

**Project name:** ECHO! – Strengthening eco-activism for emergency climate action

**Project promotor:** Green Action

**Partners:**

- Pan - Association for Environment and Nature Protection
- NGO for promotion of organic farming, environmental protection and sustainable development “Eko-Zadar”
- Brod Ecological Society - BED
- Nature and Youth

**Project implementation period:** 1.12.2020. – 30.11.2022.

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**Project summary:**

ECHO! – Strengthening eco-activism for emergency climate action is a project aimed at solving the problem of the climate crisis and building a networked climate movement in the Republic of Croatia. Planet Earth has periodically warmed and cooled during the past, but today we are at a time in history when the biggest cause of its warming is human activities such as deforestation, livestock and burning fossil fuels. The consequences are catastrophic: rising sea levels due to melting glaciers, population migration, forest fires, droughts, floods, destroyed habitats. But there are solutions, and the ECHO project! will, through the cooperation of the involved associations, organizations and volunteers / activists, conduct various activities, workshops and trainings that will contribute to their finding and application. Increased capacities of activist groups, lawyers, informal initiatives and civil society organizations will work together to create strong climate policies and thus contribute at the national level. The Environmental Film Festival in Zagreb, local and national education and campaigns, the publication of the Climate Activist Cookbook and a collection of short stories and poems from the genre of climate fiction - Homo climaticum are some examples of good practice to be implemented, express and offer your vision and possible solutions to the challenges posed by climate change.

Expected changes after the project implementation:

- active participation of project holders and partners in creating ambitious climate policies
- expanding the knowledge base of activist practices in advocating climate policies
- increased capacities of local activist groups, civil society organizations and informal initiatives and improved networking
- strengthened knowledge exchange and building national networks between participants in the Republic of Croatia and partner organizations from Norway and activists from the Western Balkans region
- establishment of a system for monitoring relevant climate policies and energy projects in the Republic of Croatia by project partners and their involvement in the adoption of climate policies at the national level
- creating space for intergenerational and intercultural exchange of knowledge and joint activities of all age groups for climate and environmental protection in Zadar, Karlovac and Slavonski Brod