

VELOSCHOOLS – ECO LOGIC – NORTH MACEDONIA



Eco Logic is an NGO dedicated to protection and conservation of the environment, promotion of modern environmental practices, as well as monitoring and promoting the principle of sustainable development. In 2018 they formed the program Velo Uchilishta (Veloschools) with the purpose of promoting cycling as a safe, healthy and alternative way of transport for pupils in North Macedonia.

They are using bicycles as a tool not just for sports activities, through bicycling they talk about air pollution, transport, socializing, and health benefits. Their main focus is working with children from elementary school, while currently around 40% of the schools in the country are part of Velo Uchilishta. The activities are done outdoors, starting from simple warm up exercises, riding bicycles, discussing the right way of riding bicycles, and education for the environment.

In September 2022 they created a 6-7 km educational trail, for children and families. It is done in an area where workshops for nature and biodiversity are regularly held, therefore families can now cycle on the trail, educate themselves for the proper ways of cycling and maintaining their bicycles, and arrive on the destinations where they will learn about biodiversity in the specific area.

In the past they even had an educational center “Zhabec” (Froggy). During winter time they were organizing activities in the Natural History Museum, on the top floor kids were learning about environmental topics - animals and living creatures, learning how animals look, their natural sizes, reproduction and their habitats, while on the ground floor they were doing exercises for corrective gymnastics.



They have identified that there is a lack of information for environmental protection and climate change in the curriculum for elementary and high school, and also that there is not sufficient physical education. Using all the experience which they have, they created an extracurricular subject “Cycling” which was approved by the Bureau for development of education. Currently this subject is being taught in an elementary school in the village Blatec, near Vinica, in the eastern part of the country.

