



Project Partners

Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

The Children Theatre Centre, Skopje

Facts and Figures

- EU contribution: € 13,000
- Duration: June 2011
- 48 performances in kindergartens throughout the country
- Over 4,000 children educated in 12 towns

Infrastructure and environment

“Let me tell you a secret about the environment”

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

“The children were truly engaged. This play was a refreshment of what we are already learning here. I was delighted by the play, and the children watched it with great interest.”

Bozana Markovska, psychologist, educator and manager of kindergarten Montessori (Izvorche)



Context **Climate change and environmental protection are complex issues for children to understand.**

Teaching children about the environment is vital for the future. Therefore kindergarten programmes include learning about nature, pollution, climate change and other environmental issues. However, the issues are complex for children to understand and kindergartens have limited resources for dealing with such topics. Theatre can be an effective way to teach and involve children. That is why the EU, together with the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, organised a project around a play based on the brochure “Let me tell you a secret about the environment”. The scenario was developed to help children grasp problems and understand that solutions are sometimes very simple.

Objectives

- Increase the environmental awareness of children and their parents.
- Educate children so that they become active agents of sustainable and equitable development.

Impact

- More than 4,000 children from 12 towns enjoyed the play and participated actively in discussions about the issues instigated by the adventures of the main characters.
- Thousands of children were better able to understand vital environmental issues, and were inspired to take positive action.
- The project also extends to families - inspired by the play, the children carried the message back to their homes.