TAKT (TOGETHER ADVANCING COMMON TRUST) NORTH MACEDONIA

TAKT is a start-up non-governmental organization for bridging up cultures, fighting social and gender inequalities through sports and cultural activities.

Their project "Sport for development of green environment" started 3 years ago in the small rural municipality of Kriva Palanka. The main objectives of the project were firstly to contribute towards social inclusion of the children from elementary school, coming from the rural places, through the use of sport, and secondly to develop urban sport spots where the children can play sports together.



There are two main messages that the initiative carries. First, everyone is welcome. This means that it is an inclusive initiative where everyone can come and participate. Second one is that they protect the environment. When it comes to this message, they tend to organize all the activities with the idea that everyone needs to think of the environment first.

The activities that are covered in the project have an impact over the choices that the target group makes after. After these activities, the children firstly have more options of which playground to choose for their sport activities and secondly, because they have assisted in the process of cleaning and developing that playground, they will keep it further clean and will know how to protect the environment.

The activities that were covered in the project created a very positive impact on the community and increased their level of awareness about the environment and how they should protect it. This was achieved by creating an educational environment where children who came for the development of the sporting playground, they also played sports afterwards there and they learned why protecting the environment is important and how they can do that.



