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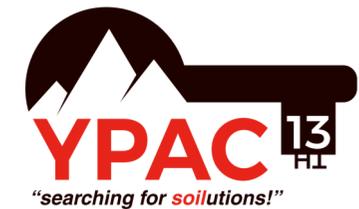
»The young people will start to think about what problems they will face when the old ones are gone. «

-Ivan Lorenčič, headmaster of II. Gimnazija

»It is a great opportunity for the young to ask themselves how to ask and answer questions and to see how the world is organised. «

-Jens Weber, teacher at Kantonschule Trogen

Work, work, work



REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA
MINISTRSTVO ZA KMETIJSTVO,
GOZDARSTVO IN PREHRANO



REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA
MINISTRSTVO ZA OKOLJE IN PROSTOR



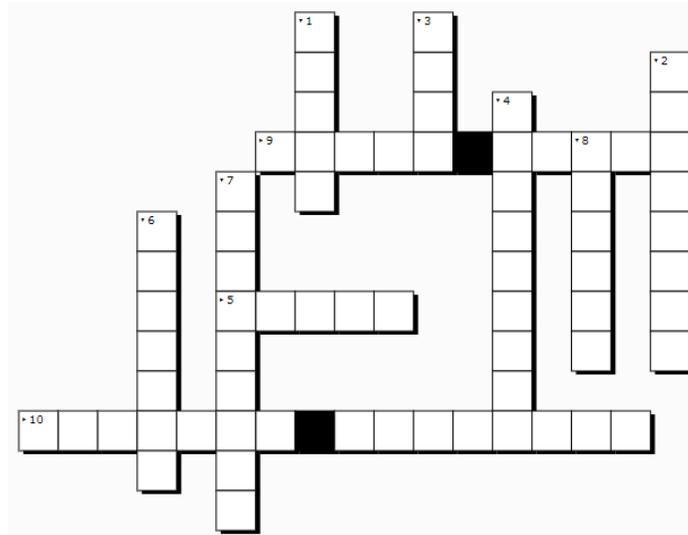
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CROSSWORD



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| 1) Top layer that becomes dirt. | 6) The shape of Slovenia. |
| 2) Fungi that helps to break down compost. | 7) Capital of Slovenia. |
| 3) Another word for dirt. | 8) In how many districts is Maribor divided. |
| 4) Animal that helps to break down soil. | 9) What's the topic of committee 2. |
| 5) The color of soil. | 10) What will happen tomorrow. |

NEWS MARIBOR

Radio Maribor—Today started out early for some. At 6.30, three participants of the YPAC, Kilian Schroeder, Luka Kopše and Neja Preložnik, were interviewed at Radio Maribor together with teacher, Nataša Kostanjevec. We answered some basic questions about the YPAC.

You can listen to the clip here:

Neja Preložnik, Maribor



INTERVIEW

WITH HEADMASTER

What do you expect from this YPAC session?

I hope that students will be able to bring up a lot of new questions and solutions, because soil preservation is a crucial problem.

Is this the first time you have participated in the YPAC?

No, Maribor hosted the YPAC already in 2008.

Why did you choose to participate in this project?

YPAC is really important and productive. In fact, young people will start to think what their problems will be in 20 years when the “old ones” are gone. It is really good and right to invest into students, to make them deal with actual issues. Moreover, it is so important that students come from different nations so that they can exchange different points of view and culture.

What is the link between your region and this project?

There are different links between my region and this project. Indeed, there are some main connections:

1. We are losing good soil because of different reasons (factories, erosion).
2. Global warming. In fact, if temperatures keep rising, a lot of soil will be transformed into desert areas, which is a long-term problem.

Chiara (Bassano), Klara (Maribor) and Alina (Trojen)

FOREWORD

Dear Readers,

You are holding another issue of “Flying Facts” in the middle of your work in progress. After the wonderful opening ceremony, with funny presentations, great music and absolutely NO technical problems, you have been doing your best today to finalize your postulations and prepare for the highlight coming up tomorrow – the general assembly.

It was quite a day yesterday, starting (maybe too) early and finishing late. You got to know the city, maybe drank some amazing hot chocolate and were rushing to the bus

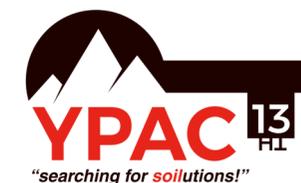
so that you would not be late. But, most importantly, you attended your first committee sessions, met new people and got essential information on your topic.

Tomorrow is THE day, the day you all get together to discuss your results. It will take long, but it will be worth it. So, before you enjoy your well deserved party tomorrow, let us hope the YPAC 2018 will have some great “soilutions!”

Neja Preložnik, Maribor
Kilian Schroeder, Rosenheim



When you're working hard on your postulations and need to do some soul work



WORLD CAFE

IMPRESSION

Lidija Kodrič Vuk

According to Lidija Kodrič Vuk, Member of the Department of Spatial Planning in Maribor, the city does a lot to reduce the expansion of urban areas and tries to use them more efficiently. In order to do so, the use of land is defined first, followed by a plan on how to use it – building houses or factories there is only possible with permission. Also, the city intends to extend green areas, for example,

Simon Zajec

A member of the Slovene Parliament joined us today for a discussion on the problems in the Alpine space. As a free-time farmer (he grew up on a farm himself), he was able to give the students a lot of useful advice on the preservation of soil.

The topics that were mainly discussed were the introduction of taxes on second homes,

by mandating by law that apartments of a certain size have to keep at least half of the area green. But, she also admits that the department struggles a lot with houses that were built without permission, or that the use of land is changed to meet economic interests. So, the delegates were told first-hand that spatial planning is a complex, but also fascinating topic.

Kilian Schroeder, Rosenheim

which could prevent the unnecessary construction of new buildings, the introduction of green belts in urban areas and the problems surrounding private ownership of properties.

He strongly believes that the younger generation of people will be able to make a change in agriculture and the spatial use of soil.

Klara Polič, Maribor



Dinner at the Hotel Draš



EUSALP people discussing stuff



Katarina Kulovec playing the violin

PHOTO CORNER



Discussion in the World Café



President Martina Fridl spitting rhymes

Michaela Hogenboom

Michaela Hogenboom Kindle is a young and active woman that has dedicated her life to the CIPRA organisation in which she is the Project Manager of youth and sustainable lifestyle.

Her mission inside this umbrella organisation is to find new solutions in order to solve environmental problems, which is a “big challenge that will never be over”, she said. However, since CIPRA has grown a lot over the years, she now has to deal with new issues. For instance, she is really keen on creating new and different approaches to climate change.

One of the most interesting aspects of her job is that she gets the chance to work a lot with young people. In fact, she really encourages youth's participation in projects, like the YPAC itself, that allow them to deal with tough topics. She believes that “the youngster can be an ambassador of new ideas and solutions. In fact, if the elderly ones see that young people are so concerned about environmental problems, maybe they'll start to make changes too”

Chiara Cinarello, Bassano



Michaela Hogenboom



Simon Zajec

mag. SUZANA PRAJNC,

Intermunicipal Bureau for the Protection of the Environment and Nature Preservation

During the hour-long talk with mag. Suzana Prajnc, we learned that her field of work involves soil, although, indirectly. Protecting water and air quality, noise protection and nature preservation in general usually include at least one aspect of soil preservation. The bureau has recently been looking into the surplus of nitro-

gen in the soil caused by farmers overusing fertilizers, which is happening more often. Mag. Prajnc also stressed the importance of having clean ground water as it represents (at least in part) our drinking water. Once it has been polluted, we cannot clean it - only time can do that. Consequently, prevention (achieved by raising awareness and educating farmers) is of much greater importance.

Vitja Bizjak



Suzana Prajnc

Helena Matoz



WHAT HAPPENS TOMORROW?

Tomorrow is the most important day this week, a day we have all been waiting for since the end of the last YPAC. The General Assembly will take place at the University of Maribor. The ideas and resolutions that were shaped throughout the week are going to be introduced to the whole YPAC team and to some politicians. The most awaited guest is Dr. Milan Brglez, the president of the National Assembly of Slovenia. We will have a short interview with him. We are especially interested in his

opinion on youth participating in events that work similarly to parliamentary structures. Thursday is going to be long and exhausting, but there is still hope that we will have enough stamina to visit the party at probably the most »hippie« place in Maribor – MC Pekarna. With great music and delicious pizza bites, time will fly by quickly.

Neja Preložnik, Maribor

IMPORTANT!

Tomorrow, at the General Assembly there will be a live stream on our **Instagram** account.



Instagram: @officialypac



Youtube: Official YPAC

YPAC INSIDE

YPAC is a project that allows young people from seven different nations of the Alpine region to gather together, discuss the current problems that the Alpine space is facing and provide *soil*utions for them. The aid of their mentors, however, can not be disregarded, as the pupils look up to them for advice and guidance.

Nevertheless, the younger generation is inexperienced in policy, but adults have high hopes for their skills and are sure that they will bring up a lot of new questions and fresh ideas and solutions for the current problems in the Alpine region.

Indeed, the headmaster thinks that this project enables students to deal with problems that nowadays are underestimated by people, but are going to have a huge impact on our lives in a few decades.

There is faith and knowledge, now it is up to the students to find concrete solutions and spread their ideas.

Chiara Dinarello, Bassano
Klara Polič, Maribor



Tanja Strniša

“To really change something and improve our situation, everybody has to act.” This was a statement that really seemed to be important for Tanja Strniša, who works at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food.

Her basic attitude is that “we have to use as little soil as possible”, because, she explained, once soil has been sealed, it is really laborious and expensive to revitalize it. She pointed out that good spatial planning is really essential.

Helena Matoz,

A politician from the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning.

The protection of soil is an item of great importance to her, that is why she focuses on reducing contamination and limiting fertilizers as well as erosion. In order to prevent the latter, Helena Matoz believes that maintaining forests and spatial planning is essential.

Her personal solution to many of our soil problems is reforestation, which brings many advantages with it. It can prevent natural hazards such as landslides and floods, because the roots of the trees stabilize the ground. Furthermore, it is not too expensive or difficult. But it takes time...

At the end of the discussion, she added: “enforcements by law are not popular. We have to change people's mindsets. Once the first ones are convinced, it will be like a snowball effect.”

Alina Loacker

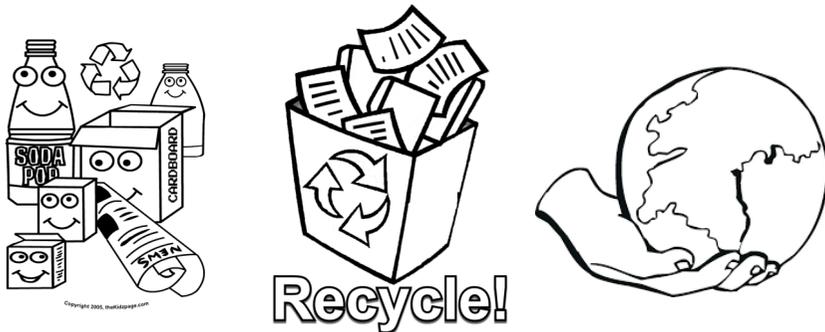
When she was asked about her opinion on roof gardening in cities, she made it clear that for her, it is not a good way to preserve soil. This is because the soil is put on sealed ground, which reduces its value. Helena Matoz was impressed by some of the ideas of the delegates, but also pointed out possible difficulties with their concepts.

Elena Bank

POSTULATIONS IN THE MAKING



**General Assembly takes to long?
Drawing when boring**



Recycle!

COMMITTEES

TODAY

Today, the committees had to write about 5 postulations on the topic they had been assigned. They will be presented on Thursday during the General Assembly. A postulation explains why the issue in general and the particular problem they are focusing on need to be addressed and recommend

measures that should be taken to solve the problem. Each committee has a different approach, but their work involves clarifying the main topics, debating different ideas and agreeing on the content, and after, writing the postulation.

Margaux Rakoczy

