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ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

Association of Citizens “Plant” is a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit organization, established on March 23rd 2005 in Niš in order to achieve the goals in the field of environmental protection, improvement of democratic processes, human rights protection and the development and improvement of the civil society.

The mission of “Plant” is to encourage and mobilize citizens to build a democratic society, promote sustainable development, environmental protection and protection of human rights and improving the position of young people and their involvement in decision-making processes.

“Plant” has a broad field of interest and is permanently engaged in a number of diverse activities. Therefore, we gather a large number of recognized experts/professionals from various fields of expertise who are engaged as implementers or facilitators at the accepted projects. Those experts set the goals and accomplish specific tasks successfully at the highest of proficiency.

At 27.11.2014 Plant was registered as Association for youth in Ministry of youth and sport of Republic of Serbia, and registered in its list as No. 895.

Objectives of Association are:

- improvement of environmental protection, public advocacy, education of citizens, especially children and the youth on the significance of maintaining and the improvement of energy efficiency,
- development and improvement of democratic processes, human rights protection, sensitizing society for the inclusion of marginalized groups and gender equality advocacy,
- improvement of the status of youth and their inclusion in the process of decision-making, formal and nonformal education and the development and improvement of the society.
- improvement of local economic development through raising public awareness and connection of public, private and civil sectors.



To fulfill its aims Association particularly:

- 1) collects and processes scientific and professional literature in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development;
- 2) conducts evaluation, needs assessment, research and analysis in the field of operation of the Association
- 3) organizes, solely or in partnership with other organizations / institutions, professional meetings, conferences, round tables, forums, conferences and other events
- 4) provides all forms of formal and non-formal education in the field of operation of the Association
- 5) publishes books and other publications in the field of operation of the Association
- 6) organizes domestic and foreign experts to work on training within the realization of the objectives of the Association
- 7) organizes volunteering actions;
- 8) collaborates with public, private and civil sector institutions (universities, schools, vocational associations, agencies, OCD, and other organizations in the country and abroad);
- 9) draws up and implements projects in the field of Association's scope of activity to resolve problems and support democratic society;
- 10) involves all stakeholders in the process of decision making during the whole project cycle, in the field of: environmental protection, sustainable development, society democratization, improvement of the youth status, public policy, inclusion of marginalized groups, gender equality, formal and non-formal education, local economic growth, poverty alleviation, entrepreneurship, social entrepreneurship, agriculture, health service, culture and civil society development.



PROJECTS

During 2017 the Association has implemented the following projects:

PROJECT: “CHANGE HABITS – SAVE ENERGY”

During November and December 2017, Plant implemented the project “CHANGE HABITS – SAVE ENERGY”, which was supported by the City of Niš, the Secretariat for Environmental Protection.

The goal of the project is to raise awareness and encourage primary school students to preserve natural resources and their sustainable use through water and electricity savings and the use of renewable energy sources.

Results of the project:

- 100 students were interviewed before education and after education and the measured effect of education
- realized set of 8 education in two primary schools: Karadjordje in Gornji Matejevac and Cegar in Nis
- Measured electricity and water consumption in two schools before the start of the project and after the completion of the project
- demonstrated use of photovoltaic panels

PROJECT: Climate Change and European Integration: What is the Price of Pollution?

In November 2017, PLANT started the implementation of the project “Climate Change and European Integration: What is the Price of Pollution?”, Which was supported by the European Movement in Serbia.

This project is part of a larger project “Europe for Me” implemented by the European Movement in Serbia with the support of the Delegation of the European Union. The aim of the project is to increase the knowledge of the citizens of Serbia on the European values and functioning of the European Union, as well as to approximate the process of Serbia’s accession



to the EU, and use and influence their daily lives in the negotiation process. The primary target group is young people, the media, and the general population on the whole territory of Serbia.

Achieved results in 2017 are:

1. Recorded 3 media records/survey:

The survey with high school students you can see [HERE](#)

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The survey with students you can see [HERE](#)

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The survey with citizens you can see [HERE](#)

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2. Realized educations in 3 secondary schools in Nis and 2 secondary schools in Prokuplje

ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Within the campaign "Healthy Youth", we have organized workshops entitled "Healthy lifestyles and protection of reproductive health in young people" for pupils of the following high schools:

-Gymnasium Svetozar Markovic

-Gymnasium Stevan Sremac

- Art School in Niš

- Catering school in Niš

Workshops were conducted by Sonja Novak, medical doctor, spec. of epidemiology.

We have implemented workshops, in five secondary schools in Nis and Prokuplje, within the project "Climate change and European integration: What is the cost of pollution?", supported by the European Movement in Serbia.



In celebration of International Human Rights Day, 10th December, we organized training "We all have the right to a healthy environment " in Food and Chemical high school in Niš

In the context of marking the World AIDS Day, on December 1st, we organized a workshop at the gymnasium Stevan Sremac.

Representative of Plant has participated with an active role in the First Workshop for Secondary School students within the project "My YES - Voice of Reason" implemented by the Center for the Development of Civil Society PROTECTA from Nis, supported by the Ministry of Environmental Protection. At the workshop, the representative of Plant spoke about the possibilities and all the efforts that the civil sector in Nis invests in the promotion of environmental protection, and in the creation of environmental policy, in the city of Nis.

On October 30th 2017, Plant representatives attended training on the implementation of the Guidelines for the civil society organizations involvement in the process of adoption of regulations, organized by the Office for Cooperation with Civil Society of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, the Resource Center of Civic Initiatives and the TACSO Office in Serbia.

On October 20th and 21st 2017, representatives of Plant participated in a two-day workshop within the project "Partnership to the Good Public Administration" organized by the European Movement in Serbia and the Center for European Policies.

On October 19th 2017, Plant representatives participated in the Focus Group, which was aimed at analyzing the opportunities for inclusion of the Civil Society Organization in monitoring the provision of public services in Nis, as well as the possibility for the civil sector to influence decision-makers.

The focus group was organized within the project "Citizen's observatory - quality public services in the local community", which was implemented by Protecta within the WEBER network.

Representatives of Plant participated on the round table on 09.10.2017 entitled "Women as bearers of changes in the field of environment protection" organized by the Cobra Group in partnership with Young Researchers of Serbia.



The aim of the round table was to initiate debate and increase the understanding of the role of women in the reforms brought by the application of EU regulations in Serbia.

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Plant representatives participated in a two-day training on organizational development with a focus on action planning and how to build a support base, on July 18th and 19th in Belgrade, organized by ORCA through the implementation of the CSOnnect program.

On June 9th and 10th in Belgrade, we participated in the 'Training for organizing within the community', hold by the TACSO Resource Center of Civic Initiatives

On June 6th 2017, we participated in the analysis of FREN regarding the involvement of citizens in addressing issues of relevance for them and their communities, led by consultants Valery Perry and Dragana Marjanovic.

On June 1st 2017, in the EU info corner of Niš, we attended the presentation of the latest report on Serbia's progress in implementing the reforms in the areas of judiciary and fundamental rights (Chapter 23) and Justice, Freedom and Security (Chapter 24) presented by 'prEUugovor' (transl. prEUagreement) in cooperation with PROTECTA from Nis

Plant representatives attended Training for Monitoring and Evaluation of Civil Society Organizations, organized by TACSO Resource Center of Civic Initiatives, hold on May 30th and 31st in Belgrade.

We celebrated the World Environment Day on the theme "Connecting People with Nature" on June 5th 2017

Representatives of Plant attended the Panel discussion within the project 'I want to stay in Serbia' that was implemented by Azbuki Association from Nis on May 8th 2017

Representatives of Plant attended the info session, invited by the "CIVIL SOCIETY FACILITY AND MEDIA PROGRAM 2016-2017", organized on April 19th 2017 in the EU Info Center in Belgrade



We marked the Earth Day, April 22nd with the set of education for the youngest in order to raise awareness of the environmental vulnerability.

On April 12th 2017, representatives of Plant attended the info session on Regional Office for Youth Cooperation organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Belgrade Open School and the Youth Organization of Serbia. The aim of the info session was to present RKSM, planned programs and activities.

On March 31st, representatives of Plant participated in the training "EU funds - projects and partnerships" within the EUTEKA project

On March 30th and 31st 2017, Plant representatives attended a two-day Training on European Integration Processes for CSOs organized by the Rural Development Network of Serbia from Kraljevo

On March 25th, by turning of the light from 20:30 to 21:30, PLANT joined the largest global action: HOUR FOR OUR PLANET

PLANT marked the World Forest Day, March 21st, with a set of education in primary schools.

MEDIA

12.09.2017	Narodne novine – article of press conference of the project Change habits – support nature
29.03.2017.	Radio “Glas” guesting http://radioglas.rs/2017/03/29/udruzenje-plant/
15 03 2017	Reportage in the National TV Pink News https://youtu.be/JDmXp4Pwyos



28.02.2017	Reportage of press conference TV Zona plus http://tvzonaplus.rs/osnazivanje-mladih-kroz-poljoprivredu/
28.02.2017	Reportage of press conference Jug media http://jugmedia.rs/mladi-povrtari-formirali-preduzece-ogledna-basta/

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