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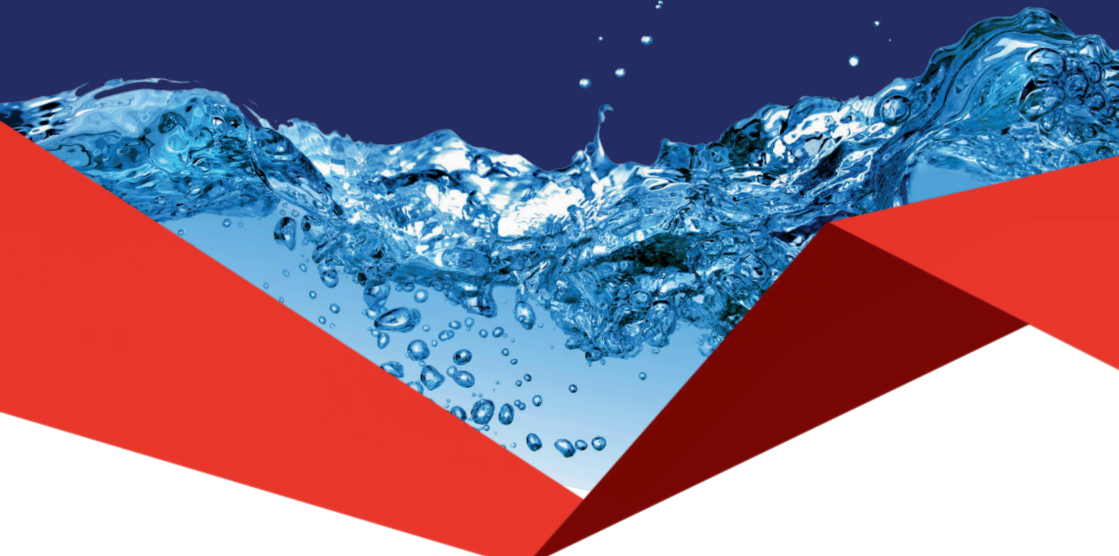


# H<sub>2</sub>O WR

Town Networking and Engaging Citizens  
for the Protection of Water Resources in Europe

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**The H2O WR Photobook**  
**We protect water resources!**



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## Water matters to us!

Dear Citizens,

From January 2017 until October 2018, the **Municipality of Ruma, Serbia** has led the project **H20 WR „Town Networking and Engaging Citizens for the Protection of Water Resources in Europe“**. The project partners are:

- Tourism Organization of the Municipality of Ruma (TOO RUMA)
- The city of Našice (Croatia)
- Municipality Prague 9 (Czech Republic)
- Municipality of Razlog (Bulgaria)
- HICS - Humán Innovációs Csoport Nonprofit Kft (Hungary)
- Društvo za razvoj podeželja LAZ (Slovenia).

The project has been co-financed via a 146.500,00 EUR grant provided by the Europe for Citizens programme, measure 2.2. Networks of towns.

Seven 3-day events have been organized throughout the project which have included workshops, field visits to sites that are best practices in water protection, civil protection demonstrations, pilot activities and other activities. Through the project we have achieved the following:

- Enhanced connections between towns (including public bodies, civil society organizations, schools, and citizens) in their efforts to protect water resources;
- Citizens are more aware of best practices in water management and how to apply EU values (ex. Volunteering), directives and measures to civil defense and environmental protection
- CSOs and local governments are aware of what actions can be taken to resolve water protection issues and how to include citizens in their actions
- New project ideas developed that can be applied to EU funding programmes

**The network agreement**, which was concluded at the final event in the Municipality of Ruma, ensures that the entire partnership will continue to work together over the long-term on water protection issues. Through the agreement, the Municipality of Ruma and all partners declare their commitment to managing joint actions that improve policies, projects and measures for water management and environmental protection.

In order to provide you a clear picture on how to organize similar actions, we have prepared this photobook for you, which includes photos from all the events.

Sincerely,

Sladjan Mančić,  
President of the Municipality of Ruma





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## Event 1 – Municipality of Ruma, Serbia



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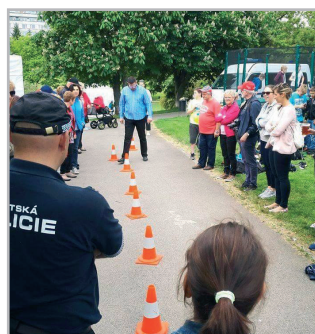
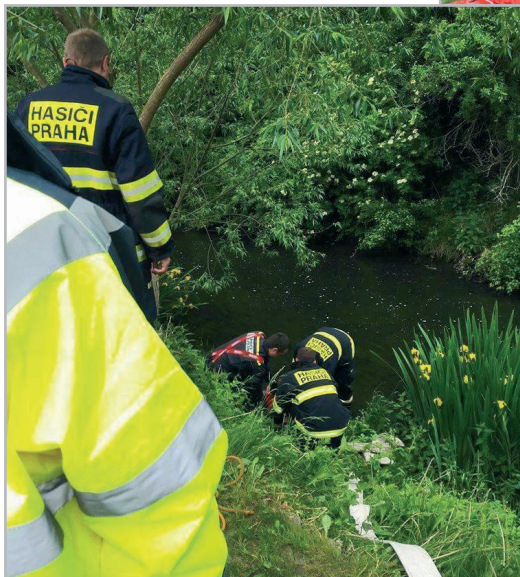


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## Event 2 – Municipality Prague 9, Czech Republic





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## Event 3 – Razlog, Bulgaria

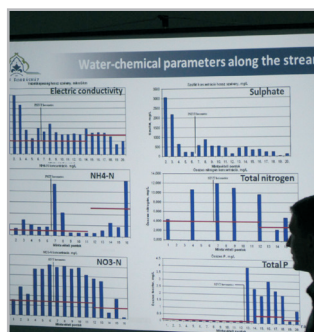
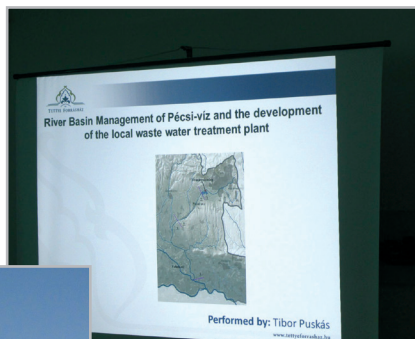


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## Event 4 – Pecs and Szigetvar, Hungary

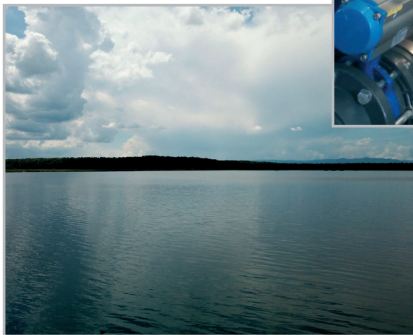




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## Event 5 – Nasice, Croatia



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## Event 6 – Litija, Slovenia







## Photos from the final event in Ruma, Serbia.

During the final event, we organized a photography event where participants in mixed teams photographed the sites that show best what natural resources need to be protected and how citizens work together to protect water resources. Here are the images that we believe show how we address and resolve water-related challenges. We have categorized them according to what they represent:

### • Preserving water as a way to preserve heritage and promote growth



1 & 2 - At the Bioserve Zaslavica – a site dedicated to preserving nature as well as traditions in the Srem region, RS.

### • Working together to improve cooperation on water issues



3. presenting project results



4. Signing of the network agreement  
between partners



5. Red Cross Ruma demonstrating  
how their volunteers work together





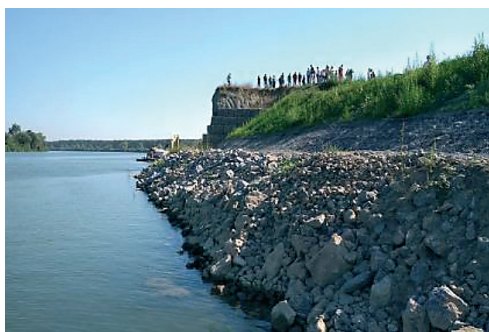
### • Learning from each other by sharing knowledge and opinions



6 & 7 – Bioserve Zavasica and presentations on how citizens Take action to preserve local endemic species found only on the Reserve

8 - Civil defense authorities explaining how disaster response in Ruma has improved since the devastating flooding on the Sava River in 2014.

### • New structures for civil protection



9 & 10 – New anti-flood walls installed along the Sava River as a means to protect nearby towns from future floods





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## Our final message?

It is up to European citizens, **like you**, to make sure that  
water resources are sustainable.

**Water is important to all of us.**



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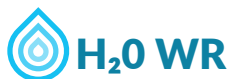


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