

YE "NATURE SCOPE" ENVIRONMENTAL BOOKET



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**WELCOME TO THE COMPLETED
BOOKLET OF THE ERASMUS +
YOUTH EXCHANGE "NATURE
SCOPE", HELD IN BANSKO,
BULGARIA; IN THIS BOOKLET,
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND
THE ECOLOGICAL ENDEAVORS
OF SIX DIVERSE NATIONS
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In the following pages, we are able to find out 10 environmental problems faced by each country, shedding light on their proactive efforts towards a sustainable future. This Booklet encapsulates not only the identification and elucidation of 10 ecological issues but also explores the initiatives undertaken by state and private companies within each country to contribute to the objectives outlined in the European Green Deal.

Additionally, the collaborative spirit of the participating nations extends to proposing innovative solutions for the environmental challenges faced by their counterparts in the exchange. Join us on this journey as we navigate through our shared commitment to environmental awareness and action.



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ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS



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TURKIYE



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FOREST DESTRUCTION

**FACTORS SUCH AS
EXCESSIVE CUTTING OF
FORESTS, DEFORESTATION
AND FIRES THREATEN
FOREST ECOSYSTEMS.**

**TREES, WHICH ARE THE RAW
MATERIALS OF FURNITURE
PRODUCT AND EXPORTED
IN TURKEY EVERY DAY, ARE
CONSUMED TOO FAST TO BE
RECORDED IN 50 YEARS**



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WATER POLLUTION IN TURKEY



- **42% OF HOUSEHOLDS IN TURKEY CAN NOT ACCESS SAFE DRINKING AND POTABLE WATER**
- **DATA COLLECTED FROM 81 PROVINCES REVEAL THAT WATER POLLUTION IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN 30 PROVINCES IN TURKIYE**
- **THE DRYING UP OF LAKE SALDA IN TURKIYE IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST EXAMPLES OF THIS**
- **AND SINCE IT DIDN'T RAIN ALL SUMMER IN ISTANBUL, WE HAD 60 DAYS OF WATER LEFT.**



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TRAFFIC PROBLEMS



THE REASON FOR THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IS DUE TO THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF THE INDUSTRIALIZATION AND INCREASING TRANSPORTATION THE USE OF IN THE INDIVIDUAL WHICH IS MORE THAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CONSTITUTES THE BASES OF THESE PROBLEM.



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RECYCLING PROBLEM



- **WHILE MANY COUNTRIES APPLY OWN RULES TO ENCOURAGE THE SEPARATION OF CARBAGE AT HOME, THEIR RECYCLING RATE IN TURKEY IS ONLY 30 PERCENT**
- **THE AMOUNT OF SOLID WASTE GENERATED IN TURKEY DUE TO POPULATION GROWTH AND EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION REACHES APPROXIMATELY 32 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY TO RECYCLING RATE IS AROUND 30 PERCENT**
- **THE ORGANISATION OF THE FACILITIES, WHICH ARE ALREADY FEW NUMBER ARE NOT SUFFICIENT AND STRONG**
- **THESE USES WASTE ENERGY LOST AND PREVENT THE ECONOMICAL USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES.**



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**I AM FROM TURKEY, WHICH IS A
DEVELOPING COUNTRY.**

**AS YOU GUYS KNOW, WORD OF
DEVELOPMENT IS NOT ONLY
MEAN GROW ON SOMETHING BUT
ALSO MEANS CREATING
SOMETHING NEW, AND THIS, FOR
EXAMPLE, LEADS TO
FABRICATION LEADS TO WATER
POLLUTION, AND AIR POLLUTION.**



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SOLVING ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS FOR: **SERBIA**



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Ecological Problems in Serbia

**1. Energy transition company BFP
Energy**

**2. Biodiversity company are Anadolu
Agency and Ministry of Agriculture
and Forestry**

3. Sustainable transport BATI Group

4. Just transition SHMF LTD. ŞTİ

5. Innovation and research TUBITAK

6. Plastic reduction CEVKO

7. Circular economy BCSD



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Ecological Problems in Serbia

**AIR POLLUTION, WATER POLLUTION
DEFORESTATION, LOSS OF
BIODIVERSITY, ILLEGAL HUNTING,
SOIL EROSION:**

**In relation to these problems, the only
one in our country. Anadolu Agency**

**We can combat air and water pollution
by rigorously enforcing environmental
protection laws to control industrial
waste and promoting energy efficiency
measures.**

**Strengthening and Enforcing Legal
Frameworks:**

**To combat illegal poaching and
deforestation, it is essential to
strengthen the legal framework. This
may involve imposing stricter penalties
and sanctions.**



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Ecological Problems in Serbia

Community Engagement and Raising Awareness:

Local communities can play a significant role in combating deforestation and illegal poaching.

Encouraging community involvement in preventing these issues can lead to more effective results.

To solve the waste management problem, stricter waste regulations and incentives for recycling need to be developed. Additionally, raising public awareness and promoting sustainable waste management practices are essential.



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10

biggest environmental
problems in
Czech Republic



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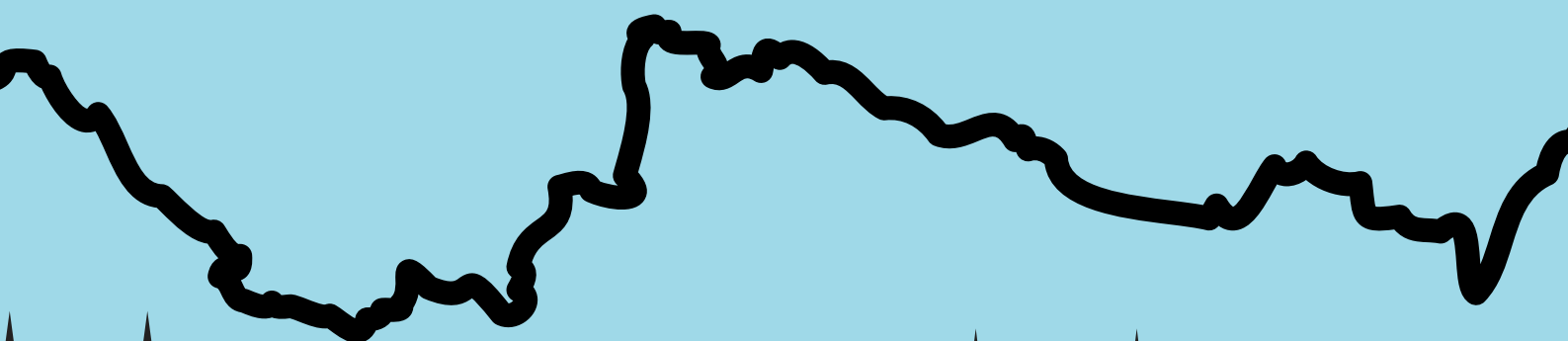
1.deforestation

2.air polution

3. water contamination

4. waste production

5. loss of productive land



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6. biodiversity decrease

7. land contamination

**8. national parks
conservation**

**9. government
attitude**

**10. low
recycling rate**



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circular economy

Restap CZ s.r.o.

(recycling plastic)

sustainable transport

Bratislava Council

(we are starting to use hydrogen busses)

energy transition

Švihaj Šuhaj/Wolt

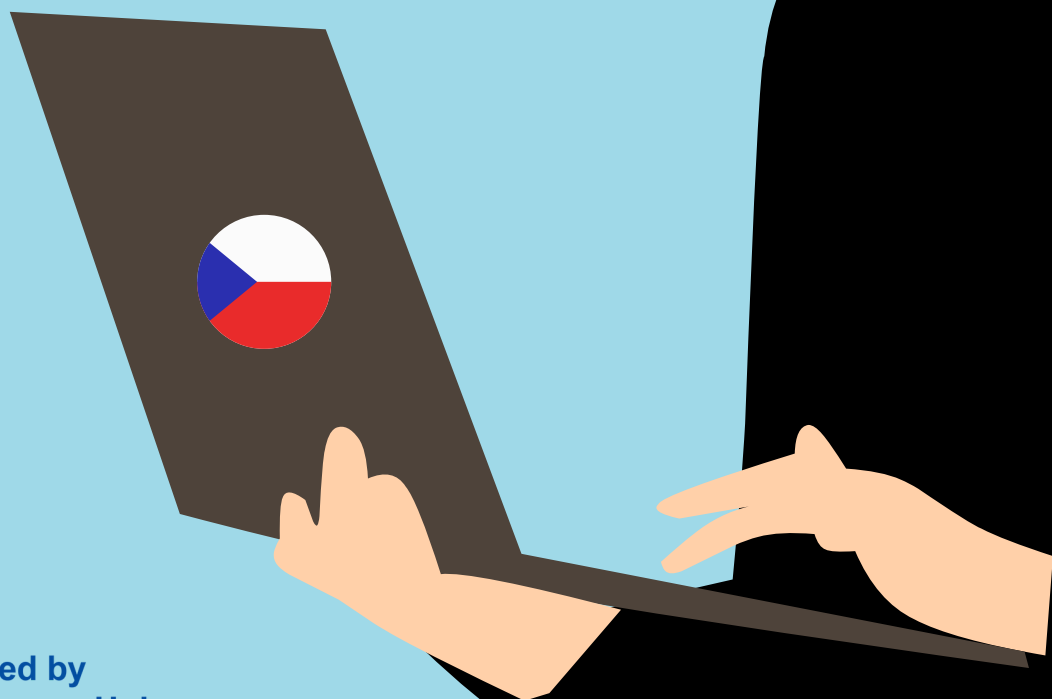
(cycling delivery)

plastic reduction

refundable cans and bottles

(Slovakia helps (and maybe in future Czechia too)

back up bottles and return them to stores)



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innovation and research

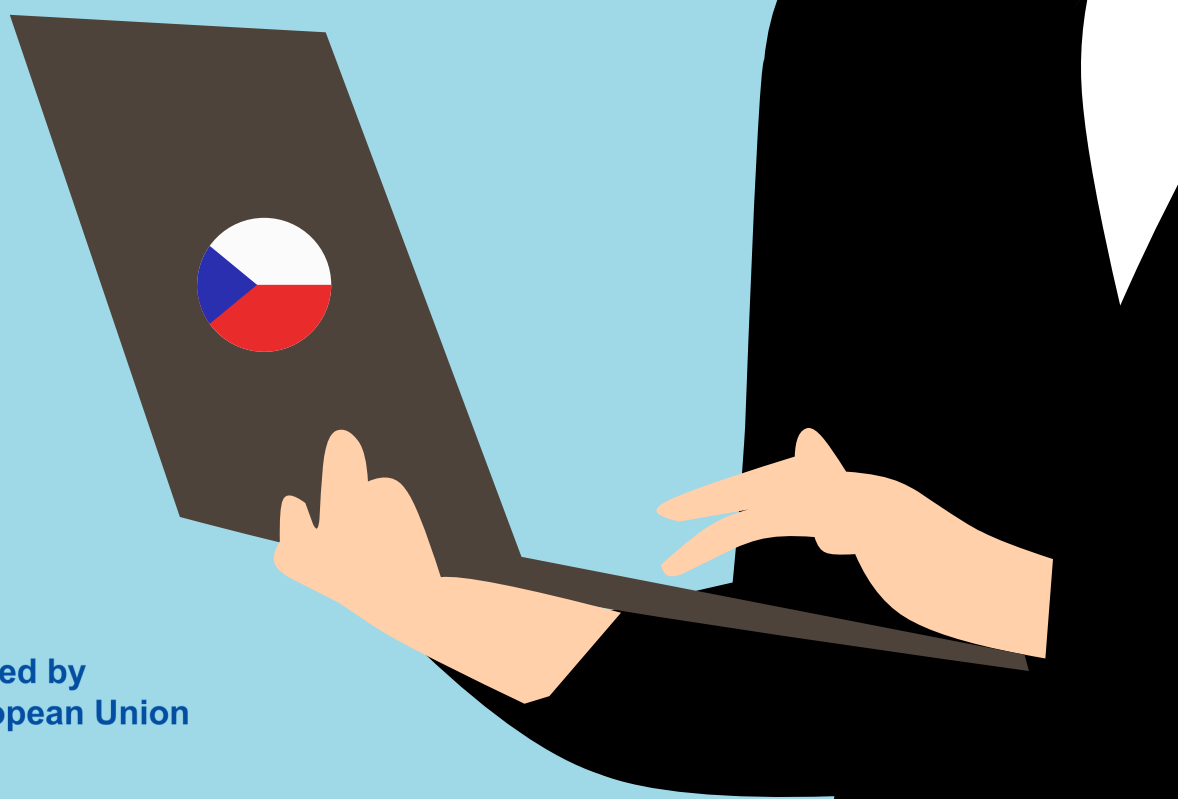
Center of Passive house

(supports and offers
sustainable building solutions)

climate neutrality

Sázíme stromy

(a company that takes care of renovating
forests and planting new trees)



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SOLVING ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS FOR: NORTH MACEDONIA



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Solutions for North Macedonia



1.deforestation

Sázíme strom

objective: planting trees

2. traffic pollution

Švihaj Šuhaj

objective:delivery by bike



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ROMANIA

**Biggest ecological
problems**

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1. **Emissions of greenhouse gases**
 2. **Deforestation**
 3. **Water pollution caused by industries**

4. **Illegal hunting**
 5. **Throwing garbage in green spaces and streets**
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**6. Burning household
garbage**

**7. Mixing up recycled
trash by sanitation
companies**

**8. Soil treatment with
pesticides and
insecticides**

**9. Lack of ecological education
in schools**

**10. Lack of cleaning up
initiatives**



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Companies that contribute to the European Green Deal

1. Climate Neutrality

- **Electrica**
- **Nuclearelectrica**
- **CarbonExpert**

2. Energy Transition

- **Deloitte**
- **E3M**
- **Electrica**



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3 .Biodiversity

- **WWF**
- **International Union for Conservation of Nature**

4. Sustainable Transport

- **CTP**
- **OMV**



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5. Renovation Wave

- **S.C. ACME Construction and Assembly SRL**

6. Just Transition

- **ENEL X**
- **GREEN HOUSE**
- **ELECTRO-SERVICE DISTRIBUTION SRL**



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7. Innovation and Research

- **ROMGAZ**
- **Association of Green Energy Producers**



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9. Plastin Reduction

- **Khaufland**
- **R.E.R. Buzau**

10. Circular Economy

- **Stratos**
- **Gouvernement Decision: National Strategy regarding circular economy, 27 sept. 2022**



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SOLVING ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS FOR: BULGARIA



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In order to help reducing some major problems that Bulgaria is facing, we propose a few good practices currently working in Romania.

- **Water pollution: Dorna brand has implemented Litter Traps in two rivers that collect all the trash and clean them up.**

This can be transferred to Bulgaria as well.



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• **Deforestation:**

Auchan supermarket planted 10,000 trees within the "Future plus" project.

The supermarket sold a plush toy, called "Titi the forester" made of recycled materials, the money obtained was used entirely for the afforestation of some areas in Romania.

This can also be transferred to Bulgaria as well.



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THE TEN BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN BULGARIA



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1. AIR POLLUTION: INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF CARS IN THE REGION CONTRIBUTE TO AIR POLLUTION WITH HARMFUL SUBSTANCES.

2. WATER POLLUTION: SOME RIVERS AND DAMS ARE POLLUTED WITH WASTE AND CHEMICALS WHICH HARMS THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS IN THEM.

3. "IRRATIONAL USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES" MEANS THAT NATURAL RESOURCES ARE EXTRACTED AND CONSUMED IN A WAY THAT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE AND DAMAGES THE ENVIRONMENT.

4. DEFORESTATION: WHOLE FORESTS ARE CUT DOWN. MASS DEFORESTATION IS PARTICULARLY CHARACTERISTIC OF THE TROPICS. THERE TREES ARE REMOVED TO FREE UP LAND FOR SOYBEAN OR PALM PLANTATIONS OR FOR OTHER AGRICULTURAL MONOCULTURES.



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5. SOIL DEGRADATION: OVERGRAZING MONOCULTURES ,EXCESSIVE EXPOSURE TO POLLUTANTS ,AND LAND-USE CONERSION ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS IN WHICH SOIL IS DAMAGED.

6. DISPOSAL OF WASTE: THE OVERUSE OF RESOURCES AND THE CREATION OF PLASTICS ARE CREATING A GLOBAL WASTE CLISPOSAL CRISIR.



7. SOIL POLLUTION AND EROSION" REPRESENT SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES IN BULGARIA. CONTAMINATION OF SOILS WITH CHEMICALS AND HEAVY METALS CAN REDUCE THEIR FERTILITY AND HARM PLANT HEALTH.

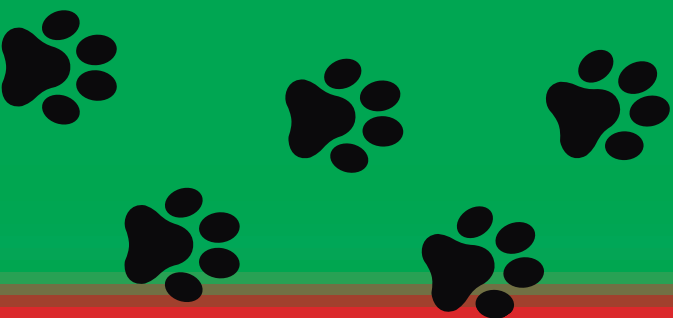


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**8. THE STREETS ARE FULL
OF TRASH: THE STREETS
ARE NOT CLEAN AND
THERE IS TRASH
EVERYWHERE**



**9. HUNTING AND POACHING: ILLEGAL
HUNTING AND POACHING OF GAME
HARMS NATURAL POPULATIONS AND
LEADS TO THE EXTINCTION OF CERTAIN
SPECIES**



**10. STRAY CATS AND DOGS IN BULGARIA REPRESENT A
SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM THAT REQUIRES
COOPERATION BETWEEN PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS AND
CITIZENS TO REDUCE THEIR NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE
ENVIRONMENT.**



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7 GOOD PRACTICES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN BULGARIA



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1. *BULGARIAN ECOLOGICAL CENTER (BEC)*: THIS IS A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION THAT FIGHTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN BULGARIA.

2. *FOR THE EARTH*: THIS IS AN INITIATIVE THAT FOCUSES ON CLEANING UP NATURE AND COLLECTING WASTE.



3. *TOGETHER FOR NATURE*: THIS ORGANIZATION STRIVES TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE BULGARIAN ECOSYSTEMS AND BIODIVERSITY.



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**4. "SAVE THE DANUBE"* - AN
INITIATIVE TO MAINTAIN THE
CLEANLINESS OF THE
DANUBE RIVER AND THE
PROTECTION OF BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY IN THE RIVER.**



**5. "BEE PROTECTION" - AN INITIATIVE AIMED AT
THE PROTECTION OF BEES AND BEE COLONIES.**

**6. "MOUNTAIN ECOLOGY" - WORK FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF THE BULGARIAN MOUNTAIN
REGIONS AND WILD NATURE.**

**7. "FOR CLEANER SEAS" - A CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT
POLLUTION OF THE SEAS AND THE SHORES OF
THE BLACK SEA.**



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SOLVING ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS FOR: TURKEY



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- **1. "LET'S BREATHE CLEAN AIR" CAN BE AIMED AT HELPING AIR POLLUTION IN TURKEY**

2. "GREEN FUND" PROMOTES EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE BETWEEN BULGARIA AND TURKEY IN THE FIELD OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES CAN LEAD TO VALUABLE SOLUTIONS AND INNOVATIONS.



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ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN NORTH MACEDONIA

- **Polluted air:** High levels of air pollution, especially in urban areas, due to industrial emissions, vehicle exhaust, and the use of solid fuels for heating.
- **The streets are full of trash:** the streets are not clean and there's trash in every corner.
- **Water Pollution:** Contamination of rivers, lakes, and groundwater from industrial waste, agricultural runoff, and inadequate wastewater treatment.
- **Climate change:** Increasing temperatures, changing rainfall patterns, and extreme weather events impacting ecosystems, agriculture, and water resources.
- **Deforestation:** The loss of forested areas due to illegal logging, land conversion, and unsustainable forestry practices.
- **Pollution from the industry:** Many industries spill harmful chemicals and wastes into the environment.
- **Traffic pollution:** transporters and drivers of old vehicles cause increased emissions of harmful gases.
- **Polluted soil:** Soil erosion, loss of fertility, and degradation caused by unsustainable agricultural practices and deforestation.
- **Environmental awareness:** Limited public awareness and education about environmental issues, resulting in a lack of sustainable practices and conservation efforts.
- **Urbanization and land use change:** Unplanned urbanization, infrastructure development, and land conversion affecting natural habitats and ecosystems.



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Climate neutrality

Solar Macedonia - North Macedonian association for solar energy, "Solar Macedonia" is a , scientifically, educational and non-governmental association whose focus is strengthening cooperation between North Macedonian companies in the solar energy sector (producers, contractors, importers, traders), and connecting experts and scientists of all branches to promote renewable energy.

Energy transition

MEPSO Electricity Transmission System Operator of North Macedonia) is a state-owned transmission system operator company for electricity with headquarters in Skopje, North Macedonia.

Innovation and research

The PROANALIZ laboratory in the Republic of North Macedonia is accredited for the analysis of food, water and soil by the North Macedonian Accreditation Body (IARM) under ISO 17025 laboratory accreditation.

Biodiversity

North Macedonian Ecological Society (MES), which focuses on research, education, and conservation efforts. They collaborate with local communities, government agencies, and international partners to promote sustainable practices and protect the country's natural resources.

Sustainable transport

Chariot Motors -The Chariot Motors Company have ongoing projects in several European countries including North Macedonia and Israel and more than 280 electric buses in operation or production. Our products feature top quality, energy efficiency, and passenger comfort in urban transportation.

Plastic reduction

PAKOMAK is a nonprofit company,whose main activity is management of packaging waste. According to the new Law on management of packaging and packaging waste, since January 10, 2011 Pakomak is the first company in North Macedonia, licensed by the Ministry of environment for selection and processing of packaging waste.



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SOLVING ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS FOR: ROMANIA



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SOLUTIONS FOR ROMANIA

1. Solving the problem for Throwing garbage in green spaces: The Macedonian company „PAKOMAK” because its main activity is is management of packaging waste.

2. Solving the problem for Emission of greenhouse gases: The company „Charlot Motors“ has many electric buses projects which can help stop imitation of harmful gases in the nature.



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ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN SERBIA



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TOP 10 PROBLEMS

#1

AIR POLLUTION

#2

WATER POLLUTION

#3

DEFORESTATION

#4

WASTE MANAGEMENT

#5

LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY



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#6

ILLEGAL HUNTING

#7

INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION

#8

SOIL EROSION

#9

LACK OF AWARENESS

#10

CONTAMINATION OF SOIL



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GOOD PRACTICES

#1

BIODIVERSITY

ELIXIR GROUP – SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PRACTICES

NECTAR GROUP – BEEKEEPING AND PROTECTING POLLINATORS

#2

CLIMATE NEUTRALITY

MK GROUP – IMPLEMENTING RENEWABLE ENERGY

TIGAR TIRES – REDUCES CARBON EMISSION IN MANUFACTURING

#3

PLASTIC REDUCTION

DONCAFE AND NECTAR – REDUCES USE OF PLASTIC AND
RECYCLE WASTE



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#4

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

HEMOFARM – RECYCLING AND REUSING MATERIALS IN
MANUFACTURING

#5

ENERGY TRANSITION

MK GROUP – USING RENEWABLE ENERGY
NIS PETROL – DIVERCIFICATION OF THE ENERGY REOURCES

#6

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

E-PRIME – ELECTRIC BIKES



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SOLVING ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS FOR: **CZECHIA**



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SERBIA HELPING CZECH REPUBLIC

#1

AIR POLLUTION

TIGAR TIRE

AIR CARE

#2

DEFORSTATION

POTPÍŠI-PRODIŠI

#3

LAND CONTAMINATION

ELIXIR GROUP



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