

## REPORT ACTIVITIES DEVOTED TO THE WORLD OZONE DAY IN ALBANIA – 16 September 2023

"Montreal Protocol: Fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change"

During September 2023, many activities devoted to World Ozone Day - September 2023 were carried out by the representatives of the National Ozone Unit. The main activities are as follows:

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, the representatives of the National Ozone Unit carried out the awareness campaign "Montreal Protocol: Fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change" devoted to World Ozone Day, 16 September 2023. The main purpose of this campaign was to attract the attention of the students toward the information about protecting the ozone layer and which factors cause damage to this layer. This activity was organized in cooperation with "Arben Broci" high school in Tirana under the special care of the deputy director, Ms. Diana Kalemi. About 26 children and 5 teachers of "Arben Broci" high school in Tirana participated in this activity.

During the opening speech, the NOU representative unfolded a general overview of the role, goals, and function of this institution and activities devoted to World Ozone Day 2023. The program included:

- ➤ Information about World Ozone Day 2023, "Montreal Protocol: Fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change" Vienna Convention, and Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone layer and the importance of the ozone layer protection;
- ➤ Videos about the importance of ozone layer protection "WOD2023 Animations", "The Hole A film on the Montreal Protocol" and "Inger Andersen message" were displayed.

In the end, posters, information, leaflets, brochures, and multimedia educational resources were distributed to the participants, as well as notepads, pens and t-shirts printed with the World Ozone Day 2023 logo.









On the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, the representatives of NOU carried out an interesting activity with the children of the Community Centre "To Stay Together" in Tirana. The activity was organized under the supervision of the director of the centre, Mrs. Egla Laze. In this activity participated about 25 children of the ages 10 - 12, and 4 teacher of this Community Centre. The activity was organized under the motto: "Montreal Protocol: Fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change".

During the first part of this event, several awareness activities were held, such as an information session regarding World Ozone Day on 16 September 2023, the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, and the importance of ozone layer protection. The NOU representatives in cooperation with the teachers of the Community Centre "To Stay Together" explained to the children what the ozone layer is and why it should be protected.

In the second part of the activity, the children presented their exhibition of works - as a product of several days of preparatory work with the art teacher and the nature teacher - with the aim of

informing the children and making them aware of the importance of protecting the ozone layer. The National Ozone Unit provided all the materials for the exhibition. Children's works will be shared by the social centre with other institutions that operate in Tirana with the purpose of conveying the messages.

The third part of the activity was the preparation of an artistic installation by the children themselves (a plastic bag tied between two trees where the children drew their concept for a healthy planet) which aims to convey the message of the need to use ecological products in aid of a healthy life.

The representatives of the Community Centre "To Stay Together" highlighted that informing and educating children through entertainment is a success, which will also reach their families, schools and the community where they live. The activities carried out in this Centre have educated the children creatively and entertainingly, taking into consideration that it is better to prevent than to cure.









On the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, the representatives of the National Ozone Unit and "ABC TIRANA CLUB" carried out the awareness campaign "Montreal Protocol: Fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change" devoted to World Ozone Day, September 16, 2023. The main purpose of this campaign was to attract the attention of the children toward the information about protecting the ozone layer. This activity was organized in cooperation with "Petro Nini" High School in Tirana under the special care of the literature teacher Ms. Ariana Osmani. About 26 students of "Petro Nini" high school in Tirana participated in this activity.

During the opening speech, the NOU coordinator unfolded a general overview of the role, goals, and function of this institution and activities devoted to World Ozone Day 2023. In the first part of this event, several awareness activities were held, such as an information session regarding World Ozone Day, 16 September 2023, the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, and the importance of ozone layer protection. The NOU representatives in cooperation with the teachers of the "Petro Nini" high school explained to the children what the ozone layer is and why it should be protected.

In the second part the artistic event "Listen to my Essay" took place as the third edition of the "Friends of the Climate" youth project organized by ABC Tirana Club and National Ozone Unit of Albania. The student had prepared essays on climate change and the protection of the ozone layer, as well as the challenges faced by humanity in the face of these global phenomena. The student's essays will be published in a booklet, to be distributed among students, teachers, parents, civil society representatives, etc.

In the end, an award ceremony took place. All participants were awarded certificates and diplomas. Posters, information, leaflets, brochures, and multimedia educational resources were distributed to the participants, as well as notepads and pens printed with the World Ozone Day 2023 logo.

Mr. Johan Muka, Executive Director of "ABC TIRANA CLUB", emphasized that the activities organized in collaboration with NOU, apart from the information that the students acquired on the Ozone Layer, Vienna Convention, and Montreal Protocol, an inspiring atmosphere was created for the youth, which made them happy by becoming a part of the world-wide effort on the protection of the Ozone layer.









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On the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, a basketball match was organized, in which participated players of the "Protalents" Basketball Club in Tirana. This activity was initiated with short information about World Ozone Day 2021, the Vienna Convention, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the importance of ozone layer protection. All basketball players were encouraged to deliver this information to their friends and their families in order to fight for a healthier life in the future. At the end of the activity, the students were rewarded with T-shirts with the logo of World Ozone Day 2023.









On the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, the representatives of the National Ozone Unit and "ABC TIRANA CLUB" carried out the awareness campaign "Montreal Protocol: Fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change" devoted to World Ozone Day, September 16, 2023. The main purpose of this campaign was to attract the attention of the children toward the information about protecting the ozone layer. This activity was organized in cooperation with "Kongresi Manastirit" High School in Yzberish. About 36 students of "Kongresi Manastirit" high school participated in this activity.

During the opening speech, the ABA Tirana Club representative unfolded a general overview of the role, goals, and function of the National Ozone Unit and activities devoted to World Ozone Day 2023. In the first part of this event, several awareness activities were held, such as an information session regarding World Ozone Day, 16 September 2023, the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, and the importance of ozone layer protection.

In the second part, the painting exhibition "Save Ozone; Save Earth; Save our life" was organized with 36 paintings of the students of "Kongresi Manastirit" high school in Yzberish. In the children's paintings prevailed their love for a healthier life, their desire to protect the ozone layer and their city, and the message for a common effort toward this direction. This exhibition was conducted under the supervision of a devoted teacher of Figurative Art, Mr. Petrit Keraj. Then, an award ceremony took place. All participants were awarded certificates and diplomas.

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