

World Heritage Volunteers 2015

Project Description

Title	World Heritage Volunteers Investing in Heritage and Environment
Site	Durmitor National Park
Status	Natural site inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1980
Project location	Zabljak, Montenegro
Project dates	30 June 2015 to 11 July 2015
Site description	Durmitor National Park comprises Mount Durmitor plateau and the valley formed by the canyon of the River Tara, incorporating three major geomorphologic features: canyons, mountains and plateaux. This breathtaking national park was formed by glaciers and is traversed by rivers and underground streams. Along the Tara river canyon, which has the deepest gorges in Europe, the dense pine forests are interspersed with clear lakes and harbour a wide range of endemic flora. Because of its geographical location and range in altitude, the park is under the influence of both Mediterranean and alpine microclimates, which has resulted in an exceptional range of species.
Project objectives	The organisers aim by support of the national and international volunteers to empower the local community to develop a responsible attitude towards natural resources and their place of residence. This is followed by promotion of ways of sustainable development and sustainable use of resources for the development of rural areas in protected regions to the local community and beneficiaries. Also the project aims to serve as a best-practice example for other communities in the north of Montenegro. The project seeks to work towards sustainable management of households and the environment in Durmitor and the promotion of the concept in the north of Montenegro in general.
Project activities	The first steps in achieving the projects' objectives are holding workshops on composting units to international and local volunteers. Volunteers can gain knowledge of the Almost parallel to this, the volunteers will conduct a promotional campaign in the city of Žabljak with focusing on sustainable development and composting. The campaign will include door to door flyer distribution, since Žabljak is a small and hospitable town, and the volunteers will present the project activities along with promotion of World Heritage sites. In addition, volunteers will construct houses with composting and sustainable living conditions for households And finally, an open-house demonstration of the units for the local community is planned.
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