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EVROPOHOD 2011 in SLOVENIA

A series of events were organised under the auspices of EVROPOHOD 2011 in Slovenia. Each founder of the European Commission has symbolically covered water in special wooden containers, symbolising the forest and water, which are connected in life. Slovenian forests are certainly unique in Europe. The Alpine Association of Slovenia officially covered the water from rivers and glaciers on 4 June 2011, on the Day of Slovenian Mountaineers at Jerusalem, the Slovenian Forest Service organised a gala water capture from water reservoirs in the forest at Gospodična Hill Gorjanci on 9 September 2011, the Tourist Association of Slovenia organised a gala water capture from the lakes and the sea, on the lake days at Kanal ob Soči on 21 May 2011, and the Union of Forestry Societies of Slovenia organised a water capture from underground water, on 2 June 2011 in Murska Sobota.

Four water containers were merged into a single container on Geoss in the heart of Slovenia on 1 October 2011. This water tank will be sent on a pilgrimage to Spain. At the same time, at the event in Geoss, Hilari (Radovan Skubic) arrived and brought the bucket of water from a spring bank of the Sava, Soča and Seven Triglav Lakes. This event at Geoss and all the other events of the whole Evropohod 2011 project was supported by the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr Danilo Türk, who also attended the closing ceremony of the event, giving a speech and pointing out that water was a great national asset.



Several events were organised as part of the overall project:

- a hike along the E6 SLO, from Radlje to Strunjan, with guide Radovan Skubic. He was accompanied by his wife and hikers – from a handful, up to hundreds and more



- a hike along the E7 SLO, every first Saturday of the month with KEUPS guides.



- a hike along E7 SLO on Slovenian mountaineers day from Rogatec to Hodoš within 7 days. Many hikers were involved in all the expeditions, from a few dozen to several hundred. Water from ten rivers was captured.



- Photo contest and literary works on the topic of 'Hiking and water'.



KEUPS, with its partners (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Slovenian Forestry Institute, Photographic Society of Bone), has organised a photo and literary contest in 2011.

The works were displayed and announced in May, the week of forests, by the Forestry Service administration. The best photographic works are published in the commemorative book.

The delegation of 50 travellers from Slovenia will attend the joint discharge of water of all the member states of the **European Travellers' Association** on 15 October 2011 in Spain.







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