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YEAR OF FOUNDATION

1998

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS

363

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

30

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. INTRODUCTION

After the completion of the *Strategic Plan of Sunce 2021 - 2026* in 2021, the year 2022 was marked by the drafting of the *Communication Strategy 2022 - 2026*, the further strengthening of the knowledge and skills of employees in communication and advocacy, as well as the strengthening of these activities in the organization as a whole through the implementation of three national campaigns: *Together without plastic*, *Stop beach filling* and *Become a Posidonia Keeper*. In parallel, the organizational changes caused by the opening of a law office of Sunce employees, which should focus on environmental law, took place, and at the end of the year, the restructuring process of Sunce began. In the following chapters, there is an overview of the achievement of indicators of strategic goals, an overview of participation in public policies, a list of projects and services, an overview of activities related to organizational goals and development, and the financial report of Sunce. A detailed overview of the activities and results of programs and departments and individual segments of organizational development can be found in the expanded version of the report for 2022.

We regularly publish information about activities on the official Sunce web page (www.sunce-st.org) and the official Facebook page, but also online and on the web and Facebook pages created as part of individual projects.

2. RESULTS BY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR THE PERIOD 2021 – 2026.

2.1. Strategic goal 1: *Contribution to the establishment of a sustainable waste management system on land and sea*

In total, two projects were active on the topic of waste management: *Plastic Smart Cities Croatia - Dubrovnik* and *For Plastic-Free Croatian Islands*, which was successfully completed. Both projects were aimed at organizing public events to promote awareness of the need to reduce waste generation and reuse items and educate the local community about the possibilities of replacing single-use plastic products.

Within the *For Plastic-Free Croatian Islands* project, the **first two-day Interdisciplinary conference on priorities in waste management - reduce, reuse and recycle, Beyond Plastic Croatia**, was organized in September. The participants of the conference, in addition to Sunce representatives, were project partners, representatives of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, the Fund for Nature Protection and Energy Efficiency, the local authority units, communal companies, CSOs, the scientific community and the Public Institution of the Telašćica Nature Park, as well as international representatives of networks and public company institutes. At the conference, papers were presented on the topics of marine litter and plastic pollution in the Mediterranean Sea, public policies and waste management, circular economy and waste processing technology, business sector and waste management, and society, individual and waste. The results of the two-year monitoring of marine litter in the *Lastovsko otočje* Nature Park conducted by Sunce as part of the *LIFE Artina* project were also presented, as well as the *Plan for monitoring marine litter upon completion of the LIFE Artina project*. A book of summaries was also created, which included conclusions and measures to reduce the impact of single-use plastics. The conference was also part of the communication-advocacy campaign *Together without plastic*, which, in cooperation with the project partner Green Action (Zelena akcija), was carried out through social networks, radio broadcasts, public events and round tables with decision-makers. In addition to the aforementioned conference, throughout the year we held 14 more educations for the public and target groups on various topics in the field of waste management, mostly by organizing panels and lectures.

We have intensively advocated the reduction of plastic by working in the Commission for the Single-use plastic (SUP) directive and by working in the Commission for drafting the Ordinance on Packaging, established in 2021 by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development. In June 2022, we participated in a meeting with the Ministry to present our views on the key aspects of setting up and creating the Croatian waste management system. These views are based on experience from the field, as well as feedback collected in communication with utility companies in Croatia during 2021. The invitation to the meeting was the result of our advocacy activities and address to the Ministry in 2021. At the meeting, we referred to the implementation of the SUP Directive in Croatia, discussed the possibilities of continuing *plastic-free* cities and highlighted the problem of the lack of composting in Dalmatia. The topic of composting was also part of our educational and communication activities. As part of the mentioned *LIFE Artina* project, a study was made on the analysis of quantities and methods of disposal of produced bio-waste in catering facilities on the island of Lastovo and guidelines for short-term and long-term solutions for the disposal of bio-waste on the island, three composters were purchased and installed in restaurants on Lastovo.

During the year, we participated in several local, national and EU public consultations related to waste management (chapter 2.5), as well as local (meetings with the director of Čistoća d.o.o., Split), national and EU advocacy activities (*Break Free from Plastic Action Week* and a meeting at the European Commission on complaints from the European Commission in the field of the environment and especially waste management).

In 2022, the Fund for Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency announced a competition for public institutions to manage protected areas, which encourages activities to establish plastic-free zones. Based on these tenders, we were approved for two services for public institutions: Public institution of the Nature Park Vrana Jezero and Public institution More i Krš. Activities within these services were aimed at increasing specific knowledge and available information about waste management, the use of single-use plastics and the level of plastic pollution, and the creation of a legal framework for two protected areas - Lake Vrana and the Cetina River Canyon. In addition to training for employees and concessionaires, guidelines and a decision were made to reduce single-use plastic, which is intended for concessionaires in the protected area.

In 2022, we continued intensive work on the topic of marine waste. We participated in the online Marine Litter Meeting of the Seas at Risk network, where we exchanged information on current projects and activities about marine litter. A Seas at Risk network representative visited us in June, while in September they participated in the BeMed conference, which enabled a better introduction to the work of Sunce and stronger networking. We organized the educational and environmental regatta *Cleaning Sailing Race* with partners Biotherm Water Lovers and charter company Adriatic Sailing. 140 participants on 10 sailboats took part in the regatta, and we removed 400 kilograms of waste from four bays on the island of Šolta. In addition to beach cleaning, a diving cleaning campaign was also organized. Simple monitoring of marine waste was used during the clean-up operations. Along with Sunce employees, employees of Loreal, Muller, diving clubs and members and volunteers of Sunce participated in the regatta. All participants also received online education about marine litter, the threats posed by nautical tourism and the preservation of *Posidonia Oceanica*. In addition to these, three more cleaning actions were organized. Two cleaning actions were organized as part of the project *Resolution Earth* by Večernji list (the mouth of the Neretva and the beach in Omiš). Monitoring from the *DeFish Gear* project was used during these cleaning actions. One cleaning action with simple monitoring was organized as part of the *LIFE Artina* project in Lastovo, during which we collected around 280 kilograms of waste.

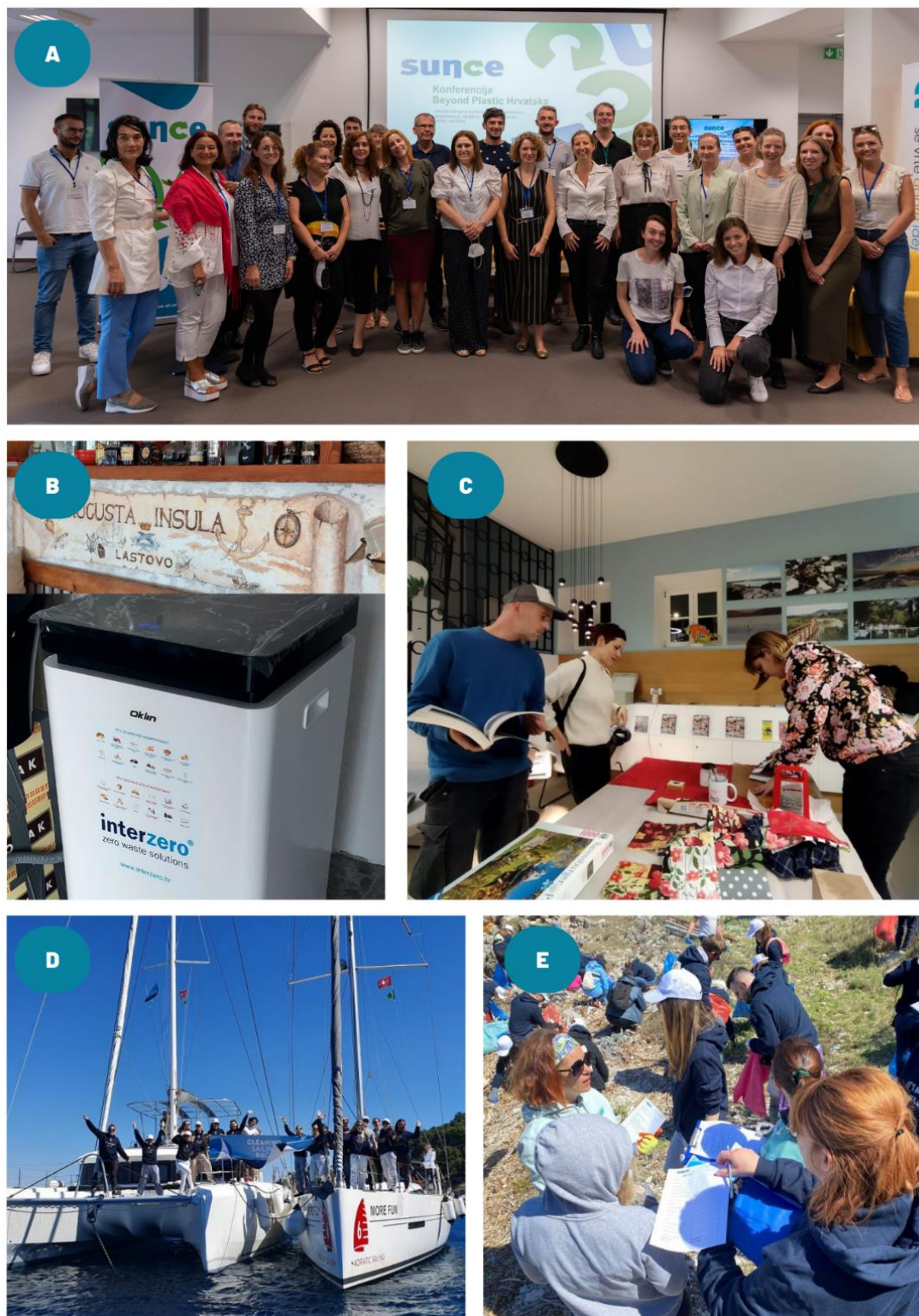


Figure 1 Photos from the events covered by Strategic Goal 1, Sunce archive (A – Beyond Plastic Croatia conference within the BeMed project; B – Composter installed in a restaurant in Lastovo; C – Swap fair on Lake Vrana; D – Cleaning Sailing Race; E – Monitoring of the waste on CSR)

2.2. Strategic goal 2: *Increased level of environmentally responsible behavior of the 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, in 2021, the first longitudinal survey of the ecological awareness of high school graduates in Dalmatia was set up. In cooperation with the faculty, a questionnaire was created and 16 secondary schools from the area of Dalmatia were selected to participate in the research. During 2022, the prepared questionnaire was approved by the Ethics Committee of the faculty and a request was sent to the Ministry of Science for permission to conduct research in schools. Approval is still pending. In the implementation of the research will participate assoc. prof. Ivanka Buzov, Ph.D., students of the faculty in the service-learning activities and employee of Sunce.

In 2022, we did not manage to secure a single positive expert opinion from the Agency for Education for the educational programs of Sunce. Currently, Agency *does not issue professional opinions for the education of educational workers conducted by other institutions or associations but conducts its own professional development of educational workers*. Among other things, it also conducts professional training for education for sustainable development. Based on new information and the fact that the participation of educational staff in our educational programs is used for their advancement, and at the same time the competent institutions have not developed mechanisms for their verification, a decision was made that in the future educational programs will be harmonized with 1) [Rulebook on teacher advancement, teachers, professional associates and principals in primary and secondary schools and student dormitories](#) and 2) [Rulebook on the manner and conditions of advancement in the profession and promotion to the positions of educators and professional associates in kindergartens](#). The situation related to expert opinions for educational programs and the transfer of responsibilities of competent institutions still indicates a lack of systematic resolution of cooperation between educational institutions and CSOs. Namely, the cooperation between educational institutions and CSOs still largely depends on the directors of individual educational institutions. In addition, as a form of ensuring the quality of the educational programs of Sunce, a decision was made to apply for the quality mark of informal educational programs as part of the [SKOCKANO](#) project.

In total, during 2022, we conducted eight educational programs (educational programs: *Making beeswax wraps*; *Teaching through art* designed by ESS volunteers with the support of Sunce educators; *Responsible generation and handling of waste for elementary school age*; *Responsible generation and handling of waste for preschool age*; *Protection of the marine ecosystem for primary school age*; *Marine ecosystem protection for preschool age*; *Acquisition of basic knowledge for advocacy and public communication by organizing and implementing public events for young people*). We included 213 children and young people in the mentioned educational programs.

Furthermore, we included 365 of them from various institutions in the activities and educational programs intended for educational workers, including several institutions with which we had not previously cooperated. The educational program *Responsible waste generation and handling* of a total of 10 modules was implemented for preschool teachers of Kindergarten Trogir. Furthermore, at the county expert councils and at the meeting of the Agency of Education, the results of the project *Sustainable student enterprises in Croatian secondary schools* were presented, as well as the manual of the same name intended for educational institutions and civil society organizations. As part of the *LIFE Artina* project, we organized a workshop on *Cooperation between the civil sector, public institutions for the management of protected areas and educational institutions*, which enabled the exchange of experience among numerous stakeholders in nature protection education.

In total, we organized 20 public events: *Eko Lastovo*, the *Split Bike Race*, seven monthly swap fairs, a swap fair ahead of the European Week of Waste Reduction in Split, three additional swap fairs in Dubrovnik, Trogir and Lake Vrana, four film events, "*Rewind the Film in Your Head*", presentation student product *A'la Pašticada* in the kiosk of the Marjan Society, *Night of the Albatross Lastovo* and *Night of the Albatross Komiza*. We also participated in the *Onion and Game Fair* at Lake Vrana, where we presented ways to prevent waste, especially single-use plastics, and a public event organized by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development *Listen to the Voice of Nature, Protect Croatia's Biodiversity*. During the year, we also organized two green trips. In all these events 1467 citizens participated.

Cooperation with the University Department of Maritime Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Split and the Faculty of Law continued through teaching databases. In addition, cooperation continued with the Faculty of Economics in Split, where Sunce has the status of a host organization for conducting additional professional practice for students. In total, three presentations of Sunce to students were held throughout the year and 15 students were included in programs of service-learning, professional practice and activities of Sunce as a teaching base.

The engagement of employees from the Education and Information Department was in the activities of the GOOD initiative for the introduction of civic education in schools (chapter 2.5). That's how we participated in the online education for educational workers *Green School*, where we presented Sunce and our educational activities.

In addition to the advocacy campaigns *Together without plastic*, *Stop littering* and *Become a Posidonia Keeper*, described under other strategic goals, seven information and communication campaigns were carried out, the topics of which were related to the activities and projects that took place during 2022. These campaigns are: *Live green* (waste reduction); *Swap Fair*; *Cleaning Sailing Race*; *Bicycling Tour*; *Composting* (SENSE); *Seabirds, marine waste and education* (Life Artina); *Sustainable student enterprises*. A total of 132 texts in the Croatian language were published on the main website of Sunce (www.sunce-st.org), which is 28 texts more than in 2021. Also, 128 texts were translated into English for the needs of the English version of the site, and 100 old texts from 2019 and 2020. At the end of 2022, the number of users who follow Sunce's work through social networks totalled 13,381. That is, 12,375 followers of the official FB page of Sunce and 1,005 followers of the Dalmatia Green page. Both sites recorded an increase compared to 2021.



Figure 2 Photos included in Strategic Goal 2, Sunce archive (A – Workshops with children on the topic of protecting the marine ecosystem; B – Implementation of the educational program for preschool teachers of Kindergarten Trogir; C – Manual Participate in sustainable development; D – Visual of the campaign Become a Posidonia Keeper; E – Split bicycle race; F – Promotion of A'La Paštica products; G – Educators at the Onion and Game Fair)

2.3. Strategic goal 3: Increased influence of Sunce on public policies and judicial practice in the field of nature protection, environment, and sustainable development

We ensured influence on public policies by participating in working groups, as well as in the creation of local and national strategic documents and legislative acts. Unfortunately, certain groups were not active, while in some there was no possibility for significant influence. An overview of participation and results by individual working groups and public consultations can be found in Annex 2.5. At the end of the year, a methodology was developed for assessing the impact of participation in the adoption and amendment of implementing and legislative acts as well as environmental impact assessment (EIA) and strategic environmental impact assessment (SEIA) procedures. Its application in the coming period will enable the evaluation of individual participations, but also the overall evaluation, and then the promotion of the findings as one of the indicators of the success of the Strategic Plan.

Stronger influence was made possible by local, national, and international cooperation with numerous civic initiatives and association networks.

Thus, support was provided locally in the use of legal tools in environmental protection to smaller CSOs and civil initiatives for 11 environmental cases. The assistance is mostly related to Green Phone cases and a number of legal opinions and actions related to various projects and incidents in the environment (environmental impact assessment) of the Marina Kaštela project, evaluation of the need for an environmental impact assessment of the Orebić drainage system project, request for confiscation construction permits for Romana Makarska project, EIA for the construction of the Trebinje Airport project, EIA Screening for the Seget Sjever quarry, location permit for Reversible hydroelectric power plant Vrdovalo, construction permit for the Zastrog Landslide, inspection procedure regarding the backfilling on Lošinj, EIA Screening for the development of beaches in the area of Orebić Municipality, Urban Plan (UP) of Suha Punta, Rab and a complaint for not providing information to the State Inspectorate of the Republic of Croatia regarding the fuel spill in the area of Brodosplit).

Several court cases ended with a negative decision for Sunce (*Perna* ferry pier and *Benačica* embankment, Center for waste management *Lučino razdolje*). In 2022, not a single strategic court case was initiated, but preparations continued for the initiation of strategic disputes related to the topic of filling the seashore and environmental pollution due to the unfinished rehabilitation of the former ferroalloy factory in Dugi Rat. Research into the possibility of introducing a legal tool for compensation for environmental damage based on a collective lawsuit continued, in terms of cooperation with the Department of Civil Law of the Faculty of Law in Zagreb and handling the rehabilitation of the ferroalloy factory Dalmacija, Dugi Rat. Furthermore, we continued to advocate for changes to the powers of environmental protection inspectors established by the Environmental Protection Act regarding the subsequent approval of the implementation of interventions in the environment through the EIA Screening procedure.

During the year, the implementation of communication and advocacy campaigns continued: *Together without plastic* to reduce pollution with single-use plastic, *Stop beach filling* and *Become a Posidonia Keeper*. A total of 12 positions related to different areas of work were published annually: a position related to the adoption of the new Law on Maritime Property; point of view and conclusions related to the held panel-discussion *Experiences and recommendations for reducing the accidental catch of seabirds*; position related to the adoption of the Ordinance on packaging and waste packaging, single-use plastic products and fishing gear containing plastic; review of the public call for comments by the European Commission in order to collect data for the preparation of a report on the early warning of the member states of the

European Union (EU), the so-called Early Warning Report, related to the goals for recycling municipal and packaging waste; recommendations from the conference on reducing the impact of anchoring on marine flowering plants; position related to the proposal of the EU law on nature restoration; points of view related to piling *How did piling become the herald of summer?* and *Why are natural beaches important?*; a point of view related to posidonia and anchoring *The story of success - the end of the paragraph in the story of posidonia*; the point of view related to the failure of the factory in Dugi Rat; *In Suho Potok - improvement of the coast or legalization of illegal dumping?*; comments on the Marjan Park-Forest Management Plan and the point of view related to the case of the Green Telephone Novo brdo on Stinice legitimate "filling of earth and stones".

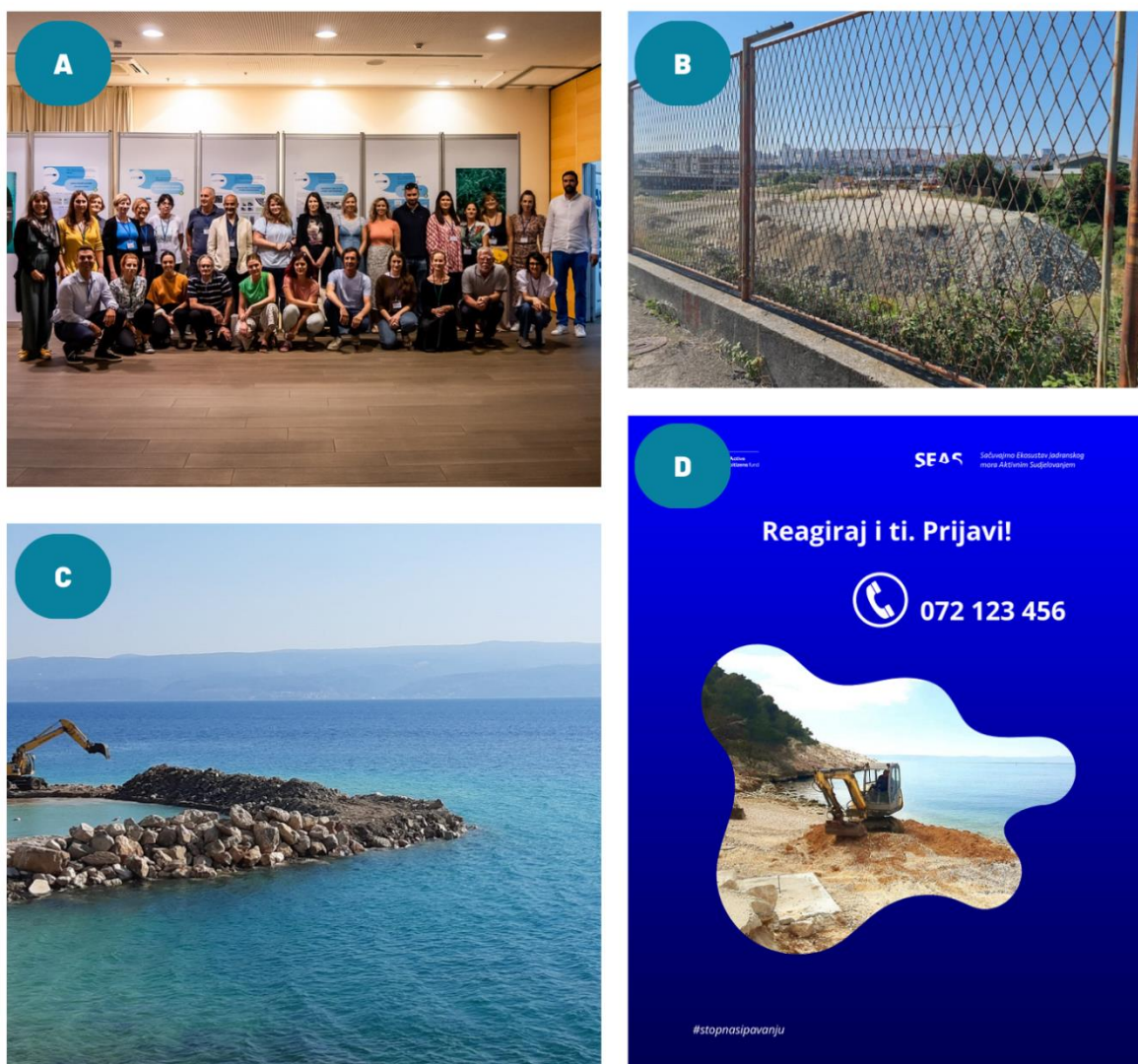


Figure 3 Photos covered by Strategic Objective 2, Sunce archive (A – Conference on reducing the impact of anchoring on marine flowering plants; B – Hill of discarded soil and stones on Stinice; C – Filling in Suho Potok; D – Stop filling campaign

2.4. Strategic objective 4: Contribution to increasing the efficiency of the nature protection sector with an emphasis on the preservation of marine ecosystems

We continued to coordinate the development of eight management plans that include a total of 23 protected areas and 70 ecological network areas (36 marine and 34 terrestrial) in the area of the Krka estuary, the island of Hvar, Maloston Bay, Pelješac, Korčula, Sniježnica, Konavo field and Mljet. In cooperation with competent public institutions and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, we organized 14 internal workshops and 10 workshops for stakeholders. During this process, we encouraged a better understanding of the value and pressure of protected areas and the ecological network and strengthened intersectoral cooperation in solving pressures. Area descriptions for eight management plans were drawn up and adopted. The drafts of two management plans received a positive opinion from the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development for inclusion in the adoption procedure (Maloston Bay Management plan and Pelješac Management plan). We presented our experiences in creating management plans at the MedPAN workshop - Regional workshop on MPA management effectiveness, which was held in Montenegro, from October 25 to 27, 2022. We also shared experiences by participating in events: Regional Conference "Dinarida Parks" (30.5 - 2 June 2022 in Sarajevo) and the Final National Meeting of the MPA NETWORKS project (1 June - 2 June 2022 in Zagreb).

We participated in the public debate in the process of adopting the Marjan Forest Park Management Plan 2022 - 2032. We advocated the establishment of new protected areas and better management of existing protected areas by participating in a questionnaire conducted by the European Environmental Agency (EEA) and the consortium European Topic Center on Biological Diversity (ETC-BD). We participated in the consultations for the establishment of new protected areas and zones of strict protection at sea, which was carried out by Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development through questionnaires and meetings in accordance with the EU requirements arising from the EU Biodiversity Strategy until 2030. We proposed 50 locations in the Adriatic area for the establishment of zones of strict protection, with cartographic presentations and a list of references. For the RERA Public Institution, we prepared an expert study for the declaration of protection in the underwater area around Stupišće (Komiža, island of Vis) and participated in a round table organized on this topic in Komiža.

In 2022, we worked intensively on the conservation of *posidonia* meadows. The final conference of the international Interreg SASPAS project *Conference on reducing the impact of anchoring on marine flowering plants* was organized in Split in June. At the conference, the results of the project were presented, experiences were exchanged among different stakeholders, and a series of recommendations for the preservation of *posidonia* meadows were developed and presented. We promoted the topic of *posidonia* and anchoring with the online campaign *Become a Posidonia Keeper* and through several public events in Croatia and internationally in which we participated as exhibitors (Appendix 2.5). We continued our close cooperation with the *Mediterranean Posidonia Network* (MPN) through meetings and the exchange of knowledge and experience. Videos about the SASPAS project and about the preservation of *posidonia* meadows and the impact of anchoring (*Posidonia Keeper*), which were made in 2021, were distributed more intensively.

Posidonia meadows were monitored in the Lastovsko otočje Nature Park, and in the Kornati National Park *posidonia* meadows were monitored as well as *posidonia* transplants installed in 2020. We also participated in the creation of the document *Analysis of data gaps for the purposes of creating a national monitoring of posidonia meadows*. In cooperation with the Croatian Network of Marine Protected Areas, a webinar was organized on the topic of *Monitoring the state of marine flowering plants*, where we shared the experiences

of Sunce so far. The installation and analysis of the *pinna nobilis* collector in the Mljet National Park was carried out to monitor the presence of this bivalve and to collect fry for protection in the aquarium. Each research is concluded with a report that includes the presentation of results, conclusions and recommendations for management and future research. We are part of an online working group for the preservation of the *pinna nobilis*. Through this channel, we receive and provide information about the condition of the *pinna nobilis* in the field, finding live individuals, setting up collectors for juveniles, the success of maintaining individuals in aquariums, etc.

In cooperation with the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, we participated in the implementation of the national mapping of the marine habitats of the Adriatic, through 300 recordings with drop-down cameras of the undersea islands of Brač and Šolta and the analysis of the recordings.

With the LIFE Artina project, we tested fishing tools to reduce the accidental catch of seabirds in cooperation with fishermen and the Institute for Oceanography and Fisheries. *The report on the testing of adapted fishing gear and measures to reduce bycatch of seabirds in Croatia* was prepared as part of the LIFE Artina project. In November, a panel discussion on *Experiences and recommendations for the reduction of bycatch of seabirds* was organized in Split, and a proposal for measures to reduce the bycatch of birds was drawn up. A video was made on the reduction of bycatch of seabirds. We participated in several national and international events related to the topic of accidental catch and through international study visits and training, they learned more about ways to reduce bycatch and preserve seabirds.

Furthermore, we took part in several events for the exchange of knowledge and experience in the implementation of nature protection projects and measures (annex 2.5).

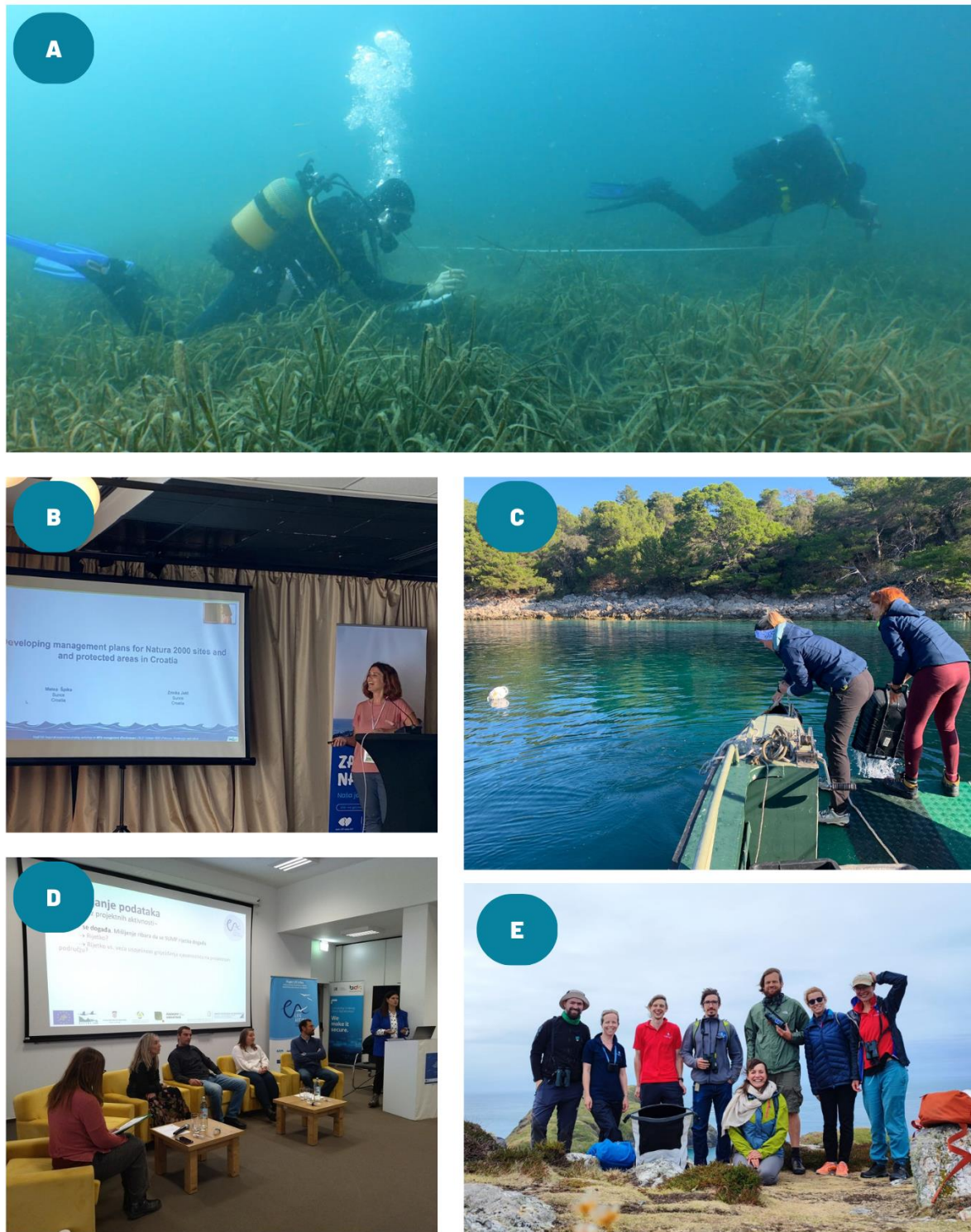


Figure 4. Photos from the events covered by Strategic Goal 4 (Archive of the Association. (A - Monitoring the condition of the *posidonia oceanica* meadow in the area of the Lastovsko otočje Nature Park; B - MedPAN Workshop - Regional workshop on MPA management effectiveness; C - Collecting collectors for *pinna nobilis* in NP Mljet ; D - Panel discussion Experiences and recommendations to reduce bycatch of seabirds; E - visit of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in West Wales and exchange of knowledge and experience in the protection of seabirds)

2.5. Attachment: *List of participation in the creation of public policies*

Public consultations

Participation in public consultations and working 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**. At the same time, 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.

The e-Consultation (e-Savjetovanje) portal has certainly improved public participation in Croatia. However, in 2022, by participating in several consultations, we once again saw the shortcomings of the portal and the need for improvement. The shortcomings are related to transparency, manipulation of the portal, for example not allowing commenting on individual articles, as was the case with the consultation for the Law on Maritime Property and Sea Ports (November/December 2022), *unclear explanations on the acceptance, partial acceptance or non-acceptance* of individual comments in reports on the conducted consultations, light use of the opportunities received, failure to post the final versions of documents with included accepted comments on the portal, and information on whether and when the act for which the consultation was conducted was adopted at all. Furthermore, often documents on the consultation portal, as well as documents in Word and PDF versions, are not harmonized (example of consultation for the *Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia until 2030*, July/August 2022), which further complicates quality public participation. At the end of the year, a methodological framework was developed for the analysis of the effect of participation in certain public debates, which was applied to the *Strategy for the Development of Sustainable Tourism until 2030*, the Strategic Environmental Impact Study of the same Strategy, and the Law on Maritime Assets and Sea Ports. In 2023, the application of this framework is expected to continue to better monitor the effects of individual participation as well as the overall effect of the Sunce.

Strategic goal 1

- **Rulebook on waste management**

By using the e-Consultation portal, we participated in a public debate in the period from February 8, 2022 to March 10, 2022. The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development was responsible for creating the document. No report on the conducted consultation was published on the e-Consultation portal, and the Rulebook was adopted in September 2022.

- **Draft proposal for a decision on the way to provide the public service of municipal waste collection in the area of the city of Split**

The consultation was carried out in the period from December 31, 2021 to January 16, 2022. Sunce warned the City of Split that the minimum statutory period of public consultation on the draft proposal for the *Decision on the method of providing public municipal waste collection services in the area of the city of Split* was not respected according to the Law on the right to access information (Official Gazette 25/13, 85/15) and according to the Environmental Protection Act (Official Gazette 80/13, 153/13, 78/15, 12/18, 118/18). The deadline has not been extended.

- **Call for comments on the early warning report of Member States at risk of not meeting the 2025 recycling and 2035 waste disposal targets.**

In the period from July 4th to August 1st, we participated in an open call, a public consultation conducted by the European Commission, related to the report on the early warning of the member states of the European Union, the so-called *Early Warning Report*, for which there is a risk of not achieving the recycling targets by 2025 and waste disposal by 2035. We have provided an overview of the municipal and packaging waste recycling targets. The review was also carried out on the Sunce's website.

- **Ordinance on packaging and waste packaging, single-use plastic products and fishing gear containing plastic**

By using the e-Consultation portal, we participated in a public debate in the period from November 10 to December 10, 2022. The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development was responsible for creating the document. The Rulebook has not yet been adopted, nor has the consultation report been published, although the expected publication of the report was on January 10, 2023. We published our position and key comments on the Rulebook on the official website of the Sunce.

Strategic goal 3

- **Report of the Ombudsman for 2021**

At the invitation of the ombudsman, we submitted data for the part related to the environment. We highlighted current violations of the right to access to information, the right to public participation and the right to access justice. In addition to the above, we reported on the disputes initiated and managed during 2021, as well as the forms and quality of cooperation with public authorities. In addition, we pointed out obstacles in the work, especially regarding the conditions and implementation of the ESF tender and problems in financing the work of environmental associations.

- **Old city centre management plan**

We participated in focus groups for the creation of the document *Plan for the management of the old city centre* on 14 June 2022 and 20 October 2022. At the focus groups, management priorities were determined, and the weak points of the current management were determined. At the end of 2022, the initiative of a group of civil associations to establish a Partnership Council to supervise the implementation of the plan, of which we are members, was supported. The Council had a constituent session on November 29, 2022, at which the scope of the Council's work was determined, and it was concluded that it will be established by a formal decision by the Mayor of Split in January 2023.

- **Action plan for green Split**

We participated in the meeting as members of the Technical Expert Group for assessing needs, priorities and defining the necessary actions on March 28, 2022. The procedure was conducted with very little concrete influence on the content of the plan itself. Most of the voting was done quickly, without enough time for discussion. Before adopting the final text of the Plan, we participated in the workshop *Development of activities for GCAP Split*, which took place on October 11, 2022. The final text of the Plan is expected in 2023.

- **Law on the Right to Access Information**

We participated in a questionnaire to collect data on the benefits, weaknesses and applicability of key provisions and institutes of the Law on the Right to Access to Information. The questionnaire was sent in June 2022 by the Information Commissioner of the Republic of Croatia. The results of the questionnaire and collected information will be used to improve the law, i.e. its amendment and amendment.

- **Sustainable tourism development strategies until 2030, Strategic environmental impact assessment of Sustainable tourism development strategies until 2030**

The author of these documents is the Ministry of Tourism and Sports. Since part of our proposals were not included by participating in the work of the working group for the development of the *Strategy for the Development of Sustainable Tourism until 2030*, we sent them during the public consultation for this document, which was held from 20 July to 20 August. We are also in the public consultation for the *Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy until 2030*. A smaller part of the comments led to changes in the Strategy document, and these comments are related to the need to implement reduction priorities for all types of waste, not just food waste, stating the importance of developing cycling infrastructure in cities, rural areas and islands, and the need for participation and involvement of civil society organizations society in the further development of tourism. Also, the issue of filling and the impact of anchoring on *posidonia* meadows were further emphasized by Sunce's comments on both the Strategy and the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment. In his answers, the producer pointed out that the issues of ecological anchorages and the introduction of studies of reception capacities, which could to some extent solve the problem of filling and concreting, will be considered and included as concrete measures within the *National Plan for the Development of Sustainable Tourism until 2027*. The preparation of the National Plan is expected in 2023, and it is planned to include a working group in its preparation.

- **Strategic environmental impact assessment of the Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy until 2030**

The holder of this procedure and the client of the *Environmental Impact Study of the Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy until 2030* was the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, while the producer was the company VITA PROJEKT d.o.o. The public consultation was carried out in parallel with the consultation for the Strategy. One of the key successes and results of Sunce's participation is the introduction of a measure to encourage the installation of environmentally friendly anchorages. Furthermore, individual chapters of the study were supplemented at our request. In this way, we contributed to the quality of the study and to a clearer understanding of certain environmental problems that are partly caused by tourist activities (golf, cruise ships, pollution caused by coatings from vessels, the impact of piling on *posidonia*, endangering natural beaches by removing *posidonia* debris, piling and replenishing beaches) as well as problems present in Croatia, especially in the coastal counties, and additionally intensified during the tourist season (the problem of marine waste, which is directly related to poor waste management on land). Furthermore, at our request, the Study was supplemented with information related to the obligation to create marine spatial plans.

- **Law on Maritime Property and Sea Ports (ZPDML)**

We participated in a public e-consultation that was conducted from November 17, 2022 to December 17, 2022. The Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure was responsible for the creation of the document. The law in question has an exceptional impact on the coast and the sea. It regulates filling, use of public spaces, communal policing, etc. Therefore, we previously requested inclusion in the working group on behalf of the Green Forum, but the Ministry did not respond to the letter.

Strategic goal 4

- **Marjan Forest Park management plan 2022 - 2032.**

The consultation was carried out in the period from January 20 to February 19, 2022. Since prepared and sent comments on Plan to Marjan Park-Forest Public Institution on February 10, 2022. We participated in a public exhibition. The consultation report has not been published and the plan has not yet been adopted.

- **Research related to the management of protected areas in the EU**

We participated in advisory processes by filling out questionnaires for research related to the management of protected areas in the EU. The questionnaire was sent to the Institute for Environmental and Nature Protection at Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development.

- **Consultations for the establishment of strict protection zones / protected areas in the sea**

The consultations were conducted during June by means of a questionnaire. The questionnaire was sent by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development in accordance with the EU requirements arising from the EU Biodiversity Strategy until 2030. We also participated in the meeting.

Working groups

Strategic goal 1

- **Working group and commission for drafting the Ordinance on packaging and the SUP directive**

In 2022, there were no meetings of the Working Group. However, at the end of the year, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development launched a public consultation for the Ordinance on packaging and waste packaging, single-use plastic products and fishing gear containing plastic, in which we participated. The Ordinance has not yet been adopted.

Strategic goal 2

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

One stakeholder meeting was held on November 9, 2022, which we did not attend due to other commitments. The SEA-EU 2.0 project was approved in which the University of Split is one of the partners

and cooperation in the alliance will continue for the next four years. Gabrijela Medunić-Orlić, as a member of the Board of Stakeholders on behalf of Sunce, will be replaced by Margita Radman in the coming period.

Strategic goal 3

- **Partnership Council for the creation and implementation of the Strategy of the City of Split for 2030.**

During 2022, there were no council meetings.

- **The Split-Dalmatia County Partnership Council for the development of the *Split-Dalmatia County Development Plan for the period 2021-2027*.**

During 2022, one meeting of the Partnership Council was held on March 4, 2022, which we could not attend due to other commitments.

- **Advisory Council for integral planning and management of the coastal area of Split-Dalmatia County**

Ivana Krstulović was a member of the working group on behalf of Sunce. The Advisory Council was established by the Split-Dalmatia County, and its work is coordinated by the development agency RERA. During 2022, there were no council meetings.

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

Lina Vuletić was a member of the working group on behalf of Sunce. As part of this working group, a study trip to Ireland (May 24-27, 2022) and Italy (October 8-10, 2022), seven meetings of the ULG group, and the presentation of research by Oikon d.o.o. were held. About the possibilities that the areas of public and other purposes of the city of Split can serve in the realization of urban gardens of Split in the future (December 15, 2022).

- **Working group for the development of the *Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy until 2030***

The member of the working group on behalf of Sunce is Gabrijela Medunić-Orlić, and the deputy is Tihana Arapović. We were invited to a meeting in Zagreb that was held on June 3, 2022. We could not attend the meeting because Ministry of Tourism and Sports did not cover the travel expenses and we were informed late about the meeting, which affected the coordination with other obligations and finding the means to participate. However, comments on the draft Strategy were sent. Since part of our proposals were not included due to participation in the work of the working group, we submitted proposals during the public consultation for this document, which was conducted from 7/20 to 8/20/2022. In the same period, we also participated in the public consultation for the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the aforementioned Strategy.

- **Partner Council for the development and implementation of the *Management Plan for the Old City Center of the City of Split***

The founding meeting of the Partner Council for the development and implementation of the *Plan for the Management of the Old Town Center of the City of Split* was held on November 28, 2022.

- **Working group GREEN DEVELOPMENT for the development of the Strategy for the Development of the Urban Agglomeration of Split**

On behalf of the Sunce, at a meeting of the working group on March 23, 2022, participated Hajdi Biuk. We also submitted relevant project proposals for the creation of the Action Plan and the list of strategic projects of the Strategy. Given that it is about the so-called soft projects, we do not expect their financing through the ITU mechanism (integrated territorial investments), but possibly as green projects of an educational nature, their inclusion in the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for the Development of the Urban Agglomeration of Split.

- **Working group within the CIRCE 2020 project**

Recognizing the fact that hydrological risks caused by climate change make Central European cities extremely vulnerable to urban flooding, and at the same time to problems related to water shortages, Public Institution RERA SD and VIK Split, with nine project partners from six Central European countries (Hungary, Croatia, Italy, Slovenia, Poland and Germany), implemented the *City Water Circles - CWC project*. As part of the project, stakeholder meetings are organized in the area of the urban agglomeration of Split. In the name of the Sun, Maja Golem participated in the final conference of the *City Water Circles - CWC project* held on June 9, 2022 in Split.

Strategic goal 4

- **Working group for protected areas and areas with special regulation of fishing**

The working group was established on February 1, 2022 by the Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate for Fisheries. Zrinka Jakl and Ivana Krstulović were appointed to the working group as replacements. There were no activities during 2022.

- **Working group for the protection of *pinna nobilis***

This working group is active via e-mailing list. Through this channel, we receive and provide information about the state of *pinna nobilis* in the field, finding live individuals, setting up collectors for juveniles, the success of maintaining individuals in aquariums, etc.

- **Committee for Monitoring the Implementation of the Program for Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Republic of Croatia for the programming period 2021-2027**

The Board was established by the Ministry of Agriculture in 2021. Hrvoje Čeprija from the BIOM Association is a member of the Board, while Ana Miletić from Sunce is a deputy member of the Board. In 2022, there were no meetings or activities related to this Committee.

Furthermore, within the framework of the **organizational goal Maintained continuity of activities of the Sunce, in processes related to the development and activities of civil society**, we also participated in:

- **National plan for creating a stimulating environment for the development of civil society in 2024 - 2030**

A member of the working group for environmental protection and sustainable development on behalf of Sunce is Gabrijela Medunić-Orlić, who also represents the Green Forum. The replacement is Željka Rajković

from the BIOM Association. During 2022, as members of the working group, and in cooperation with several other associations, we independently informed about the need to urgently initiate the creation of a National Plan to create a stimulating environment for the development of civil society and ensure a quality process of participation. We participated in the meeting for the development of the Plan held in Zadar from October 3 to 5, 2022, and in two meetings for two thematic units for the development of the plan; financing, institutional and legislative framework (November 21, 2022) and cooperation between CSOs and the public sector in the creation of public policies (November 23, 2022).

Advocacy by participating in public gatherings and events

In addition to participating in the events described in the results of the projects and services implemented within the presented programs and departments, in 2022 we participated, either as participants or exhibitors, in the events listed below:

Strategic goal 1

- meeting of plastic smart cities in Venice, organized by WWF Mediterranean (Blanka Rakuljić, 22 and 23 June 2022, Venice)
- workshop *What Interreg Cooperation Can Do to Reduce Marine Litter in European Seas?* organized by JS Interreg Italy – Croatia (Anamarija Paradinović as presenter, 11 October 2022, online)

Strategic goal 2

- the *Coffee for a Greener Split* event with the Split Youth Council, organized by the Split Youth Council and the Info Zona Split (Lina Vuletić, Miranda Šimac, presentation of Sunce's work and activities and review of work with young people, 27 January 2022, Split)
- focus group *EU Youth Cinema: Green Deal* organized by Culture Hub Croatia (Maja Golem, May 5, 2022, Split)
- conference *Croatia can do better: There is a way, when there is a will*, organized by the GOOD initiative (Miranda Šimac, June 1, 2022, Zagreb)
- webinar *Environmental education in practice* organized by Unicompost (Margita Radman as presenter, June 29, 2022, online)
- *Presentation of the green transition of Sunce through green projects and activities* (ESS) organized by EFST (Lina Vuletić, October 28, 2022, Split)
- *Conference for 5* organized by DELTA Association, Rijeka (Margita Radman, December 19, 2022, online)
- focus group *Participation in consultations on the strength, challenges, and possibilities of cooperation between schools and CSOs with a focus on informal educational programs* organized by the House of Human Rights (Margita Radman, December 22, 2022, online)

Strategic goal 3

- presentation of the Sinj platform as part of the project *Smart Green Phone* organized by Green Action (Ivana Krstulović, presenter October 6, 2022, online)

- workshops *Environment with Ruta* organized by the Art Academy from Split (exhibitor Lina Vuletić, presentation of the work and activities of Sunce, especially the advocacy part, June 23, 2022, Split)
- kick-off conference *CREATE the future we need* organized by the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, PAPRAC, the Hrvoje Požar Energy Institute, Split-Dalmatia County (Gabrijela Medunić-Orlić as a panelist, October 20, 2022, Split)
- focus group of the *Sustineo* project on the topic *Sustainable mobility in my city: state of affairs and future perspective* (Gabrijela Medunić-Orlić, Tihana Arapović, December 6, 2022, online)
- focus groups for the development of the Circular Economy Strategy in tourism in the Split-Dalmatia County within the *INCIRCLE* project of the Tourist Board of the Split-Dalmatia County (Tihana Arapović March 1, April 12, May 19 and October 3, 2022, Split)

Strategic goal 4

- *Mediterranean Worlds Forum* conference organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, WWF France and MPN (Zrinka Jakl panellist on *posidonia* and anchoring, online, February 2, 2022)
- workshop *Integrated management of natural resources of small islands in the Mediterranean (SMILO - Med)* organized by Public Institution More i krš (Zrinka Jakl, April 19, 2022., Pakleni Islands)
- regional conference *Parks of the Dinarides* organized by WWF Adria (Anamarija Paradinović May 30 - June 2, 2022, Sarajevo)
- kick-off *Conference - RESISTANCE Raising awareness of Maritime Spatial planning IMPORTANCE* organized by the Zdravi grad association (Matea Špika, July 19, 2022, Split)
- workshop *Transnational networking event* by *ARIEL PLUS* project, Interreg ADRION organized by Public institution RERA S.D. in cooperation with the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (Ana Miletić, August 25, 2022, Split)
- *Regional workshop on MPA management effectiveness* organized by the MedPAN network (Matea Špika as presenter, October 25 - 27, 2022, Petrovac, Montenegro)
- Round table *Panel of the Association of Nautical Tourism* on the topic of Sustainable Tourism Strategy, Law on Maritime Property (Zrinka Jakl in the role of panellist, October 26, 2022, Biograd)
- *Pledge for new designations* workshop organized by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (Zrinka Jakl, followed by Matea Špika, online, November 15, 2022, Zagreb)
- meeting with the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development on the topic of 10% of sea protection - discussion of proposals (Zrinka Jakl, December 21, 2022, Zagreb/online)
- *14th Croatian Small Shipbuilding Fair* in Marina Kaštela, organized by the Days of Croatian Small Shipbuilding Association; participation by exhibition at the stand, presentation of the SASPAS project on the topics of *posidonia* and anchoring (Vida Zrnčić, May 12 - 15, 2022, Kaštel Gomilica)

Organizational goal: Continuity of the activities of Sunce in the processes related to the development and activities of civil society

- conference *Fighting against the narrowing of the space for action and creation of a stimulating environment for the development of civil society in the EU*, organized by the Center for Peace Studies, GONG, the association Roda, Green Action, the House of Human Rights Zagreb and others (Andrea Tvrđić, Ivana Krstulović, November 24 and 25, 2022, online).

2.6. Attachment: List of projects

Project	Responsible program/department of Sunce	The main bearer	Major donors	Implementation period	The total value of the project for the entire implementation period
<i>LIFE Artina - Seabird conservation network in the Adriatic</i>	Nature protection program	Association BIOM	LIFE Program of the European Union, Office for Associations of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, Fund for Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency	September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2023.	<p>The contribution of the LIFE Program of the European Union amounts to EUR 1,152,832 (60% of the total project budget).</p> <p>The project is co-financed by: Office for NGOs, 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 amounts to EUR 461,488.00, whereby Sunce needs to provide EUR 184,579.00 through co-financing (40%).</p>
<i>Adriatic Seabird Guardians</i>	Nature protection program	Association BIOM	Serge Foundation (partial co-financing with the <i>LIFE Artina</i> project)	May 1, 2019 – April 20, 2022, the project was extended until July 31, 2022	The total amount of the project is EUR 26,520.00.
<i>Establishing a model of joint management of small commercial fishing in the Mediterranean</i>	Nature protection program	WWF Adria	The Foundation Ocean	September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2022 (Sunce contract, August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2022)	The total amount of the project is EUR 21,000.00 (Sunce contract).

Project	Responsible program/department of Sunce	The main bearer	Major donors	Implementation period	The total value of the project for the entire implementation period
<i>SASPAS – Safe Anchoring and Seagrass Protection in the Adriatic Sea</i>	Nature protection program	Municipality of Monfalcone	EU, European Fund for Regional Development within the Interreg V-A IT-HR CBC Program (Priority axis 3 – <i>Environment & cultural heritage</i>)	January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been extended until March 31, 2022	<p>The total project budget amounts to EUR 1,906,100.00. The funds of the program (ERDF) amount to EUR 1,620,185.00.</p> <p>The total approved budget for the Sunce project is EUR 152,400.00, of which EUR 22,860.00 needs to be secured through co-financing. In 2019, the Office for NGOs of the Government of the Republic of Croatia approved 70% of the remaining amount of co-financing, i.e. EUR 16,002.00.</p>
<i>Plastic Smart Cities Croatia – Dubrovnik</i>	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Sunce	The City of Dubrovnik	October 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023, the project was extended until March 31, 2023	The total amount of the project is HRK 19,000.00
<i>For Plastic-Free Islands</i>	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Sunce	The Beyond Med Association – BeMed	October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2022	<p>The total amount of the project is EUR 142,690.80, of which EUR 42,807.24 requires co-financing. The share of financing of the BeMed association amounts to EUR 99,883.56.</p>

Project	Responsible program/department of Sunce	The main bearer	Major donors	Implementation period	The total value of the project for the entire implementation period
<i>Career for Green and Sustainable Tourism</i>	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Sunce	Ministry of Tourism and Sports	January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	The total amount of the project is HRK 251,004.73, with Ministry of Tourism and Sports co-financing amounting to HRK 171,332.50.
Cooperation on marine protection within the Biotherm Water Lovers campaign	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Sunce	BioTherm	July 12, 2021 – April 30, 2022	10.000,00 EUR
<i>Split Bike Race</i>	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Sunce	Tourist Board of Split-Dalmatia County	August 23, 2022 – December 30, 2022	10.000,00 HRK
<i>Split Bike Race</i>	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Sunce	Tourist board of the City of Split	August 24, 2022 – November 21, 2022	2.000,00 HRK
<i>Split Bike Race</i>	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Sunce	Split Parking	June 30, 2022 – July 12, 2022	1.000,00 HRK
<i>SEAS - Let's Preserve the Ecosystems of the Adriatic Sea Through Active Participation</i>	Department of Environmental Law	Sunce	Financial support of Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway within the framework of the European Economic Area and Norwegian subsidies	January 1, 2021. – December 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 within the framework of the European Economic Area and Norwegian subsidies.

Project	Responsible program/department of Sunce	The main bearer	Major donors	Implementation period	The total value of the project for the entire implementation period
<i>Green phone</i>	Department of Environmental Law	Sunce	The City of Split	January 1, 2022. – December 31, 2022	10.000,00 HRK
<i>JEDRO - Public policies for sustainable social development - water, energy, waste</i>	Department of Environmental Law	Green Action FoE	EU, European Social Fund, Operational Program Effective Human Resources	October 29, 2020 – October 29, 2023	The total value of the project is 3,594,308.89 HRK, and for Sunce it is 170,663.45 HRK.
<i>Raising Awareness of the Importance of Composting</i>	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Sunce	SENSE foundation	December 22, 2021 – December 21, 2022	The total value of the project amounts to EUR 72,150.92, whereby EUR 17,678.53 was provided by the SENSE Foundation Brussels, and the remaining amount of EUR 54,472.39 is co-financed by Sunce funds.
<i>Solidarity for Green Dalmatia 2020</i>	Department of Education and Information	Sunce	EU, European Solidarity Corps	September 1, 2020 – January 31, 2022	21.330,03 EUR
<i>Solidarity for Green Dalmatia 2021</i>	Department of Education and Information	Sunce	EU, European Solidarity Corps	September 1, 2021 – February 28, 2023	33.537,00 EUR

Project	Responsible program/department of Sunce	The main bearer	Major donors	Implementation period	The total value of the project for the entire implementation period
<i>Sustainable Student Companies in Croatian Secondary Schools - Green Companies Promote Sustainable Entrepreneurial Thinking and Actions of Young People in Croatia</i>	Department of Education and Information	Sunce	The Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (DBU)	January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021 due to the COVID-19 crisis, it has been extended until March 10, 2022	The total amount of the project is EUR 132,761.86, of which EUR 66,330.00 was provided by 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	November 1, 2021 – January 10, 2022	6.888,00 EUR
<i>Rivers of Knowledge</i>	Department of Education and Information	Croatian Society of Natural Sciences	The European Social Fund within the program <i>Strengthening the Capacity of Civil Society Organizations for the Popularization of 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 earmarked for the Sunce.
<i>Fundraising grant Association Sunce</i>	Organization	Sunce	MAVA foundation	June 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022	46.756,00 EUR
<i>General Support Grant</i>	Organization	Sunce	Sigrid Rausing Trust Foundation	December 1, 2021 – November 30, 2022	80.000,00 GBP

Project	Responsible program/department of Sunce	The main bearer	Major donors	Implementation period	The total value of the project for the entire implementation period
Three-year General Support Grant	Organization	Sunce	Sigrid Rausing Trust Foundation	December 1, 2022 – November 30, 2025	300.000,00 GBP
Institutional support	Organization	Sunce	National Foundation for the Development of Civil Society	January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 (The support is extended for a total of three years, i.e. until December 31, 2024, based on approved reports and implementation plans.)	274.200,00 HRK annually

2.7. Attachment: *List of services*

Service	Responsible program/ department of the Sunce	The customer of the service	Implementation period	Total value of the service for the entire implementation period (without VAT)
Development of management plans for areas of the Natura 2000 ecological network and protected areas from Group 5	Nature protection program	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	March 18, 2020 – October 31, 2022; The implementation of the service has been extended until June 30, 2023	1.830,190,00 HRK
<i>Service Monitoring of the sea flower Posidonia oceanica in the area of the Nature Park Lastovsko otočje</i>	Nature protection program	Public institution Nature Park Lastovsko otočje	August 16, 2022 – February 1, 2023	52.000,00 HRK
Creation, installation and extraction of collectors for catching larvae of <i>pinna nobilis</i> , as well as identification and extraction of young <i>pinna nobilis</i> from the collector	Nature protection program	Public institution National Park Mljet	May 23, 2022 – December 1, 2022	32.000,00 HRK
Preparation of a gap analysis report for the development of the national monitoring program for habitat 1120* Posidonia settlements	Nature protection program	Janolus d.o.o.	March 1, 2022 – April 1, 2022	13.000,00 HRK

Service	Responsible program/department of the Sunce	The customer of the service	Implementation period	Total value of the service for the entire implementation period (without VAT)
Professional basis for the declaration of a protected marine area on the location of cape Stupišće - the island of Vis, in the implementation of the Argos project as part of the cross-border cooperation program between Italy and Croatia 2014 - 2020	Nature protection program	RERA	June 17, 2022 - November 30, 2022	143.750,00 HRK
Coastal sea area mapping service - recording of 300 dropdown camera transects, including preparation and delivery of recorded material	Nature protection program	OIKON d.o.o.	October 5, 2022 - December 15, 2022	120.000,00 HRK
Inventory of the seabed and organization of two actions of cleaning the seabed and the seabed	Nature protection program	Geopark Vis Archipelago Association	October 24, 2022 - May 1, 2023	26.000,00 HRK

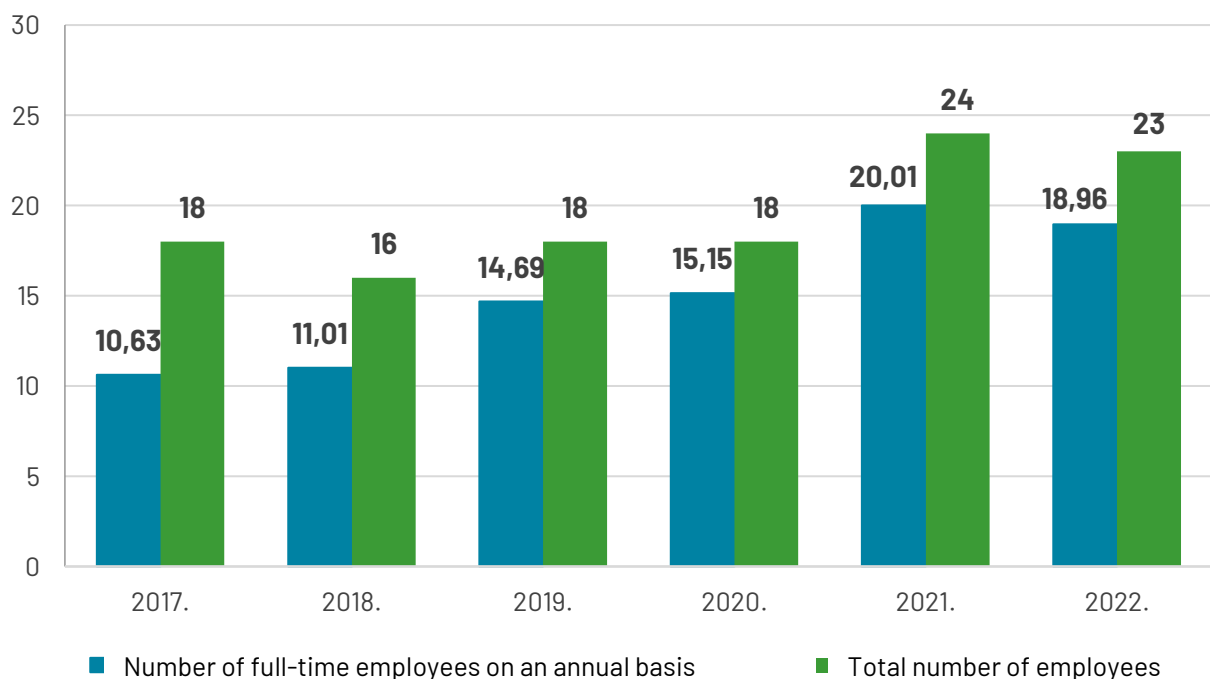
Service	Responsible program/department of the Sunce	The customer of the service	Implementation period	Total value of the service for the entire implementation period (without VAT)
Increasing specific knowledge and available information about waste management, the use of single-use plastics and the level of plastic pollution, and the creation of a legal framework within the Vrana Lake Nature Park	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Public institution Vrana Lake Nature Park	July 19, 2022 – December 31, 2022 By extending the implementation of the project for The Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund, for part of the activities from the implementation service, it is planned to September 30, 2023	99.100,00 HRK
Conception and implementation of an educational program for stakeholders and professional assistance in making a <i>decision</i> on the cessation of the use of single-use plastics in the area of the Cetina River Canyon, within the project Significant Landscape Cetina River Canyon, Plastic Free Zone	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Public institution More i krš	August 8, 2022 – December 31, 2022 By extending the implementation of the project for The Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund, for part of the activities from the implementation service, it is planned to 30. 9. 2023.	44.000,00 HRK
Public education on waste separation and composting	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Makarski Komunalac d.o.o.	January 25, 2022 – February 1, 2022	5.025,00 HRK

Service	Responsible program/department of the Sunce	The customer of the service	Implementation period	Total value of the service for the entire implementation period (without VAT)
Raising public awareness about environmental protection and preservation as part of the <i>Resolution Earth</i> project	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Večernji list	January 1, 2022 – October 14, 2022	4.125,00 HRK
Lecture <i>Marine waste and measures to monitor the amount of pollution</i>	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Development agency of the city of Kaštela	November 29, 2022 – December 19, 2023	2.500,00 HRK
Preparation and implementation of the forum on separate waste collection and creation of an educational leaflet on separate waste collection	Environmental protection and sustainable development program	Trogir holding d.o.o.	November 11, 2022 – January 12, 2023	5.200,00 HRK
Presentation of the local problem of waste co-incineration, <i>Climate Justice for Anhovo</i> project	Department of Environmental Law	PIC – Legal Centre for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment	November 1, 2021 – January 24, 2022	2.175,00 HRK
Education of educators and children on the topic of ecological and sustainable development in order to improve services for children in early and preschool education	Department of Education and Information	Kindergarten Trogir	October 1, 2023 – January 11, 2023	23.400,00 HRK

Service	Responsible program/department of the Sunce	The customer of the service	Implementation period	Total value of the service for the entire implementation period (without VAT)
Implementation of informative and educational activities and informative materials, Orebić	Department of Education and Information	ORA Orebić	September 20, 2021 – December 31, 2022	11.540,00 HRK
Conception and implementation of workshops for children on the topic of marine ecology	Department of Education and Information	Hanza media d.o.o.	March 16, 2022 – April 12, 2022	2.000,00 HRK
Educational workshops for preschool children and subject classes on the topic of Marine Ecosystem Protection and a lecture for fishermen	Department of Education and Information	Communal activities d.o.o	September 20, 2022 – June 15, 2022	15.500,00 HRK

3. ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The year 2022 was the first year of the new three-year cycle of using the institutional support of the National Foundation for the Development of Civil Society. Furthermore, based on Sunce's successful results during the Sigrid Foundation's one-year support, we applied in September 2022 and were granted their three-year support at the end of 2022. This contributed to the further organizational development of Sunce during 2022 and the achievement of strategic goals. However, the completion of several Interreg projects during 2022, the lack of tenders as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, but also not the timely completion of the programming of EU funds, and at the same time the preoccupation with the implementation of activities, led to a lack of registered projects for 2023. Even at the end of 2022, the financial situation was uncertain. Uncertainty, both at the organizational level and globally, caused by events in Croatia and the world, relatively low salaries, especially for interns at Sunce, further increased employee turnover. Due to the aforementioned, the number of employees in 2022 is slightly lower than the number of employees in 2021 (Graphic representation 1).



Graphic display 1 Display of the number of employees in the period from 2017 to 2022

Furthermore, the need to restructure Sunce has arisen again, especially due to the initiation of the process of developing the idea of opening a law office. Namely, in 2022, the complex process of developing the idea of opening a law office that would cooperate with Sunce and thus contribute to the development of environmental law began. The board of directors supported the idea of a Sunce lawyer who passed the bar exam to open an office, with the support of Sunce. The guiding idea was that the law office specializes in environmental law and represents support for the environmental civil sector. Through a participatory process, decisions were made on the methods of cooperation as well as the legal procedures of the office that will be launched for Sunce in the first year, as well as other tasks that will be conducted for Sunce. The office is scheduled to open in 2023.

At the beginning of the year, the two-year Membership Development Plan 2022-2024 was drawn up, and in 2022 we focused on its implementation. Funds for this part of organizational development are provided by the SAES project - *Let's Save the Ecosystem of the Adriatic Sea through Active Participation*. Based on the agreement of the membership team, changes to the Statute were made, among other things, in the part related to membership. A significant step forward was also made in the management and communication with the membership of Sunce and a total of five events were organized for members (*Cleaning Sailing Race*, cleaning action on Lastovo, stand-up, diving weekend in Milna and a movie night). Starting in April 2022, members will receive a monthly newsletter that enables timely communication of the activities of Sunce as well as opportunities for members to get involved.

The provision that volunteers should be members of Sunce has been abolished. In the new Statute, it applies only to long-term volunteers, while short-term volunteers are not obliged to be members. This facilitated the administration and logistics of short-term volunteering in Sunce. Thus, in 2022, the number of volunteer hours increased compared to 2021, partly as a result of three engaged international ESS volunteers.

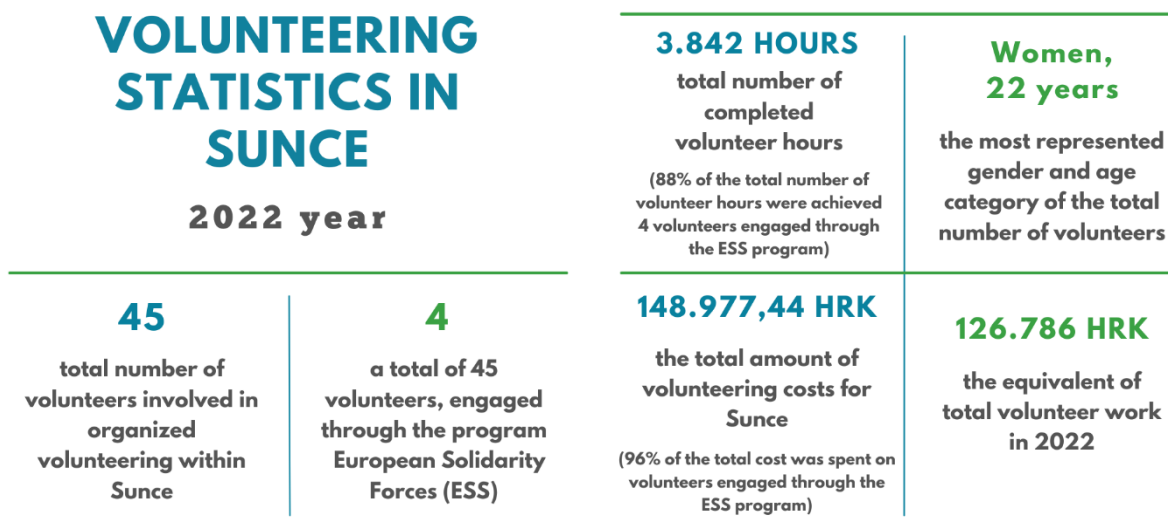
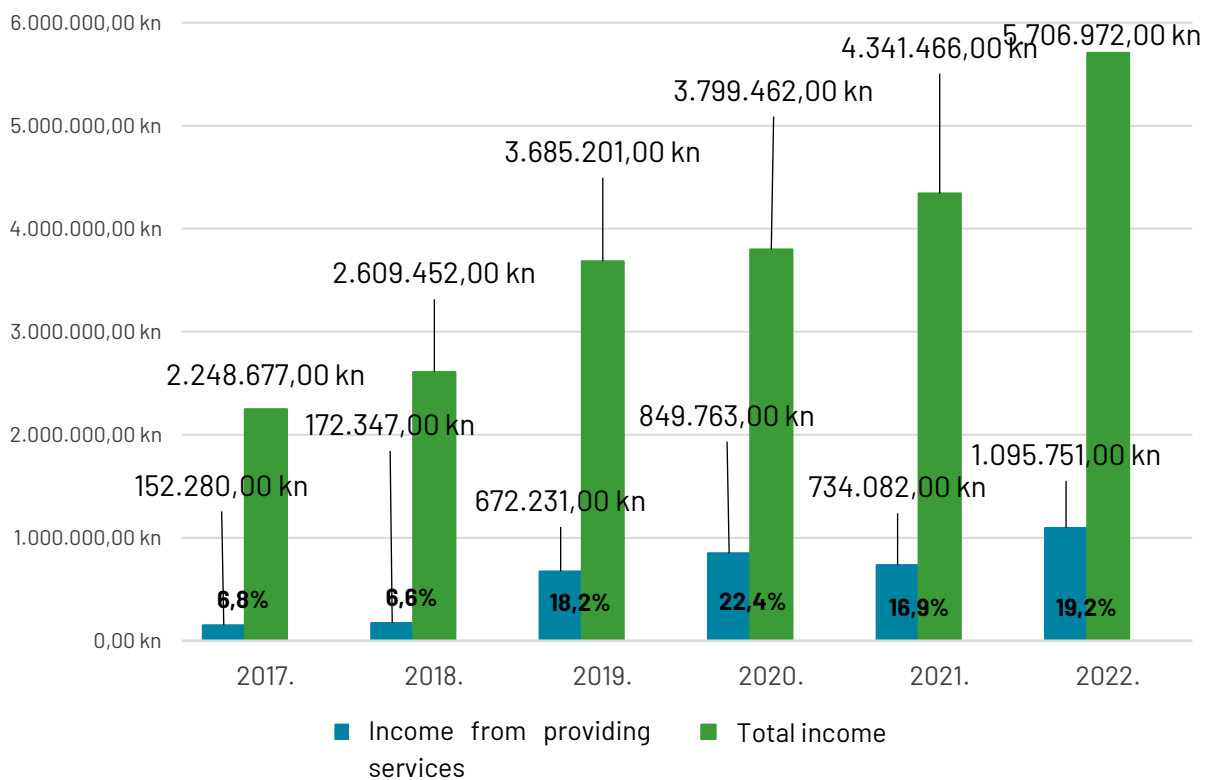


Figure 5 Quantitative data on volunteering in 2022

Coverage in the media continued to grow, and a total of 352 texts (269 in 2021), i.e. articles, were published in the public media about the work of Sunce, the topics, activities and projects on which the Sunce is working, and our points of view. Guided by the new communication strategy, a step forward was also made in the communication approach. In order to make serious topics as visible as possible to the public, to ensure the visibility of several projects (*LIFE Artina*, *For Plastic-Free Croatian Islands*, *SASPAS* and *SEAS*), we organized two stand-up performances by comedians. Both in June, in Split and on Lastovo in Pasadur.

In addition to projects, the provision of services continued to be a significant part of Sunce's total revenues, and the share of revenues from the provision of services increased from 16.91% to 19.20%, which is important for us to ensure financial sustainability and stability. Furthermore, in the year 2022,

with the amount of HRK 1,095,751, Sunce achieved the highest amount of revenue from the provision of services throughout its entire operation.



Graphical presentation 2 Trends in revenue from the provision of services and total revenue 2017 - 2022.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Realized revenues of Sunce in 2022	Income amounts
foreign sources (foreign governments and international organizations)	1.933.442 HRK
foreign sources (EU funds)*	1.934.083 HRK
budget, state	186.093 HRK
budget, local	31.500 HRK
own income generated by the performance of permitted activities	1.095.751 HRK
donations from the business sector of the Republic of Croatia	467.261 HRK
membership fees	4.770 HRK
donations from citizens of the Republic of Croatia	3.374 HRK
other (revenues from sales, refunds, etc.)	50.698 HRK
the total realized income of the Sunce in 2022	5.706.972 HRK
Realized expenses of Sunce	Expenditure amounts
wages, benefits and contributions for employees	2.702.540 HRK
compensation to employees to cover the costs of official trips, workshops, seminars	213.885 HRK
fees for consultants and collaborators (foreign and domestic) and non-employees (fees, author's and work contracts + travel expenses)	184.379 HRK
volunteer expenses	76.272 HRK
expenses for services (rent, telephone, maintenance, etc.)	576.564 HRK
material costs	117.298 HRK
intellectual and personal services (contracts, accounting service, student service, etc.)	229.593 HRK
other expenses (membership fees, donations, banking services, depreciation, etc.)	577.357 HRK
total realized expenditures of Sunce in 2022	4.677.888 HRK

**Note: refers to funds received from projects from the Interreg Italy Croatia, ESS, LIFE and ESF programs (in the income and expenditure report, they are credited to the state budget / EU institutions and bodies / legal entities for EU projects - depending on the payer of the funds).*



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