





Fourth educational event for elementary school students

Overview		
Date	26.03.2021	
Venue	ZOOM platform	
Aim of the event	Introduction of the educational materials related to circular economy and sustainable development through presentation, videos and quiz in order to bring closer the opportunities, challenges and solutions of the bioeconomy to the elementary school students.	

Short resume

The Strumica region is part of the BE-Rural project funded by the "Horizon 2020" program of the European Union. The project aims to bring the concept of bioeconomy closer to the stakeholders in the region, to map the opportunities and potentials of the region, as well as to develop roadmaps and strategies for bioeconomy development.

To continue the educational events planned for the Strumica region for students in elementary and secondary education, the fourth educational event was held for students from the elementary school "Goce Delchev" – municipality of Bosilovo on 26.03.2021 starting at 12 am via ZOOM platform. The educational event was attended by 25 participants, including students from sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grades, the class teacher as well as representatives of SDEWES-Skopje. The topic of the event was: The Role of Bioeconomy: Opportunities, Challenges and Solutions.

The initial part of the educational event was about the concept and ideas of BE-Rural which were explained in order to introduce the students with the goals of the project. The focus of the presentation was the synergies of various aspects of bioeconomy. The students were introduced to concepts such as biomass, bioeconomy, etc. The linkages of bioeconomy, climate change and ecologic limits were also highlighted. Sustainability is closely related to bioeconomy, so the concept of sustainable resource utilization was elaborated in detail through the sustainability diagram. It was of great benefit to emphasize the importance of sustainable development goals by highlighting the most important ones for the bioeconomy and their role in the accomplishing the bioeconomy concept. Bioeconomy in a rural ambient was shown with a video that in an interesting way summarize the main aspects of the lesson and will help the students to remember the key points. The following part of the presentation was more focused on bioeconomy resources, i.e. different types and how they can be utilized. Examples of small pelleting and mobile wood chips technologies and bio-based products from such waste were presented. Some examples of bio-products such as healthy drink from coniferous trees, eco hair brush from wild boar hair and wood, mycelium and agricultural residues pots and biofuel were interesting for the students. At the end of the class, students actively participated in several quiz questions via chat.

Having in mind the current situation with the pandemic, the educational events are organized virtually, with the possibility of replication in physical events when suitable situation occur. The feedback from the students and teachers is more than satisfactory with an eagerness for these events to continue in the future.

Particip				
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3	Ksenija	Nikolova	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Teacher
4	Kire	Crnacki	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/6
5	Mihail	Gavrovski	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/7
6	Gligor	Jankov	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/7
7	Ivana	Mukanova	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/7
8	Lea	Gjorgjieva	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/7
10	Martin	Gavrovski	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/7
11	Jasmina	Vlahovska	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/7
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13	Marija	Doneva	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/8
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15	Simeona	Nikolova	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/8
16	Kristina	Jankovska	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/8
17	Nevenka	Mancheva	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/8
18	Ivana	Zimbakova	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/8
19	Simona	Stojanova	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/8
20	Klaudija	Pandeva	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/9

21	Velika	Nikolova	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/9
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24	Rade		Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/9
25	Darko	Gavrovski	Elementary school – municipality of Bosilovo	Student/9

Agenda		
12:00 – 12:05	 Welcome and introduction Technical setup and explanation of the technical tools Consent forms Feedback form 	
12:05 – 12:45	Presentation on the topic: Opportunities, challenges and solutions of bioeconomy • Focus on bioeconomy, biodiversity, sustainability, ecological limits, sustainable development goals, technological solutions for the agricultural and forestry sector, bio-based products • Quiz • Video	
12:45 – 12:50	Discussion and conclusions	



