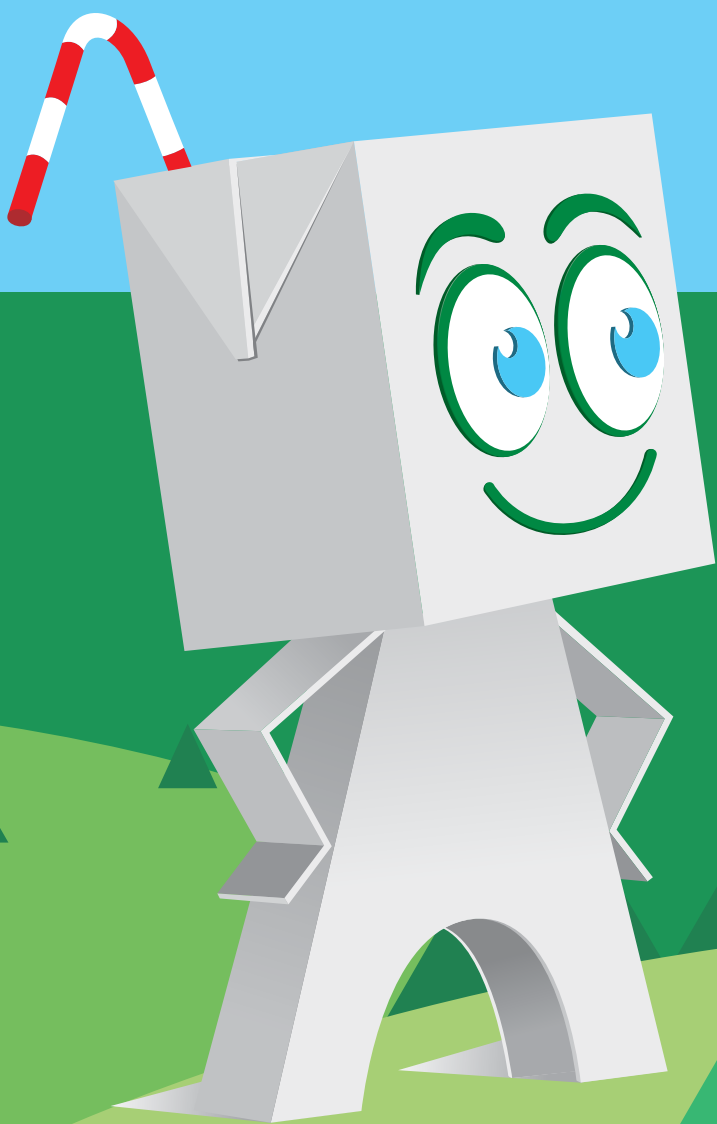


REPORT

Project
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I. BASE LINE- WASTE MANAGEMENT IN MACEDONIA

Securing the basic human right to live in clean and healthy environment is one of the main goals of the Republic of Macedonia on the way to become a member of the EU. The Right to clean and healthy environment in the legal system of the Republic of Macedonia is recognized by the Constitution and the special importance is evident from the fact that this right is provided as one of the fundamental values of the constitutional order of the Republic of Macedonia.

The EU accession and cooperation with the EU has had a significant impact on Macedonia and it is the main driving force to national environmental reforms with adopting the EU legislation. The Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning (MOEPP) is the responsible ministry to coordinate issues of environment, nature and physical planning.

The Republic of Macedonia has traced its way through resolution of environmental problems on its own territory that are similar to those in the other countries in the region, and one of them is the lack of regional integrated systems for municipal solid waste management. Although progress has been rather slow in the environmental sector, Macedonia has adopted several national laws throughout the years that regulate the waste problems, such as:

- LAW ON ENVIRONMENT
- LAW ON NATURE PROTECTION
- LAW ON WASTE MANAGEMENT (Law on packaging and packaging waste; Law on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators; Law on management of electrical and electronic equipment and waste electrical and electronic equipment)
- STRATEGY FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT
- NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT (2009-2015)
- NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (2009-2030)

In the past couple of years one of the most amended and popular is the laws for waste management. Apart from adopting the Law on waste management and the national strategy and action plan, the system to deal with data collection, registration and reporting is not yet in place.

According the last Progress report of the country by the EU, there is lack of capacity on local level. To provide local authorities with the capacity needed to implement environmental regulations, the government estimates that it needs to more than double the number of civil servants responsible for environmental implementation in local authorities and greatly increase the number of official inspectors. Furthermore, what is more important, there is a lack of public awareness for environmental protection. Raising awareness on these issues could be beneficial as it could influence and increase governmental decisions on environmental issues.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

ECO SCHOOL PROGRAM MACEDONIA

The international Eco school Program is being implemented in Macedonia since 2005 by OXO as national operator of all programs of the Foundation of Environmental Education (FEE). In 2009 the Government of Republic of Macedonia came up with conclusions about integrating the environmental education in all educational institutions in the country and recognized the Eco-school Program realized by OXO as unique and adequate program for all kindergartens and schools. Nowadays, the Eco-school Program is part of the Annual working programs of all 51 kindergartens, 358 primary schools, 100 secondary schools, 10 private secondary schools and 14 dormitories implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science as part of the national educational program “Integration of Environmental Education in the Macedonian Educational System”.

NATIONAL ECO SCHOOL NETWORK

The National Eco school network was established for the schools and kindergartens and great progress has been made with the realization of the Eco school program (7 steps management, 9 environmental topics and 4 eco standards). OXO evaluates the program realization and the results achieved in the teaching process, management and influence on the local community.

Each year schools and kindergartens are becoming members of the National network and have opportunity for increased cooperation, support, projects implementation, study visits etc. In the school year 2016/2017 the National Eco school network has 56 educational institutions: 9 kindergartens, 38 primary schools and 9 secondary schools.

PROJECT “EKO PAKET MAKEDONIJA”

“Eko paket Makedonija” started with pilot project in the school year 2014/2015 as national competition for primary schools with Green flag members of the National Eco school national network.

The great interest and participation in the pilot project gave opportunity to establish the cooperation with Tetra Pak for the further project realization. Project activities:

- **PRODUCTION OF MATERIALS FOR THE EKO-PAKET**

Handbook, posters, branded bags, branded boxes for schools, certificates for teachers-coordinators for the workshop attendance, certificates for the primary schools for participation in Eko paket project and certificates for the winners of the national competition.

- **EKO PAKET PROMO DAY**

Each year Eko paket promo day is organized for the representatives (principal and teacher-coordinator) from the primary eco schools members of the National network. They are introduced with the project, the national competition and the Tetra Pak beverage carton as selective waste.

- **WEB SITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA: FACEBOOK/YOUTUBE**

The web site www.eko-paket.mk is updated on regular basis with all needed information for the Eko paket project and social media is tool for direct and daily communication with the schools/teachers/students/potential partners.

○ **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

The schools have clear steps and time table for realization of the activities. Each school has to realize: educational presentations and workshops with the students and staff, promote guidelines and workshops for selection of the beverage carton, selection of the beverage carton in the given boxes and bags and design art works on given topics for the National Eko paket competition.

○ **NATIONAL EKO PAKET COMPETITION**

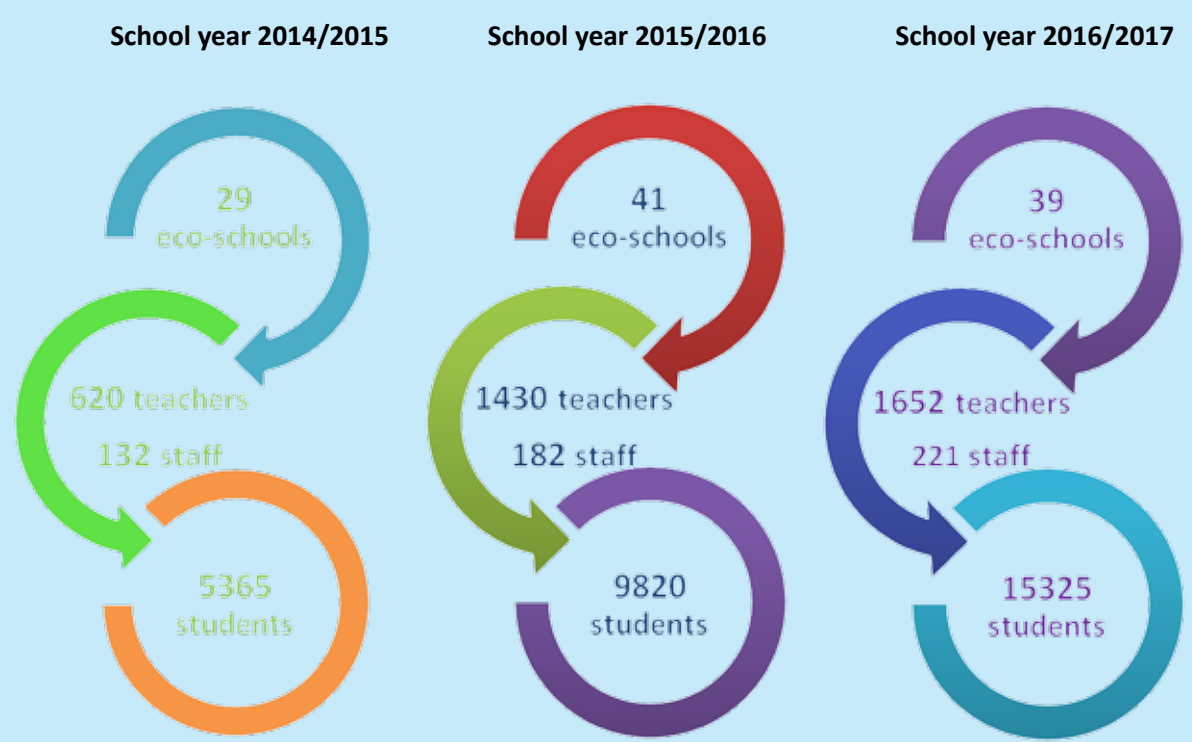
Each March OXO announces the official call for registration of eco schools for the National Eko paket competition. The registered schools compete with 3 best art works winners from the held school competitions. The winners of the National Eko paket competition are chosen from nominated commission and official public event for awarding is held in the week between 1-10th of June as support of the 5th of June, The World Environment Day.

○ **ECO CAMP, OTEHSEVO**

The 5 winning teams on the National Eko paket competition participate on 4 days Eko camp. The camp is in Otehsevo where 25 students and 5 teachers participate in workshops and outdoor activities. The program is designed to offer educational and fun activities. The students have workshops for recycling and reuse of the beverage carton, also educational visits in national park. The teachers have opportunity to develop a practical methodology for integration of the Eko paket project in daily teaching.

III. STATISTICS

i. SCHOOLS/ TEACHERS/STUDENTS



ii. WORKSHOPS

School year
2014/2015

348 educational workshops

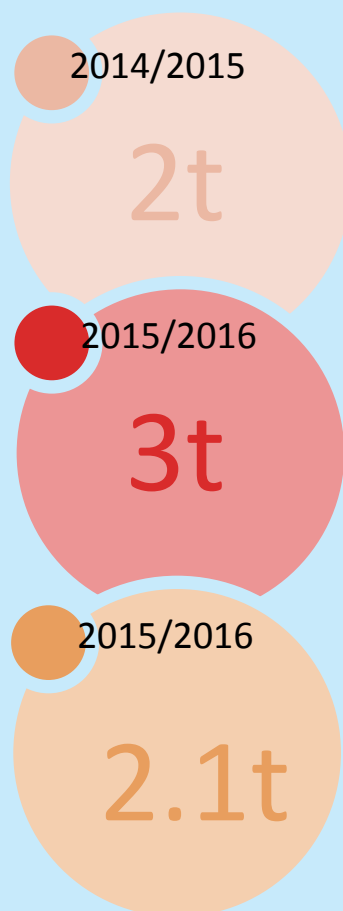
School year
2015/2016

615 educational workshops
420 recycling workshops

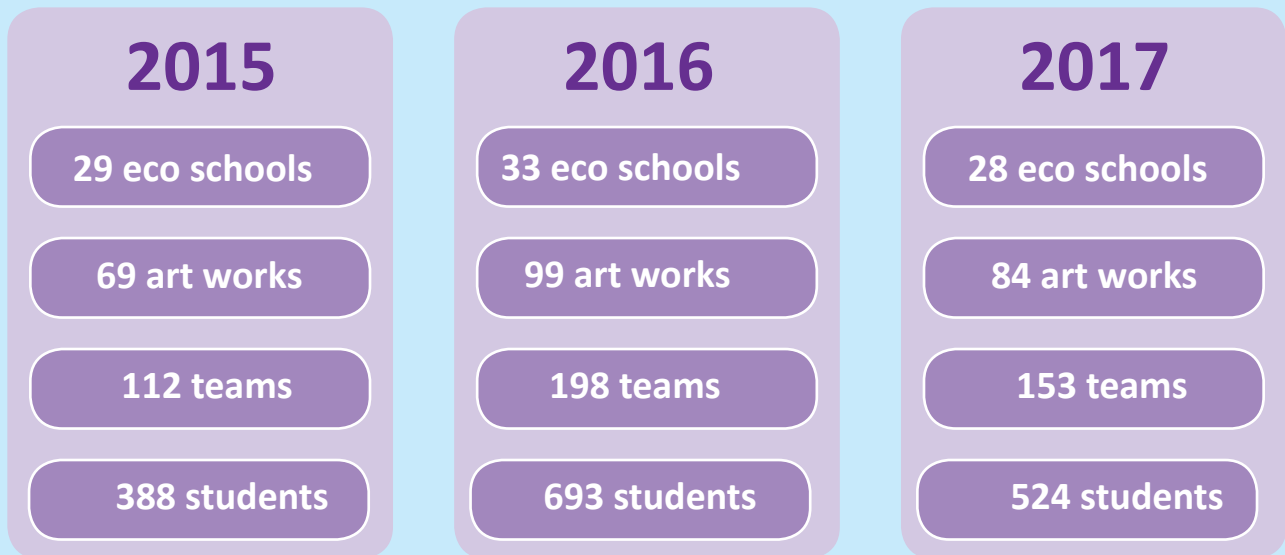
School year
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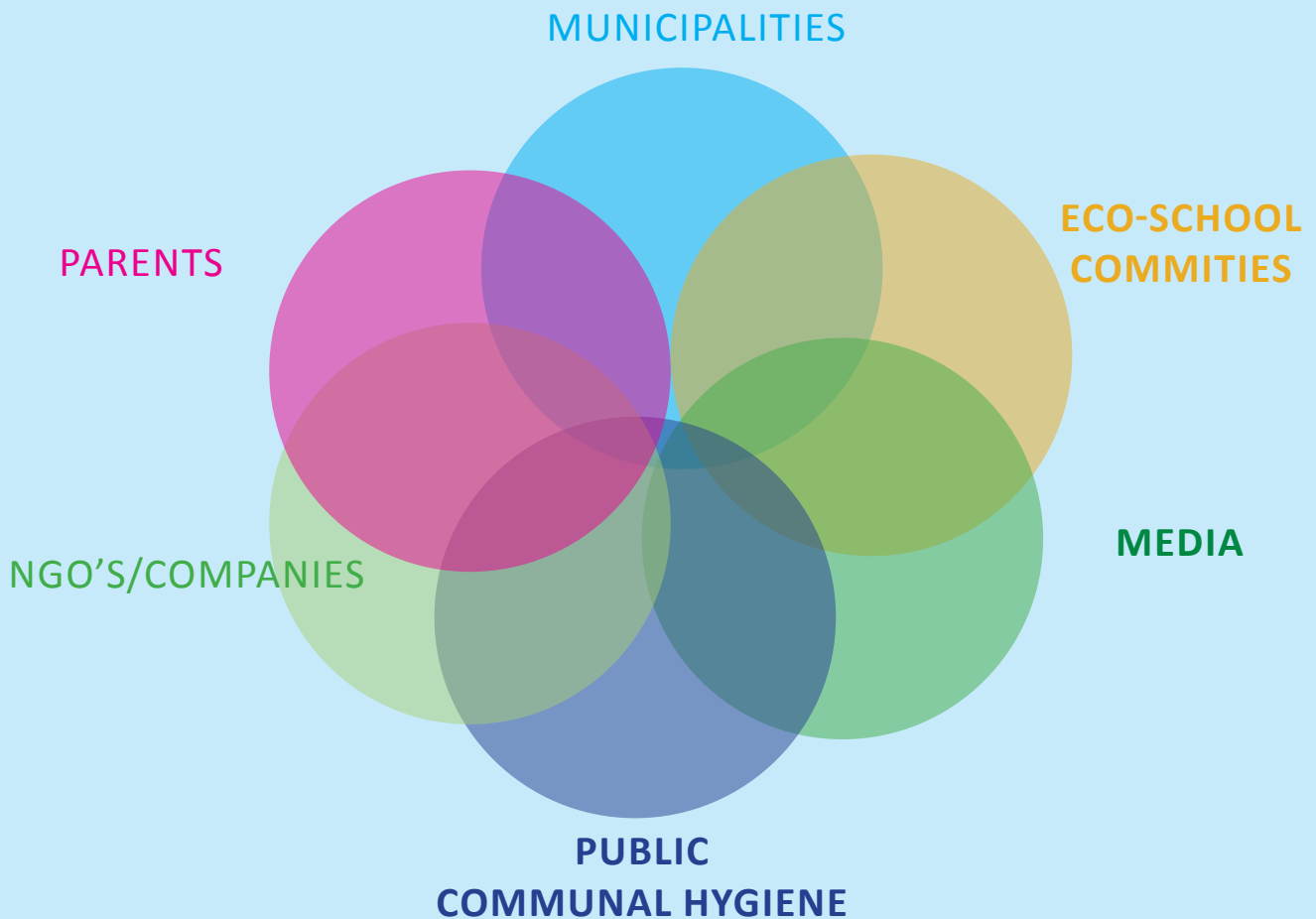
iii. SELECTED BEVERAGE CARTON



iv. NATIONAL COMPETITION



IV. SUPPORTERS



V. PHOTOS

National competition "Life in the forest" 2015



First place "Buf"

OOU "Mirce Acev", Gjorce Petrov



Second place "Sokol"

OOU Toso Velkov Pepeto", Kavadarci



Third place "Zivotot vo sumata"

OOU "Sv. Kirili i Metodij" M. Brod

National competition "Green city" 2016



First place "Green city"

OOU "Sv. Kiril i Metodij", Bitola



Second place "Macedonian eco-city"

OOU "Sv. Kliment Ohridski", M. Brod



Third place "Eco city"

OOU "Nikola Karev" Radovis

National competition "World attractions" 2017



First place „Statue of Liberty“

OOU "Vanco Prke", Stip



Second place „Taj Mahal“

OOU "Sv. Kiril i Metodij", Bitola



Third place "Eiffel Tower"

OOU "Vasil Glavinov", Veles



Eko paket Makedonija 2015



Eko paket Makedonija 2016



Eko paket Makedonija 2017

VI. COMMENTS

"Our school participates in the Eko paket project since 2015 and since then we select the used beverage carton. The students already recognize the bins for selection and established a waste management in the school. The creative art works competition is challenge for everyone in the school and each year we have more teams to compete. This year the recycling workshops were done for the students from 1-5 grades. The older students were the one that were working together with the teachers. We are very happy for the project and we believe that through the school activities we will increase the awareness for waste management in the local community!- OOU Dame Gruev, Gradsko

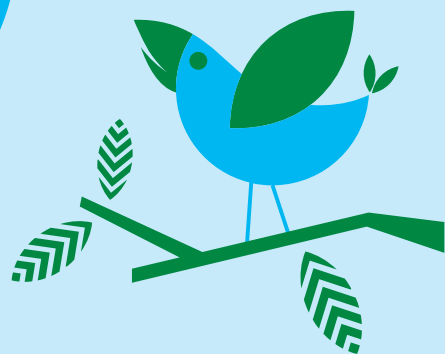
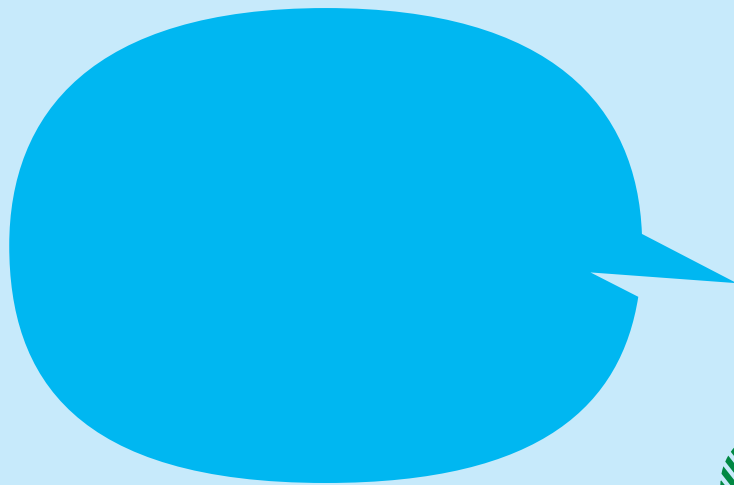
"The project was accepted form everyone in our school (staff, teachers and students) and we had great participation. Also there was a good support from the parents that participated on our school activities. We found as great project for Eco schools and we want more projects like this."
- OOU "Lazo Angelovski", Aerodrom

"We are very happy that we had a chance to participate in the project. We had great school activities and for the first time we start to select used beverage carton. The organization of the awarding exhibition was at the highest level, as it should be having on mind the importance of increasing the awareness among students to reduce waste through its recycling."- OOU "Pere Tosev", Rosoman

"We are very happy for the Eko paket project. All students in our school are involved. We are small school in small city, but we are one of the best Eco schools in the network. We have good waste management within the school and we manage to select beverage carton for second year. The students are very active we had 22 art works on the school competition this year. In these two years of implementation we have two times winning teams (last year 3rd and this 2nd place) and we are looking forward for the next year... we need to win the 1st place! - OOU "Sv. Kliment Ohridski", Makedonski Brod

"The waste management is great concept that for sure is needed to be involved through the school environment where the children learn, gain skills, habits and share knowledge. Eko paket is good project for primary school students and was good implemented in our school. We just want to point out that without established system for waste management on local level the school can become full with waste from used beverage carton!" - OOU "Rade Kratovce", Kocani

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