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YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT

1998

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

346

NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

31

VISION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Croatia is a country with preserved natural values, marine and coastal environment and local communities, whose development depends on the principles of sustainability and circular economy.



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1. SUMMARY

In 2021, a new strategic planning cycle was completed and, in June of that same year the *Strategic Plan of the Sunce 2021-2026* was adopted, despite the difficult work circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. There are four strategic objectives that Sunce has set. The new Strategic Plan was implemented only in the second half of 2021, however, some indicators of the achievement of strategic objectives were achieved and are presented in the following chapter. Among the significant achievements, related to the thematic areas of work, is the adoption of action plans for reducing plastic pollution in the cities of Dubrovnik, Trogir, Stari Grad on Hvar and the municipality of Sali on Dugi Otok. These plans were accompanied by decisions to limit the use of single-use plastics for cities/municipalities and institutions, as well as companies (co)owned by these cities/municipalities. With the adoption of these documents, these cities and municipalities have made a leap forward and, by means of own acts, have encouraged the prioritization of *reducing waste generation* in waste management, which is often not the case. We have been dealing with the topic of marine litter for many years, but in 2021 efforts to improve the internal organization of work on this issue have intensified, in order to ensure the continuity of evidence-based advocacy, in particular by collecting and processing data on marine litter through the implementation of cleaning actions through which marine litter is monitored, with the application of *Protocol for Organizing Clean-up Actions in the Marine Environment and Coastal area on the Territory of the Republic of Croatia, the Collection and Processing of Data of Marine Litter*.

A significant shift in the work of Sunce, and especially the Department of Environmental Law, was the education on advocacy held within the framework of the *SEAS project – Preserving the Adriatic Sea Ecosystems by Active Participation of CitizenS*, which has given us an insight into the methods and effects of using legal and communication tools in advocacy. The first national campaign on the impacts of embankment has been developed; also, the evidence base for the treatment has been strengthened in the light of conducted studies. There have also been numerous collaborations with citizens' initiatives that have enabled better treatment of environmental cases. The local and national presence of the Association Sunce has been continued in numerous working groups established by public authorities. Unfortunately, some groups were not active, while in some there was no possibility for a significant impact.

In the field of nature protection, the year was marked by Sunce's advocacy successes largely related to the adoption of two regulations: the amendment of the Regulation on Conducting Commercial Fishing at Sea Using Shore Seines and the Regulation on Protection and Preservation of the *Telašćica* Nature Park. The former brought bans on coastal sites for shore seines in the Natura 2000 sites, within which the target habitat are *Posidonia* meadows, as well as in protected areas, and a general ban on *šabakun* fishing gear.

The latter regulation has fully established new no-take zones and has finally completed the legal framework for the effective management of the *Telašćica* Nature Park, which Sunce has been advocating for many years. Also, after more than 20 years of advocacy, which Sunce formed part of, ecological anchorages were installed in the *Kornati* National Park. The installation of these anchorages was accompanied by the campaign *Become a Posidonia Keeper*, and the implementation of the SASPAS project, aimed at boaters coming to the National Park *Kornati*. Intensive work was carried out regarding the consultation processes for the development of eight management plans for the areas of the Krka estuary, the island of Hvar, the Bay of Mali Ston, Pelješac, Korčula, Sniježnica, Konavle field and Mljet; 21 workshops for stakeholders and 11 internal workshops were organized. A whole series of marine field surveys was carried out.

Progress has also been made in the field of educations that we conduct, and with the project *Sustainable Student Companies in Croatian High Schools – Green Companies Promote Sustainable Entrepreneurial Thinking and Action of Young People in Croatia*, in addition to educating about sustainability and environmentally responsible business, the entrepreneurial spirit of high school students is also encouraged, resulting in a student product made jointly by three sustainable student companies.

The year was also marked by the continuation of the adaptation to the pandemic in accordance with the measures and requirements of the client/donor, which required greater organizational engagement. Namely, part of the educational activities was held in a hybrid format, while a part of public events, such as the 10th Split Bike Tour, was held in an altered form due to epidemiological measures. Although online work has shown some advantages, we nevertheless conclude that this part of the activity is better carried out in live format.

The lack of public events has also caused fewer hours of volunteering compared to 2020.

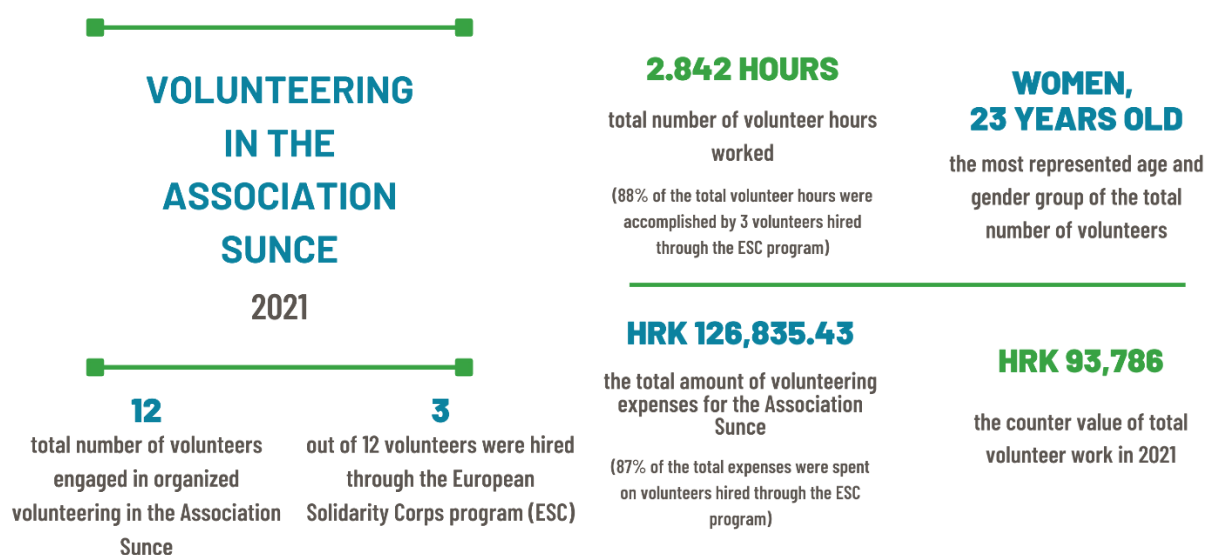


Figure 1 Quantitative volunteering data in 2021

However, in 2021 we have successfully gone through the complex process of awarding the Quality Label of the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes for the implementation of the European Solidarity Corps program for a period of seven years (2021-2027) for the role of a leading organization.

Despite the restrictions, media coverage has grown by as much as 80% compared to 2020. A total of 269 texts, i.e. contributions, on the work of Sunce and on the topics, activities and projects on which Sunce works on, as well as its opinions, have been published in the public media.

At the organizational level, we would like to point out that 2021 was the year without institutional support from the National Foundation for Civil Society Development. However, in 2020, Sunce managed to provide funding aimed at organizational development. The funds were provided by the SAES – *Preserving the Adriatic Sea Ecosystems by Active Participation of CitizenS*, and were aimed at developing and strengthening the capacity for advocacy and public communication, as well as the development of the membership. In early 2021 the support of the MAVA Foundation for the diversification of sources of work financing was provided as well. Within the framework of the SEAS project, employee education was carried out to strengthen skills

and knowledge for advocacy and public communication, and the development of a two-year *Membership Development Plan*, by designing and implementing questionnaires for members began. The total number of members at the end of 2021 was 330.

As part of the MAVA support in 2021, we focused on forming a team for financing and strengthening human fundraising capacities. This shows that 2021 was marked by the improvement of the work of the organization and the strengthening of human capacities, which was ultimately reflected in the number of projects and activities, followed by an increase in the number of employees. Namely, in 2021, the Association exceeded 20 employees (in 2020, the annual number of employees was 15.15), which required changes related to the organization of work and fulfilment of obligations arising from the Labour Law and other accompanying legislative acts.

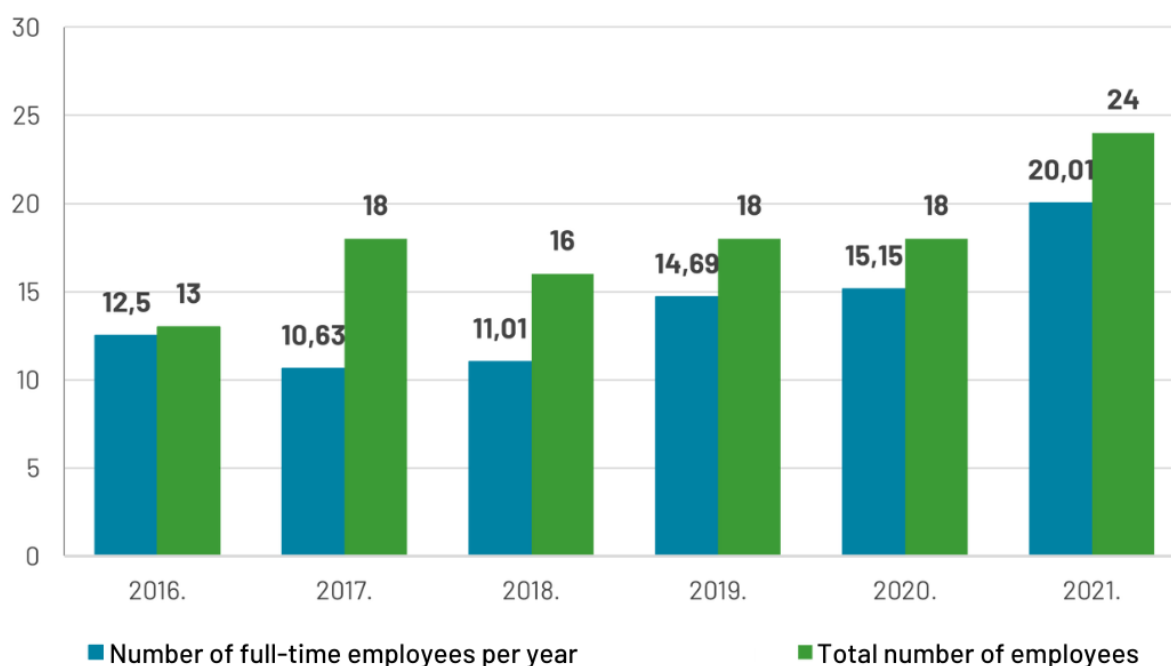


Figure 2 Overview of the number of employees in the period from 2016 to 2021

In April 2021, we were approached by the Sigrid Foundation, which recognized our work in the field of nature protection and, after the evaluation process, we have achieved one year's support. In addition to achievements in the field of work, this Foundation pays great attention to ethical standards, ensuring transparency and high standards in labour policies. The support of this Foundation confirms our many years of efforts to develop the organization and achieve thematic goals.

In addition to projects, the provision of services continued to be a significant part of Sunce's total revenue, or 16.91%, which is essential for us to ensure financial sustainability and stability. The share of service revenue is lower than in 2020. However, Sunce's total revenue have increased by 14% in relation to the previous year and have amounted to HRK 4,341,466, which affected the share of economic activity.

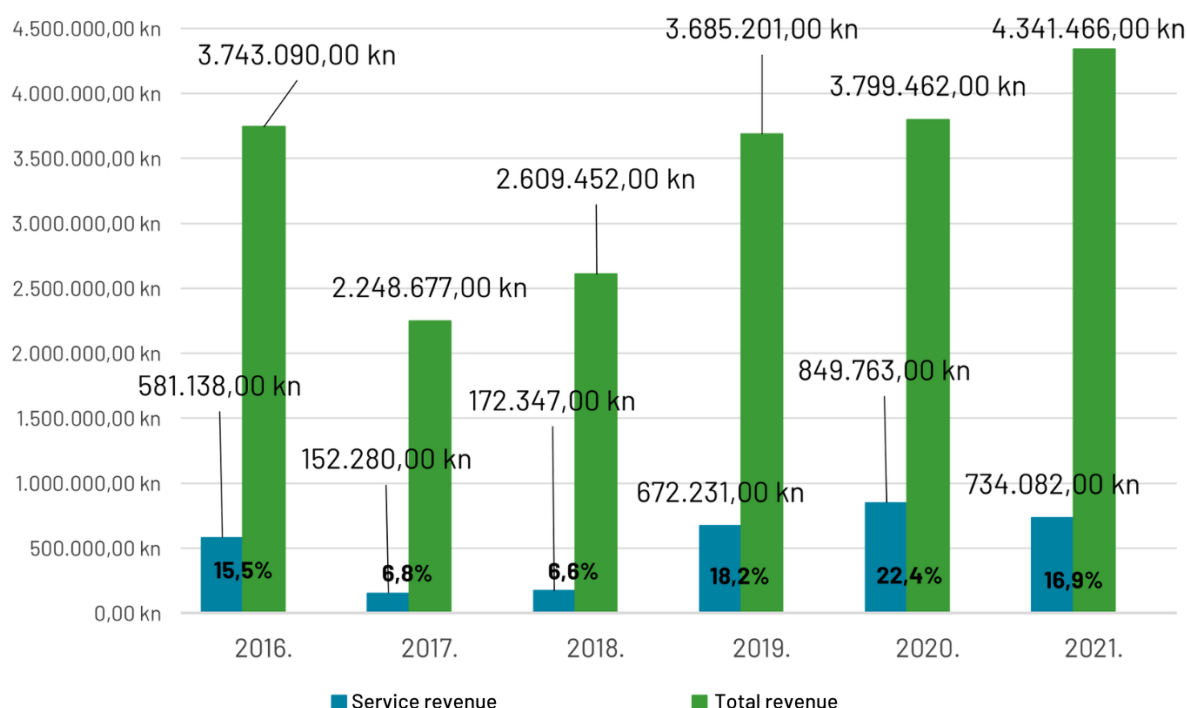


Figure 3 Trends in service revenue and total revenue 2016-2021

The following chapters present an overview of the achievements of the strategic objectives of the new *Strategic Plan 2021-2026*, Sunce's financial statement, an overview of the activities and results of programs and departments, and activities related to organizational objectives and development in 2021. More detailed information about the activities carried out is regularly published on the official Sunce's (www.sunce-st.org) web page and the official Facebook page, as well as on the website and Facebook pages created by individual projects.

2. RESULTS BY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR 2021-2026

2.1. Strategic objective 1: Contribution to establishment of sustainable waste management system on land and sea

Despite the change of local government, cooperation was established with the City of Split and a meeting was held with the new Mayor. Waste management was one of the central themes of this meeting.

The new city government decided to include people with relevant knowledge and experience on the supervisory and management boards of public companies. Thus, among hundreds of candidates, an employee of Sunce Andrea Tvrdić was elected to the supervisory board of the utility company Čistoća d.o.o. Split, while Ivana Krstulović Baković was elected to the supervisory board of Parkovi i nasadi d.o.o. Membership of these supervisory boards and the impact on sustainable management of waste and green areas will be revised after a year to decide on the continued engagement of these employees. Encouraging participation is Sunce's mission; however, it is extremely important that the results of these participations are clearly visible. In 2021, the Association advocated the further work of the Working Group on the Implementation of the *Waste Management Plan* in the City of Split, but the new government did not start it off.

In total, three projects regarding the topic of waste management were active: *Plastic Smart Cities (PSC) Croatia – Dubrovnik*, *PSC Croatia – Trogir* and *For Plastic-Free Croatian Islands*, of which PSC projects were also successfully completed. As part of the project *For Plastic-Free Croatian Islands*, we have launched a national communication and advocacy campaign *Together Without Plastics* in cooperation with Zelena akcija, a partner on the project, and the networks Anti-plastic Coalition and Zero Waste Croatia. This campaign, still active, began with the installation of an exhibition on Hvar, as part of the Jelsa Art Biennale. It includes education and information about measures and activities regarding reducing plastic waste generation, and we implement it through social networks, radio broadcasts, public events and roundtables with decision-makers. Also, we have been intensively advocating for the reduction of plastics by working in the Committee for Single-use Plastics (SUP) Directive and the drafting of the Packaging Regulations encouraged by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development. Some of our proposals for the implementation of the first step of priorities in waste management were included in the draft Regulations, but the draft has not yet entered into the adoption process in 2021. In addition to the above-mentioned, we participated in the public consultation for the proposal of the *Waste Management Plan of the Republic of Croatia for the Period 2017-2022* - audit for the period 2022, as well as the consultation for the *Development Strategy of the City of Split until 2030* in which waste management is one of the chapters within the *Urban environment* part. Four expert analyses of the current state of plastic waste management, i.e. plastic use in local communities, and, on their basis, action plans for the reduction of plastic waste for the period 2021-2026 have been produced (Dubrovnik, Trogir, Stari Grad on Hvar and Sali). Furthermore, four cities adopted *Decision to limit the use of single-use plastics* for institutions and companies (co)owned by the City/Municipality. Thus, already in 2021, we have achieved 40% of the results planned to be accomplished by the end of the implementation of the *Strategic Plan of Sunce 2021-2026*. However, we still have to monitor the implementation of these decisions and action plans and encourage it through education, communication and through the media. In addition to education for partner cities and municipalities regarding these projects, for which two-day workshops on sustainable waste management were organized for key stakeholders, i.e. representatives of public institutions and companies, we also implemented education services for key stakeholders and the general public. Services were carried out for Orebić and Jelsa. In 2021,

five "plastic free" public events were held, two in Dubrovnik and two in Trogir as part of the PSC project and one in Stari Grad as part of the *For Plastic-Free Croatian Islands*.

We held an online meeting with the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development on May 31, 2021 to identify possibilities for further use and promotion of the *Protocol for Organizing Clean-up Actions in the Marine Environment and Coastal area on the Territory of the Republic of Croatia, the Collection and Processing of Data of Marine Litter*.

We also participated in an online meeting of the Seas at Risk network named *Marine Litter Meeting* where we exchanged information on current projects and ways of monitoring marine litter with the members of the Seas at Risk network. A base has been created that includes systematization and enlisting of all marine litter cleaning actions carried out by Sunce, a description of the area being cleaned, the type of cleaning action, and data on the collected waste. Eight clean-up events were organized, of which two used simple monitoring of marine litter. Among them are three clean-up events in the area of the *Lastovo Archipelago* Nature Park, which carried out the fourth monitoring of the state of marine litter in this area using detailed monitoring approach. As part of the clean-up operations, we educated participants about simple monitoring of marine litter and stressed the importance of its implementation. During the year, eight new collaborations were achieved and cooperation with seven organizations/local self-government units/institutions continued regarding beach clean-ups and diving actions.

On the topic of marine litter as part of the *LIFE Artina* project, the *Final Technical Report on the Monitoring of Marine Litter and a Proposal for Measures to Reduce it* was prepared, which presents the results of two years of monitoring of marine litter in the area of NP *Lastovo Archipelago*. The summary is published on the [LIFE Artina](#) project website. Furthermore, in cooperation with the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, the professional paper *Marine Litter – Potentials of Civil Society Organizations* was produced, which is published in the journal *Hrvatska vodoprivreda*, number 237.



Figure 4 Photos from the events covered by Strategic objective 1(Archives of the Association). (**A** – Capacity building workshop in Sali as part of the BeMed project; **B** – Plastic-Free Advent (BeMed project); **C**– Swap fair as part of the PSC project; **D** – counting the waste collected during the monitoring operation on the island of Lastovo as part of the LIFE Artina project; **E** – Workshop with interested public on Plastic-Free Advent (BeMed project))

2.2. Strategic objective 2: Increased level of environmentally responsible behaviour of wider public and target groups

As part of Sunce's work as a teaching base for students of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Split (leadership of the Assoc. Prof. Ivanka Buzov, Ph.D.), and with the support of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb (Tijana Trako Poljak, Ph.D.), the setting up of the first longitudinal survey of ecological awareness of high school graduates in Dalmatia was initiated. A social research team has been formed that will continue to participate in the creation of questionnaires, creating a sample of research and obtaining the necessary permit for surveying high school students and later conducting research. In 2021, a new educational program for high schools *the Sustainable Student Companies* was also developed. With the PROJECT *LIFE Artina*, the educational program *Seabirds* was implemented six times for a total of 169 preschool children and students from the islands: Lastovo, Vis, Korčula. With the project *Sustainable Student Companies in Croatian High Schools – Green Companies Promote Sustainable Entrepreneurial Thinking and Action of Young People in Croatia*, the educational program *Sustainable Student Companies* was implemented for a total of 14 students of three secondary schools: Braća Radić from Kaštel Štafilić, School of Design, Graphics and Sustainable Construction Split, and Craft Technical School Split.

Furthermore, the educational program *Sustainable Waste Management* was implemented with services for kindergartens.

We have also received a positive official expert opinion of the Education and Teacher Training Agency (AZ00) for the educational program for educators *Responsible Waste Creation and Management*. In 2021, an expert opinion was requested for the educational program *School Composting*, meant for teachers and other educational staff of the elementary school. As part of the *LIFE Artina* project, we organized the exhibition *Future for Seabirds*, which was placed in Blato Elementary School in Korčula, and Komiža Elementary School in Vis, and 422 visitors were registered. As part of the *Adriareef* project, we organized the *Reef Festival* in Komiža with 27 participants, while 350 children and young people participated in the Earth Day competitions, organized for three age groups. There were also 11 Green Excursions for 207 preschool and primary school children.

Projects *Sustainable Student Companies in Croatian High Schools – Green Companies Promote Sustainable Entrepreneurial Thinking and Action of Young People in Croatia* and *Green Student Companies – Sustainable Thinking and Action* were presented to educational staff at three events attended by a total of 511 educational workers: the 15th anniversary of the Croatian Association of School Cooperatives, the state professional meeting *Development of Entrepreneurial Ideas from Concept to Realization* and *Lifelong-Learning Week*. In addition, as part of the professional conference *Protection and Preservation of Nature and Applications in Education*, the presentation of *LIFE Artina* educational programs was held for 45 employees of public institutions for protected areas of the Republic of Croatia, educational staff and representatives of associations. We also carried out educational activities for children and educators of kindergartens *Mala sirena* from Solin, and *Mali cvijetak* from Split, which included workshops *Sustainable Waste Management*, creation of a composting station and organization and implementation of Sunce's Green Trips.

Cooperation with the University Department of Marine Studies, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Law continued through teaching bases and additionally with the Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism in Split with Sunce serving as a reception organization for providing additional professional practice for students. In total, eight students are enrolled in service-learning programs, professional practice and activities of Sunce as a teaching base. At the end of the year, the project *Raising Awareness of the role of Composting* was approved, on which we are working for the first time

with the Institution for Training of Personnel in Maritime Industry KLIPER. The greater engagement of employees from the Department of Education and Information was in the activities of the GOOD initiative for the introduction of civic education in schools, which resulted in a partnership on the project.

In 2021, in addition to the Facebook and Instagram page of Sunce, on which we actively post all year round, we began to use the social network LinkedIn. In June, with the *PSC Croatia* project, we conducted a competition for the best conceptual solution for *Plastic Smart Gadget*. We also made reusable cups that were used at the public events of the mentioned project.

In addition to the campaigns *Together Without Plastics* and *Become a Posidonia Keeper*, described under other strategic goals, in April we organized an informative communication campaign to mark Earth Day. The intention of this campaign was to show the reality and presence of climate change and to motivate us to make a greater commitment to change that will contribute to the betterment of us all. Due to the inability to organize gatherings, the campaign and most of the program were conducted online, while on the anniversary day on Split Riva a booth was set up which provided information about composting, waste and a sustainable lifestyle. In September, an informative communication campaign was organized, in order to mark European Mobility Week and Car-Free Day, which aims to raise awareness of sustainable urban mobility and promotes behavioural changes in favour of active mobility, public transport and other clean, intelligent transport solutions

As part of the campaign activities, the tenth Split Bike Tour was organized in which citizens sent us photos and videos showing problems and possible solutions related to the improvement of cycling infrastructure in Split. A total of 104 texts in Croatian and 98 texts in English were published on the official website, while 19 news articles were published on the Dalmatia Green website. In total, 493 posts were published on the official Facebook page and 85 posts on the Dalmatia Green Facebook page. In 2021, the official FB site has 11,881 followers, or 538 more followers than at the end of 2020.



Figure 5 Photos from events included in the Strategic Objective 2 (Archives of the Association. (**A** – Workshop held as part of the educational program Sustainable Student Companies; **B** – Workshop with schoolchildren from the island of Korčula (LIFE Artina project); **C**– Reef Festival (Adriareef project); **D**–10. Split Bike Tour; **E** – Planting fruit trees with students of Skalice Elementary School on November 24, 2021, in the school garden)

2.3. Strategic objective 3: Increased impact of Sunce on public policies and court practices in the area of nature and environment protection and sustainable development

In addition to the public consultations, listed within the framework of other strategic objectives, we participated in the creation of the Fifth Aarhus Implementation Report 2021, which is important for issues of public participation in environmental protection. Furthermore, we participated in the development of the *Development Strategy of the City of Split until 2030*, *The Development Plan of Split-Dalmatia County for the period 2021-2027* and the work of the Advisory Council for integral planning and management of the coastal area of Split-Dalmatia County. At the end of the year we were included in the Working Group for the Development of *The Strategy for the Development of Sustainable Tourism for the Period until 2030*, we also participated in the working group of the Interreg Med INCIRCLE – *INsular and low density areas in the transition towards a more CIRCULAR Economy*. In the City of Split, we also participated in the work of the working group within the CIRCE2020 project and the Urban Local Group (ULG) within the project of the City of Split *URBACT – RU:URBAN*.

In 2021, we continued to work on four national litigation cases: the Waste Management Centre (WMC) *Lećevica*, WMC *Lučino razdolje*, *Perna* ferry Terminal and *Benačica* beach embankment, and by monitoring complaints to the European Commission regarding sustainable fisheries management submitted in 2020. At the end of the year, the ruling of the High Administrative Court of the Republic of Croatia on the Case of WMC *Lećevica* was presented in the media and on Sunce's website. In 2021, no strategic litigation was initiated, but work was being done to prepare for the initiation of three strategic disputes, two of them within the framework of the SEAS project: the topic of costal embankment, an environmental pollution due to the lack of obligatory sanation of the former ferroalloy factory in Dugi Rat and addressing the problems of waste management systems in the Republic of Croatia before EU bodies.

With formal opinions addressed with the public participation procedure, in five cases we have advocated the timely implementation of the procedures of *Environmental Impact Assessment* (EIA) Screening procedure that would provide alignment with the precautionary principle of the Environmental Protection Act. We also communicated the need to revise the powers of environmental inspectors regarding environmental interventions without EIA or the EIA Screening procedure. Intensive work has been started on the research of the possibility of introducing a legal tool for environmental damage compensation based on a class action, in terms of achieving cooperation with the Department for Civil Procedure of the Faculty of Law in Zagreb and the handling of the ferroalloy factory *Dalmacija Case*, in Dugi Rat.

Support regarding the use of legal tools in environmental protection was provided in 14 cases to smaller CSOs and citizens' initiatives, in eight of those cases support was strengthened by the implementation of joint advocacy activities: in cooperation with the citizens' initiative (below: CI) for the development of the island of Drvenik Veli in the subject of the renovation of the promenade on Drvenik Veliki; CI *Tvornica*, CI Dugi Rat in the subject of the sanation of the *Dalmacija* factory; Association Osejava in the subject of beach infilling in Makarska (two inspection procedures were initiated); CI *Plano* in the case of EIA of quarry Plano and in the subject of the identification and revision of environmental measures for the Starac Quarry; CI in the subject of arranging the tourist mooring Jasenice, CI *Place that wants to live*, Vranjic in EIA of the expansion of the northern port of Vranjic. The intensity and type of activity developed depending on the capacity and interest of individual initiative, or individual citizens, to engage more deeply in solving the problem. Thus, stronger advocacy activities were carried out in the cases of sanation of the *Dalmacija* Factory (letters to various public bodies, communication with the Public Ombudsman, media appearances, public forums, meetings with the competent Ministry), extensions of the northern port of Vranjic (letters to various public bodies, communication with the Ombudsperson, media appearances) and in quarries Plano

and Starac (communication with local self-government, media appearances). In addition to the above, we have provided support in four other cases: of EIA Screening procedure of the reconstruction of the county road, Korčula; inspection procedure due to beach nourishment on Krknjaši on the island of Drvenik; inspection procedure due to the reconstruction of the Novalja agglomeration; inspection procedure due to the spillage of wastewater into the sea in the bay Brna on Korčula and one administrative dispute related to the EIA Screening procedure for the intervention on the ferry port of Perna, Pelješac Peninsula. In the case of contamination of the bay of Mali Ston, we have provided the support of CI of shellfish framers in the use of legal tools.

We monitor and evaluate participation in *EIA*, *EIA Screening*, and *SEA* procedures. In July, two communication and advocacy campaigns were launched: a national campaign to reduce single-use plastic pollution *Together Without Plastics* and *Become a Posidonia Keeper*, a campaign on the importance of protecting the ecosystem of seagrass in the Adriatic, described in the framework of the results of the 1st and 4th strategic goal. Also, an campaign against embankment of the coast was designed as part of an educational program to strengthen advocacy and public communication skills, implemented as part of the SEAS Project which is planned to be implemented in 2022. Sunce's position on the organization of separate collection and disposal of biowaste in the city of Split were presented in the media (the article *Biowaste bins are here, but where is the composting plant?*) and a report from the public consultation of the Fifth Aarhus National Implementation Report (article *Active participation in environmental matters – right or myth?*).

In the run-up to the local mayoral elections, answers from political options on waste management in Split were collected and, together with Sunce's position, presented in the media.



Figure 6 Infilling on Krknjaši (Archives of the Association)

2.4. Strategic objective 4: Contribution to increased efficiency of nature protection sector with a focus on marine ecosystems conservation

We continued our work on coordinating the development of eight management plans covering a total of 23 protected areas and 70 areas of the ecological network (36 marine and 34 land areas) in the area of the Krka estuary, the island of Hvar, the Bay of Mali Ston, Pelješac, Korčula, Sniježnica, Konavle Field and Mljet. In cooperation with the competent public institutions, we organized 11 internal workshops and 21 workshops for stakeholders that defined the values and challenges of the area, and drafted a proposal for activities that public institutions should carry out over the next ten years in order to protect areas, habitats and species. The workshops were attended by various stakeholders and representatives of a whole range of sectors and institutions. The analysis of values and challenges was completed by producing a description of the area and evaluating the topics that were finalized for four out of eight plans. By drawing up these plans, we also discussed with stakeholders the possibilities of establishing new protected areas or strictly protected areas.

We participated in the following consultations and procedures related to increasing the efficiency of the nature protection sector and preservation of marine ecosystems: Regulation on Protection and Preservation of the *Nature Park Telašćica*, the consultation on the Decision of the Croatian Government on the adoption of the *Natura 2000 Ecological Network Financing Program* and the *Prioritised Action Framework (PAF) for the Natura 2000 network in the Republic of Croatia* and a workshop for stakeholders organized by the Ministry of Agriculture for the development of an Expert Basis for the *Management Plan for the Red Coral*. Furthermore, we also participated in an e-consultation for the Regulation on amendments to the Regulation on conducting commercial fishing at sea using shore seines, and the advocacy activities are accompanied by complaints to the European Commission related to the derogation of the Mediterranean Regulation.

We have been advocating for the establishment of new marine protected areas. At the workshop for stakeholders in Komiža, we gave a lecture on the legal framework for the establishment of *no-take* zones in Croatia in the context of the initiative for the establishment of a new protected area at sea near Stupišće cape. We have prepared an expert study on *the possibilities of establishing a protected area in the area of the island of Molat in order to protect angelshark and habitats suitable for its life cycle*, which analysed the legal framework for the establishment of a marine protected area on the island of Molat. For the purpose of creating an expert basis for establishing protection, we conducted a nine-day field survey during which we mapped 1 658 ha of marine habitats of Molat island. We were collecting data on marine litter and accidental seabird bycatch in the context of proposing a new marine ecological network for seabird conservation.

In order to monitor the condition of marine habitats and species, we have organized seven field trips for a total duration of 17 days. We have established monitoring of the reef in the area of Reef Konjsko. We spent the sixth year of monitoring *Posidonia* in the Nature Park *Telašćica*, the second year in the National Park *Kornati* and for the first time in the National Park *Mljet*. We transplanted another *Posidonia* meadow in the area of the National Park *Kornati* and carried out monitoring of the condition of the meadow transplanted last year. For the first time, we installed collectors for the Noble pen shell with the aim of collecting juvenile individuals of this critically endangered species and preserving them in an aquarium for the needs of their repopulation in nature. Each of the field trips was concluded with a report that includes a presentation of results, conclusions and recommendations for management and future research. We participated in testing new technologies in underwater research, and by participating in the testing of an underwater craft/drone we have engaged in underwater mapping and monitoring as well.

We shared the experience of monitoring the state of sea reefs with stakeholders by organizing an online webinar called *What is the state of your reef?* Participants were representatives of civil society organizations, development agencies, universities, public institutions that manage protected areas, etc. We shared the experience of monitoring Posidonia meadows in an online meeting of the Croatian Marine Protected Areas Network called *Monitoring the State of Seagrasses*.

We have brought the work on monitoring the meadows of Posidonia and the reef closer to the public by creating and promoting short videos about working under the sea.

The campaign called *Become a Posidonia Keeper* is designed to reduce the negative impact of anchoring on Posidonia meadows and to raise awareness among boaters and the general public about the importance of this endangered marine habitat. In particular, we focused on boaters who come to the *Kornati* National Park to familiarize them with the importance and purpose of an environmentally friendly anchoring, encourage them to think about anchoring locations and promote ecological anchorages. Namely, 40 ecological anchorages were installed in the *Kornati* National Park after more than 20 years of advocacy involving Sunce. As part of the campaign, visual identity, posters, flyers and a video *Keeper of Posidonia* (https://youtu.be/FkrYgOu_C0Y) were created.

We have participated in the work of several task forces and networks aimed at reducing the negative impacts on marine and coastal ecosystems. The year 2021 was particularly marked by the very active work of the new Mediterranean Posidonia Network, which was established for the purpose of networking institutions and organizations working to preserve Posidonia meadows, primarily related to reducing the negative impact of anchoring. We regularly participated in monthly online network meetings, exchanged information and experiences, and produced communication materials. We participated in the *Mediterranean Posidonia Network Technical Workshop* meeting in Formentor, Spain, during which we developed the network strategy. We have also occasionally engaged in the work of the *Seas at Risk* network by sharing information on the EU and national nature protection policies.

The Ministry of Agriculture has included us in the Committee for monitoring the implementation of the *Programme for Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Republic of Croatia for 2021-2027* as a deputy member of the committee. The Committee was not active in 2021 and we hope to be able to make a significant contribution to its work next year.

We are part of an online task force to preserve the Noble pen shell. Via this channel we get and give information about the condition of the noble pen in the field, finding living pen shells, installing collectors for fry, the success of maintaining individuals in aquariums, etc.

We organized a series of four lectures for the local community on the island of Lastovo, and, in order to bring it closer to the issue of seabird conservation of this island, the lectures dealt with the topic of research and protection of seabirds, monitoring of marine litter and its reduction, the impact of rats on seabird populations and the bycatch of seabirds during fishing activities. In order to find out how familiar tourists are with these problems and how ready they are to undertake and support activities for the conservation of seabirds, we conducted a survey of 115 respondents, visitors to the *Lastovo Archipelago* Nature Park.

By involving many stakeholders in the development of management plans, we have fostered a better understanding of the values and challenges of protected areas and the ecological network, and we have strengthened cross-sectoral cooperation in problem-solving and transferring good practice in management.

In order to strengthen the cross-sectoral understanding of the issue of managing fishing activities in protected areas, we organized a *Workshop on strengthening the capacity of employees of the Directorate of*

Fisheries on Nature Protection, which, along with representatives of the Directorate of Fisheries, was attended by representatives of CSOs and the Nature Protection Directorate.

We participated in five events of exchange of knowledge and experience with other organizations related to the protection of nature in Croatia and internationally, where we also were exhibitors (Annex 2.5.).

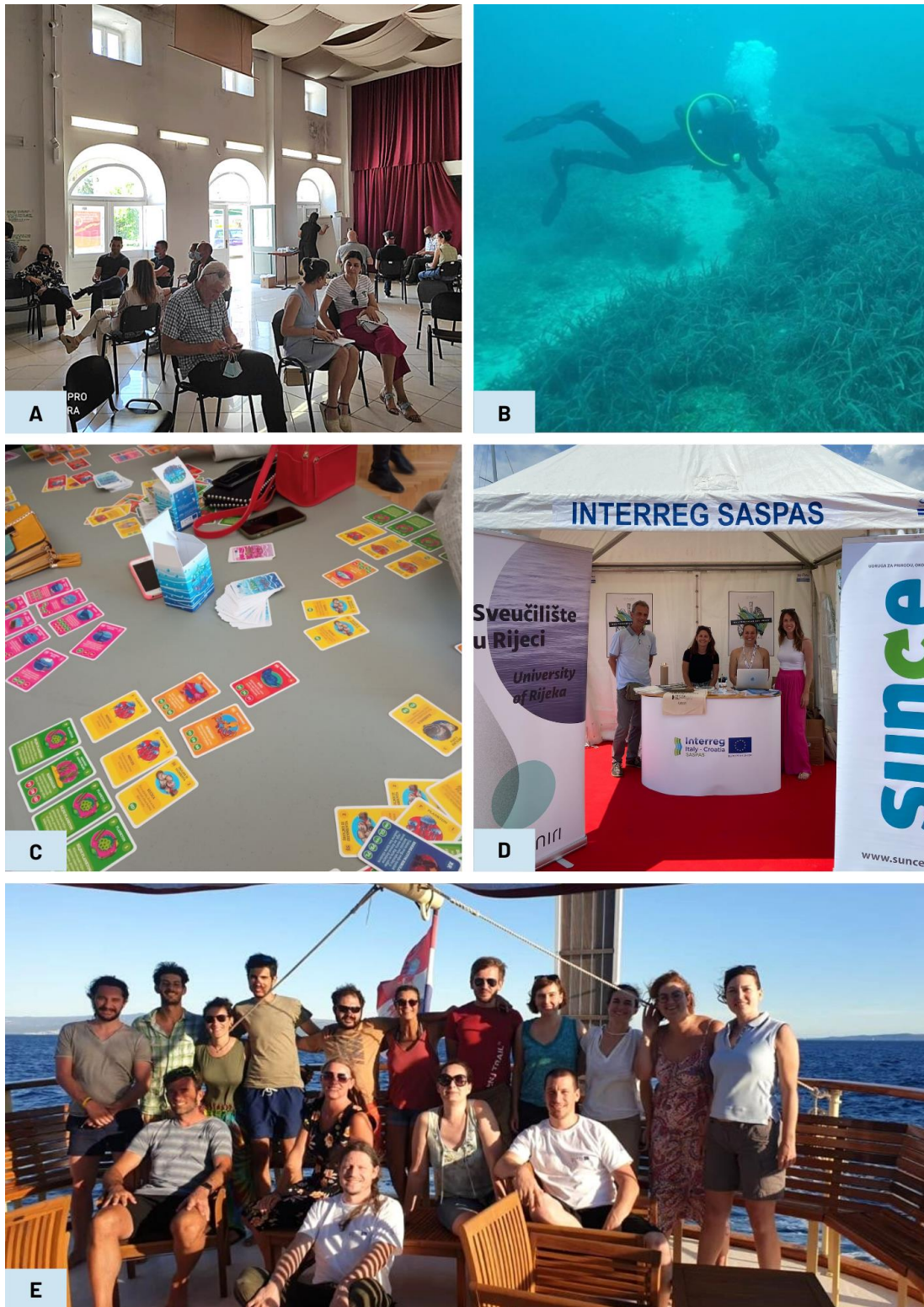


Figure 7 Photos from events covered by Strategic objective 4 (Archives of the Association. (**A** – Workshop held as part of the development of management plans; **B** – Monitoring of Posidonia meadows (SASPAS project); **C**– Practical workshop with board games (FairSea project); **D** – Promotion of the campaign Become a Posidonia Keeper at the Croatian Small Shipbuilding Fair (SASPAS project); **E** – Field service within the FairSea project)

2.5. Annex: List of participations in policymaking

Participation in public consultations and work groups, media advocacy and promotion of opinions to target groups and the wider citizenry is an important segment of our activity and runs through **all four goals of the Strategic Plan**. Thereat we are focused on policies related to the protection of the environment, nature, sustainable development, but also those that can influence the work and activities of civil society organizations.

Public consultations

The quality of public participation in the e-Savjetovanje portal has not been improved. The portal remained unhandy in 2021, some of the acts for which the consultation was carried out are missing, as well as the reports from the consultation for individual acts. Also, the information for the participants in the e-consultation on whether, and when, the act for which the consultation was carried out was adopted at all is also lacking. The majority of the comments are still not accepted.

n Strategic objective 1

- **Proposal of the Waste Management Plan of the Republic of Croatia for the period 2017-2022 - Audit for the year 2022**

By using the e-Savjetovanje portal, we participated in a public debate (December 2021). The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development was the holder of the document. One out of 20 comments made, related to language-stylistic errors, was accepted.

Strategic objective 3

- **Ombudswoman's report for 2021**

At the invitation of the Ombudswoman, we provided the report data for the environment-related part.

- **The Fifth Aarhus Convention Implementation Report**

The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development is the holder of the report. Sunce's comments were noted. However, we have received informal feedback from the Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund that the public call for civil society organizations project proposals has been expanded so that it is possible to finance Green Phone activities. The project was submitted in November 2021.

Strategic objective 4

- **Regulation on amendments to the Regulation on conducting commercial fishing at sea using beach seines**

Using the e-Savjetovanje portal, we participated in a public debate (August 2021). The holder of the document was the Ministry of Agriculture. Sunce's comments were noted, and some of them were further clarified. On September 15, 2021 the Regulation was adopted. In the areas of the Natura 2000 ecological network, within which the habitat of Posidonia meadow is located, and in protected areas there is a ban for coastal sites for beach seines. Also everywhere is a prohibited trawl *šabakun*. We believe that these changes to the Regulation are the result of both advocacy by Sunce and related complaints to the European Commission. Unfortunately, the Regulation still allows for a large number of fishing sites and above the meadows of sea plants.

- **Consultation on Decision of the Croatian Government on the adoption of the *Natura 2000 Ecological Network Financing Program and the Prioritised Action Framework (PAF) for the Natura 2000 Network in the Republic of Croatia***

By using the e-Savjetovanje platform, we participated in a public consultation conducted in November and December. The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development was the holder of the document. Of Sunce's nine comments made, five were not accepted, with most citing that the proposals were integrated in other parts of the document or were not subject to this as a reason for non-acceptance. The comment regarding the financing and co-financing of associations was not accepted. Comments related to the need to plan funds for work on marine protection, invasive marine species, restoration of certain settlements of Posidonia by transplantation of Posidonia shoots, carrying out activities to restore endangered pen shell populations in Posidonia settlements, replacing fishing gears and materials in fishing, and mariculture with those less harmful to the environment, related to towing tools, adding testing measures and replacing fishing gears with those with reduced impact on endangered species and habitats. Part of the comments related to the issuances for the control of the invasive Caulerpa species, the number of locations and amounts for the establishment of ecological anchorages and for the cleaning of marine litter was not adopted.

- **Regulation on Protection and Preservation of the Nature Park Telašćica**

By using the e-Savjetovanje platform, we participated in a public consultation conducted in November and December. The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development was the holder of the document. All comments from Sunce are adopted in the final version of the document. The Regulation was adopted on December 24, 2021 (NN 8/2022). The Regulation regulates, among other things, fishing in NP *Telašćica* and has fully established new no-take zones. The adoption of this Regulation finally rounds up the legal framework for the effective management of this park, which Sunce has been advocating for many years.

Working Groups

Strategic objective 1

- **Working Group for the Implementation of the Waste Management Plan of the City of Split**

This working group, established in 2019, continued to operate in 2020. By March 2020, we had participated in additional three working group meetings. The advocacy continued towards establishing a better waste management system in the city, with an emphasis on separate waste collection and the construction of composting facilities for the City of Split. Although in 2021 we stressed the importance of the group's work to the newly elected mayor, the group was not reactivated in 2021.

- **Working Group and Committee for drafting the Regulation on Packaging and SUP Directive**

The working group and commission were established by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development. Two working group meetings were held. We have made a proposal for measures for the Regulation on Packaging and Single-Use Plastics, and part of the proposal is included in the draft of the new Regulation. The members of the Commission are Marko Košak, on behalf of Zelena akcija, and Ivana Kordić, on behalf of the Tatavaka association (Zlarin), while the deputies are Ana Mileusnić (Zelena akcija) and Marin Spetič (Sunce). The Regulation did not undergo public consultation in 2021.

Strategic objective 2

- **Committee of stakeholders in the project *The European University of the Seas*, University of Split**

We participated in a committee meeting held online, which was also attended by representatives of stakeholders from other countries whose universities are involved in the implementation of the project. The meeting took place on December 12, 2021.

Strategic objective 3

- **Commission for the Strategy of the City of Split for 2030**

At the end of 2019, we were appointed to the Commission for the Strategy of the City of Split for 2030, and the work of the Commission continued in 2021. The strategy is developed by the expert team of the University of Split, and its development is coordinated by Razvojna agencija Split – RaST d.o.o. In 2021, we also participated in the development of the goals, measures and indicators of the said Strategy by sending comments on working documents and participating in the discussion in the Bačvice Summer Cinema on August 30, 2021, and online sessions on February 17, 2021, and December 8, 2021. A smaller part of the comments was accepted.

- **Split-Dalmatia County Partner Council for the development of the Split-Dalmatia County Development Plan for the Period 2021-2027**

In 2021, we participated in one session of the thematic group Natural Resources, Environmental Protection and Spatial Planning, December 15, 2021. It revised the objectives and measures related to the themes expressed in the title.

- **Advisory Council for Integral Planning and Management of the Coastal Area of Split-Dalmatia County**

The Advisory Council was established by Split-Dalmatia County, and its work is coordinated by the development agency RERA. In December, the first meeting of this Council was held.

- **CIRCE2020 Working Group**

Recognizing the fact that hydrological risks caused by climate change make Central European cities extremely vulnerable to urban floods, and at the same time to problems related to water scarcity, Public Institution RERA SD and Vodovod i kanalizacija Split, together with nine project partners from six Central European countries (Hungary, Croatia, Italy, Slovenia, Poland and Germany), implemented the *City Water Circles* project – CWC. As part of the project, meetings of stakeholders in the field of the urban agglomeration of Split were organized.

Sunce participated in:

- *City Water Circles mid-term conference (Maja Golem, March 23, 2021, Zoom platform)*
- *2nd City Water Circles – CWC stakeholders' meeting organized by Vodovod i Kanalizacija and PI RERA SD (Maja Golem, August 31, 2021, Zoom Platform)*
- *5th City Water Circles – CWC stakeholders' meeting organized by Vodovod i kanalizacija and PI RERA SD (Maja Golem, November 17, 2021, Split)*
- *Round table of the City Water Circles – CWC project organized by Vodovod i kanalizacija and PI RERA SD (Maja Golem, Blanka Rakuljić, October 7, 2021, Split).*

- **Urban Local Group (ULG), project of the City of Split URBACT – RU:URBAN**

This working group held three meetings, on December 1, 15 and 17, 2021. The work of ULG Split was presented to other cities on the project. The need for the decision of the City Council on the allocation of land for the

purpose of the garden construction was presented, and it was agreed who will manage the urban garden when it is created (Parkovi i nasadi, d.o.o.); a questionnaire was drawn up to examine the opinions of the citizens of Split on urban gardens and their inclusion in its work; a draft Regulation on the management of the first urban garden in Split was drawn up.

- **Interreg Med INCIRCLE – *Insular and low-density areas in the transition towards a more CIRCULAR Economy***

The working group was established by the Split-Dalmatia County Tourist Board for the development of a specialized SDC strategy on the principles of the circular economy. We participated in one meeting and in accompanying activities and e-mail communication.

- **Working Group on the Development of The Strategy for the Development of Sustainable Tourism for the Period until 2030**

We were invited to the working group by the Ministry of Tourism in November 2021. In December, we contributed by filling out a questionnaire. There have been no meetings of this working group.

- **Working Group on Improving the Tourism Evaluation of Natural Heritage and Working Group on Improving the Environmental Sustainability of Tourism of the Action Plan for the Development of Green Tourism**

In 2020, we received an invitation to a meeting in February, but could not participate. We didn't receive the documentation of the meeting. The coordinator of these working groups was the Ministry of Tourism and Sports. At the meeting with the Ministry of Tourism, held on April 7, 2021, we were told that these working groups are no longer active.

Strategic objective 4

- **Working Group on the Protection of Noble Pen Shells**

This workgroup is active through an emailing list. Via this channel we get and give information about the condition of the noble pen in the field, finding living pen shells, installing collectors for fry, the success of maintaining individuals in aquariums, etc.

- **Posidonia Anchoring Network**

This working group was established at the Mediterranean level for the purpose of connecting institutions and organizations working on the preservation of Posidonia meadows, primarily related to reducing the negative impact of anchoring. The working group is active through an emailing list and online meetings held once a month, which are regularly attended by Sunce. We participated in the design of network communication materials (websites, video materials, leaflets), we participated in the *Mediterranean Posidonia Network Technical Workshop* meeting on September 21-23, 2021, in Formentera, Spain, during which the network strategy was developed.

- **Committee for Monitoring the implementation of the Programme for Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Republic of Croatia for 2021-2027**

The committee was established by the Ministry of Agriculture. Hrvoje Čepnja from the BIOM Association is a member of the Committee, while Ana Miletić from Sunce is a deputy member of the Committee. In 2021, there were no meetings or activities related to this Committee.

Furthermore, within the organizational objective **Maintained continuity of Sunce's activities in processes related to the development and operation of civil society**, we also became involved in:

- **Working Group on Developing a National Plan of Creation of Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development in the Period 2021 - 2027**

In 2021, on behalf of Zeleni forum, Gabrijela Medunić-Orlić from Sunce was nominated as a member, and Željka Rajković from the BIOM Association for the replacement of a member. In 2021, there were no meetings of this working group.

Advocacy by attending public meetings and events

In addition to participating in the events described in the results of projects and services implemented within the framework of the presented programs and departments, in 2021 we participated, either as participants or exhibitors, in the events listed below. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, part of these events were held online.

Strategic objective 1

- *Island Dialogue – Waste Management* public forum organized by Pokret otoka (Marin Spetić, Plastic Smart Cities exhibition, June 1, 2021, online)
- workshop *Collecting Data on Marine Litter in Croatia* organized by the association Plavi svijet (Tea Kuzmičić Rosandić presented Sunce's experience with marine litter, June 3 and 4, 2021, Mali Lošinj)
- Lecture *SeaHorse Story* organized by diving club Foka (Fedra Dokoza, presentation *Environmental Waste Removal and Monitoring Programs*, June 12, 2021, Šimuni, Pag)
- conference *WASTE 2021* organized by Komunal magazine (Marin Spetić, September 25, 2021, Zagreb)

Strategic objective 2

- workshop *Non-Formal Education and Youthpass (results of the evaluation of the Youthpass process impact in Erasmus+ and ESC projects)* organized by the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes (Marin Spetić, presenter on programmes and projects related to non-formal education in Sunce, October 18, 2021, online)

- workshop *Virtual Sectoral Consultation on the Development and Implementation of the Quality Standard of Non-Formal Education Programs SKOCKANO* organized by the Forum for Freedom in Education (Miranda Šimac, October 19, 2021, online)
- focus group *Consultations on the Strength, Challenges and Possibilities of Cooperation between Local and Regional Self-Government Units and CSOs with a Focus on Non-Formal Educational Programs*

Strategic objective 3

- public forum *Let's Get Rid of the Slag* organized by the Municipality of Dugi Rat (Ivana Krstulović Baković, Hajdi Biuk and Blanka Rakuljić, presentation *Rehabilitation of the Factory Ground Area of the Former Ferroalloy Factory in Dugi Rat*, September 9, 2021, Dugi Rat)
- panel with representatives of associations on the topic of the transition of Croatia towards climate neutrality, organized by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (Gabrijela Medunić-Orlić, exhibitor, October 6, 2021, online/Zagreb)
- annual conference *Charting the Path to a Healthy Planet* organized by EEB (Hajdi Biuk, October 11, 2021, online)
- Professional meeting *Establishment of a Construction Waste Management System in Split-Dalmatia County* organized by the Croatian Chamber of Economy (Hajdi Biuk, Blanka Rakuljić, October 25, 2021, Split)

Strategic objective 4

- Conference *Establishment and Efficient Management of a Marine Protected Area* organized by the Green Home association from Montenegro (Matea Špika, presentation *Drafting of the Plans for the Management of Marine Protected Areas on the example of the Republic of Croatia*, April 28, 2021, hybrid event, online/Petrovac)
- panel on the pollution of the Adriatic organized by the Swedish Embassy (Zrinka Jakl, exhibitor on the topic of marine litter pollution, July 2, 2021, Split)
- *Policy and Advocacy for Mediterranean Sustainable Fisheries and Biodiversity* workshop organized by the IUCN (Ana Miletić, September 30 and October 1, 2021, online)
- *Effectiveness and Durability of Marine Conservation Projects* workshop organized by NP Brijuni and BlueSeeds (Ana Miletić, exhibitor from 18 to 22 October 2021, Brijuni)
- workshop *Preparation of Expert Basis for Management Plan for the Red Coral (Corallium rubrum)* organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate of Fisheries (Zrinka Jakl, Anamarija Paradinović, December 2, 2021, online)
- professional meeting *Advantages and Challenges of Introducing the Model of Joint Management of Fisheries in the Republic of Croatia*, (Ivana Krstulović Baković, Hajdi Biuk, Fedra Dokoza, Anamarija Paradinović, presentation *Legal Basis for Joint Management in the European Legislation*, December 6 and 7, 2021, Sv. Rok)

Organizational objective: Continuity of Sunce's activities in processes related to the development and operation of civil society

- Lecture *Presentation of the Project Pro-NGO: Quality Management for Social Change* organized by the Cultural Development Association from Zagreb (Samanta Šećer, November 5, 2021, online).

2.6. Annex: List of projects

Project	Program/Department of Sunce in charge	Main holder	Major donor	Implementation Period	Total project value for the entire implementation period
<i>LIFE Artina – Seabird Conservation Network in the Adriatic</i>	Nature Conservation Program	BIOM Association	LIFE Program of the European Union, Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Croatian Government, Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund	Sept 1, 2018 – Aug 31, 2023	<p>The contribution of the LIFE Programme of the European Union amounts to EUR 1,152,832 (60% of the total project budget).</p> <p>The project is co-financed by: The Office for Cooperation with NGOs, the Government of the Republic of Croatia (EUR 74,204.80) and the Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund (HRK 301,700.34). The total approved project budget for Sunce is EUR 461,488.00, with Sunce needing to provide EUR 184,579.00 through co-financing (40%).</p>
<i>Adriatic Seabird Guardians</i>	Nature Conservation Program	BIOM Association	Serge Foundation (partial co-financing with <i>LIFE Artina</i> project)	May 1, 2019 – April 20, 2022	The total amount of the project is EUR 26,520.00.
<i>Innovative Exploitation of Adriatic Reefs in Order to Strengthen Blue Economy – ADRIREEF</i>	Nature Conservation Program	Ravenna City (Comune di Ravenna) Dec 1, 2018 – May 31, 2021	EU through 2014–2020 Interreg V-A, Italy – Croatia CBC Programme	Dec 1, 2018 – May 31, 2021. Extended until Nov 30, 2021, due to COVID-19 pandemic	The total amount of the project is EUR 2,814,830.00, of which the Programme finances a total of EUR 2,392,605.50. The total approved project budget for Sunce is EUR 135,430.00, with Sunce needing to provide EUR 20,314.5 through co-financing (15%).

Project	Program/Department of Sunce in charge	Main holder	Major donor	Implementation Period	Total project value for the entire implementation period
<i>Establishing a model of joint management of small-scale commercial fishing in the Mediterranean</i>	Nature Conservation Program	WWF Adria	The Foundation Ocean	Sept 1, 2017 – Aug 31, 2022, (contract of Sunce, Aug 1, 2018 – July 31, 2022)	The total amount of the project is EUR 21,000.00 (contract of Sunce).
<i>SUSHI DROP – SUsustainable fiSHeries wIth DRones data Processing</i>	Nature Conservation Program	University of Bologna – Marine Biology and Fisheries Laboratory, Fano	EU, European Regional Development Fund under the Interreg V-A IT-HR CBC Programme (Priority Axis 3 – <i>Environment & Cultural Heritage</i>)	Jan 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021. covid-19 pandemic extended until Dec 31, 2021	<p>The total project budget is EUR 1,7000,000.00. Programme funding (ERDF) amounts to EUR 1,450,000.00.</p> <p>The total approved budget of the project for Sunce is EUR 71,200.00, of which EUR 10,680.00 should be provided through co-financing.</p> <p>In 2020, The Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Government of the Republic of Croatia approved 60% of the remaining co-financing amount, i.e. EUR 6,844.50.</p>
<i>SASPAS – Safe Anchoring and Seagrass Protection in the Adriatic Sea</i>	Nature Conservation Program	Monfalcone Municipality	EU, European Regional Development Fund under the Interreg V-A IT-HR CBC Programme (Priority Axis 3 – <i>Environment & Cultural Heritage</i>)	Jan 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021. COVID-19 pandemic extended until March 31, 2022.	<p>The total project budget is EUR 1,906,100.00. Programme funds (ERDF) amount to EUR 1,620,185.00.</p> <p>The total project budget approved for Sunce is EUR 152,400.00, of which EUR 22,860.00 needs to be provided through co-financing. In 2019, The Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Government of the Republic of Croatia approved 70% of the remaining co-financing amount, i.e. EUR 16,002.00.</p>

Project	Program/Department of Sunce in charge	Main holder	Major donor	Implementation Period	Total project value for the entire implementation period
<i>FAIRSEA – Fisheries in the Adriatic Region – a Shared Ecosystem Approach</i>	Nature Conservation Program	Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e Geofisica Sperimentale – OGS	EU, Interreg V-A IT-HR CBC Programme (Priority Axis 1– <i>Blue innovation</i>)	Jan 1, 2019 – Feb 28, 2021.	The total project budget is EUR 2,060,000.00 (ERDF + National co-financing).
				Extended until Aug 31, 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic	The Programme funds amount to EUR 1,751,000 (ERDF). The total approved project budget for Sunce is EUR 105,000.00, of which EUR 15,750.00 needs to be provided through co-financing. In 2019, The Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Government of the Republic of Croatia approved 70% of the remaining co-financing amount, i.e. EUR 11,025.00.
<i>Plastic Smart Cities Croatia – Dubrovnik</i>	Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development Program	Sunce	WWF Mediterranean	Jan 1, 2020 – Dec 31, 2021	The total amount of the project is EUR 53,000.00.
<i>Plastic Smart Cities Croatia – Trogir</i>	Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development Program	Sunce	WWF Mediterranean	July 1, 2020 – Dec 31, 2021	The total amount of the project is EUR 27,975.00.
<i>For Plastic-Free Islands</i>	Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development Program	Sunce	The Beyond Med Association – BeMed	Oct 1, 2020 – Sept 30, 2022	The total amount of the project is EUR 142,690.80, of which EUR 42,807.24 requires co-financing. The funding share of the BeMed Association is EUR 99,883.56.
<i>Beach clean-up actions 2021</i>	Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development Program	Sunce	Split-Dalmatia County	June 1, 2021 – Oct 1, 2021	HRK 2,500.00

Project	Program/Department of Sunce in charge	Main holder	Major donor	Implementation Period	Total project value for the entire implementation period
<i>Raising awareness of the importance of composting</i>	Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development Program	Sunce	SENSE Foundation	Dec 22, 2021 – Dec 21, 2022	The total value of the project is EUR 72,150.92, with EUR 17,678.53 provided by SENSE Foundation Brussels and the remaining amount of EUR 54,472.39 is co-financed by Sunce.
<i>SEAS - Preserving the Adriatic Sea Ecosystems by Active Participation of CitizenS,</i>	Environmental Law Department	Sunce	financial support from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway under the European Economic Area and Norwegian subsidies	Jan 1, 2021 – Dec 31, 2022	The total value of the project is EUR 166,497.90, of which EUR 149,848.11 is provided by the financial support of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway under the European Economic Area and Norwegian subsidies.
<i>JEDRO - Public Policies for Sustainable Social Development - Water, Energy, Waste</i>	Environmental Law Department	Zelena Akcija FoE	EU, European Social Fund, Operational Programme Efficient Human Resources	Nov 29, 2020 – Nov 29, 2023	The total value of the project is HRK 3,594,308.89 and for Sunce it is HRK 170,663.45.
<i>Solidarity for Green Dalmatia 2020</i>	Department of Education and Information	Sunce	EU, European Solidarity Corps	Sept 1, 2020 – Jan 31, 2022	EUR 21,330.03
<i>Solidarity for Green Dalmatia 2021</i>	Department of Education and Information	Sunce	EU, European Solidarity Corps	Sept 1, 2021 – Feb 28, 2023	EUR 33,537.00
<i>Sustainable Student Companies in Croatian High Schools – Green Companies Promote Sustainable Entrepreneurial Thinking and Action of Young People in Croatia</i>	Department of Education and Information	Sunce	The Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (DBU)	Jan 1, 2020 – Dec 31, 2021. Extended until March 10, 2021, due to the COVID-19 crisis.	The total amount of the project is EUR 132,761.86, with EUR 66,330.00 provided by the DBU and the remaining amount of EUR 66,431.86 is co-financed by Sunce.
<i>School Botanical Garden of Mediterranean Plants</i>	Department of Education and Information	Sunce	EU, European Solidarity Corps	Nov 1, 2021 – Jan 10, 2022	EUR 6,888.00

Project	Program/Department of Sunce in charge	Main holder	Major donor	Implementation Period	Total project value for the entire implementation period
<i>Rivers of knowledge</i>	Department of Education and Information	Croatian Society for Natural Sciences	European Social Fund under the Programme <i>Strengthening the Capacity of Civil Society Organisations to popularize STEM</i>	June 29, 2021 – June 28, 2023	The total amount of the project is HRK 2,904,814.30, of which HRK 81,000.00 is provided for Sunce.
<i>Fundraising grant Association Sunce</i>	Organization	Sunce	MAVA Foundation	June 1, 2021.- August 31, 2022.	EUR 46.756,00
<i>General Support Grant</i>	Organization	Sunce	Sigrid Rausing Trust Fondacija	Dec 1, 2021 -Nov 30, 2022	£ 80.000,00

2.7. Annex: List of services

Service	Responsible Program/Department of Sunce	Service Sponsor	Implementation Period	Total service value for the entire implementation period (excluding VAT)
<i>Development of plans for the management of the ecological network Natura 2000 and protected areas from Group 5</i>	Nature Conservation Program	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	Mar 18, 2020 – Oct 31, 2022	HRK 1,830,190.00
<i>Monitoring of seagrass Posidonia oceanica in the area of the Nature Park Telašćica</i>	Nature Conservation Program	Public institution Telašćica Nature Park	Mar 19, 2021 – Mar 19, 2022	HRK 40,800.00
<i>Monitoring of seagrass Posidonia oceanica in the area of the National Park Mljet</i>	Nature Conservation Program	Public institution Mljet National Park	Aug 18, 2021 – Dec 1, 2021	HRK 38,000.00
<i>Manufacture, installation and extraction of collectors for catching larvae of the noble pen shell (Pinna nobilis) as well as identification and extraction of younger shells from collectors</i>	Nature Conservation Program	Public institution Mljet National Park	June 3, 2021 – Dec 1, 2021	HRK 12,000.00
<i>Preparation of professional and technical basis for the proclamation of Fra/Ntz in the waters of the island of Molat</i>	Nature Conservation Program	WWF Adria	Jan 28, 2021 – Oct 31, 2021	HRK 120,000.00
<i>Lecture on "Sustainable waste management and examples of good waste management practice on the islands and along the coast"</i>	Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development Program	Tourist Board of Jelsa	Sept 30, 2021 – Oct 5, 2021	HRK 2,247.00

Service	Responsible Program/Department of Sunce	Service Sponsor	Implementation Period	Total service value for the entire implementation period (excluding VAT)
<i>Green Office</i>	Department of Education and Information	Mediterranean Institute for Life Sciences - MedILS	Dec 5, 2021 - Dec 20, 2021	HRK 5,000.00
<i>Education for kindergarten Mali cvijetak, Split</i>	Department of Education and Information	Kindergarten <i>Mali cvijetak</i> , Split	Nov 14, 2020 - Apr 23, 2021	HRK 5,170.00
<i>Education for kindergarten Mala sirena, Solin</i>	Department of Education and Information	Kindergarten <i>Mala sirena</i> , Solin	Mar 11, 2021 - Apr 23, 2021	HRK 7,380.00
<i>Organization of Earth Day</i>	Department of Education and Information	Čistoća, d.o.o. Split	Mar 8, 2021 - Aug 9, 2021	HRK 27,094.54
<i>Implementation of informative and educational activities and information materials, Orebić</i>	Department of Education and Information	ORA Orebić	Sept 20, 2021 - Dec 31, 2022	HRK 14,940.00 (for education) HRK 1,500.00 (for leaflet)
<i>Green Trips</i>	Department of Education and Information	Educational institutions	Jan 1, 2021 - Dec 31, 2021	HRK 11,632.00
<i>Dalmatia Green certification</i>	Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development Program	Tourist facilities/renters	Jan 1, 2021 - Dec 31, 2021	HRK 1,000.00

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Generated revenue of Sunce in 2021	Revenue Amounts
foreign sources (foreign governments and international organisations)	HRK 1,676,182
foreign sources (EU funds)*	HRK 1,611,475
budget, state	0 HRK
budget, local	HRK 11,500
own income earned by performing permitted activities	HRK 734,082
donations from the business sector of the Republic of Croatia	HRK 135,424
membership fees	HRK 6,280
donations from citizens of the Republic of Croatia	HRK 756
other (sales revenue, refunds, etc.).	HRK 165,767
Total revenue of Sunce in 2021	HRK 4,341,466
Generated expenditure of Sunce	Expenditure Amounts
salaries, allowances and contributions for employees	HRK 2,652,138
compensation for employees to cover the cost of business trips, workshops, seminars	HRK 258,698
compensation to consultants and associates (foreign and domestic) and persons outside employment (fees, author's contract and service contract + travel expenses)	HRK 187,341
volunteer expenses	HRK 60,797
expenditure on services (rent, telephone, maintenance, etc.)	HRK 488,125
costs of material	HRK 69,943
intellectual and personal services (contracts, bookkeeping service, student service, etc.)	HRK 327,390
other expenditures (membership fees, donations, banking services, depreciation, etc.).	HRK 563,634
Total expenditure of Sunce in 2021	HRK 4,608,066



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