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Upcoming projects and mobilities: Italy, France, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Portugal

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PROJECT NAT2CARE – Encouraging communities for conservation and restoration of the Natura 2000 cross-border sites

The 3-year project NAT2CARE, taking place between the 1st September 2017 and 29th February 2020, is co-financed by the Interreg V-A Italy-Slovenia programme 2014 – 2020, and has 6 project partners, namely: Parco naturale delle Prealpi Giulie, Triglavski narodni park, Parco Naturale delle Dolomiti Friulane, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo, Università degli Studi di Udine, and Biotehniški center Naklo. The main objective of the project is to improve the state and presence of biodiversity in the Natura 2000 sites within the programme area and especially in those areas, which are under the authority of the project partners with interventions in Natura 2000 habitats, by strengthening integrated management, assessment and promotion of the ecosystem services, through environmental education and raising awareness among various stakeholders as well as the general public.

In the school year 2018 – 2019 various activities are planned, such as workshops for adult stakeholders and roundtables, workshops and interactive edu-

cational games in nature for elementary schools, exchanges between Slovenian and Italian secondary schools, and numerous events in nature, such as one-day and multi-day research camps, guided tours and excursions, seminars for students and professionals. In many of these activities, students of BC Naklo secondary school and higher vocational college will take part. We are looking forward to a really active year!

YOUrALPS project or how to bring young people closer to our natural and cultural heritage in the Alpine and pre-alpine world

In this school year, our school is still carrying out the 'YOUrALPS project – Educating Youth for the Alps: (re)connecting Youth and Mountain heritage for an inspiring future in the Alps' which is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund under the INTERREG Alpine Space program. The outdoor classroom of sustainable development in the Alps will encourage students to actively participate in solving the problems of (un)sustainable use of resources and space. At the end of the school year, we will be the first school in Slovenia to have received an

'Alpine School' certificate. In September, we visited the clay ponds in Bobovek pri Kranju with the 2N class. At Krokodilnica, Čukova jama and Ledvička, we analysed the water and the soil and catalogued the organisms. In future, an expert from the Nature Conservation Institute will give a presentation on the ponds as part of the Natura 2000 network. Kranj Mushroom Association together with the 1N class carried out activities around the school estate. They tried to recognize the fungi and their role in the ecosystem. We are planning to pay special attention to safe exploration of caves and the challenges when hiking in the mountains during the winter. Follow the @YOUrALPS Facebook page and get updated on the activities in the Alps.

SENHIAS: Save our European Natural Heritage from Invasive Alien Species Attack, Erasmus+ Project KA2

Our project was born in the context of 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage and the publication by Europe of a list of invasive alien species as one of the targets of the 'EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020'.

The project will run for 2 years (2018 – 2020) and has 4 partners: Belgium, Sweden, Portugal and Slovenia. It aims, through a scientific, cultural, geographical, environmental, socio-economic and historical approach, at raising people's knowledge and awareness of both the issue of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) and the impact they have on biodiversity and landscapes and the importance of the preservation of Natural Cultural Heritage in Europe, focusing on a particular type of landscape in each country: urban landscapes in Belgium, coastal landscapes in Portugal, forest landscapes in Slovenia and marine landscapes in Sweden.

