

## Activities for International Ozone Day in Serbia – 2024

This year, International Ozone Day (September 16) was marked in Serbia by multiple events held for both kindergarten and elementary school students. The events were designed to teach children at the earliest age that the protection of the environment also depends on them as well as the growing importance of the impacts of global climate change.

For daycare children at a public daycare center, an Art Workshop was held. The children were first told a story about the ozone layer and were shown the Ozzy Ozone cartoon. They were then instructed to paint their own picture of how they imagined the Earth and the Ozone.

An art workshop was also held for the elementary school children seven to ten years of age attending the „Jovan Popovic” Elementary school of Indjija, Serbia.

They were tasked with using their imaginations to make a music video about the importance of protecting the environment. The video and day were the final culmination of two months of work, involving many members of the community and local educators. The lyrics to the song were written by Ms. Katarina Milošević, a teacher and one of the program leaders, with the music performed by Ms. Aleksandra Radenović, the school’s music teacher. The project included all children who were in the choir and singing club as well as other pupils from the 1st to the 4th grades.

An art competition was also held, whose works were exhibited in the school’s main hallway. Additionally, a series of experiments explaining Climate Change were carried out for 7th and 8th grade students in their chemistry classes.

On Ozone DAY itself, a short lecture on “the Montreal Agreement and Climate Change”, was held in the school lobby and the music video was played for the 1st time, for all students of the school. The participating children received thank you notes and T-shirts.

The activities received local media coverage:

<https://sremska.tv/2024/09/18/nedelja-u-os-jovan-popovic-u-indiji-u-znaku-ozonskog-omotaca/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mB9Kcj9ke6g&t>

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Another school in Valjevo who works with special needs children held their own art activities with their teachers on how the ozone is important for global protection. These activities were included in their annual education plan.

The Ministry of the Environmental Protection held two workshops related to KIP preparation and HFC phase down, at the end of which all participants were reminded of the importance of the ozone layer and its protection. All the materials of the workshop were made to include the slogan for International Ozone Day 2024.

CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP











