



REPORT

ON THE ACTIVITIES DEVOTED TO THE WORLD OZONE DAY IN ALBANIA – 16 September 2021

“Montreal Protocol: Keeping Us, our Food and Vaccines Cool”

During September 2021, many activities devoted to the World Ozone Day, 16 September 2021 were carried out by the representatives of the National Ozone Unit. It has been a very special celebration this year under COVID-19 pandemic situation. All activities have been organized in accordance with the “Protocol of Anti-COVID measures in Albania”. The main activities are as follow:

1. On the 16th of September 2021, the representatives of the National Ozone Unit and “ABC TIRANA CLUB” carried out the awareness campaign *“Montreal Protocol: Keeping Us, our Food and Vaccines Cool”* devoted to the World Ozone Day, 16 September 2021. The main purpose of this campaign was to attract the attention of the children toward the information about protecting the ozone layer and which factors cause damage to this layer. This activity was organized in cooperation with “Europa House – EU Delegation in Tirana”. During the opening speech the NOU coordinator, unfolded a general overview of the role, goals, function of this institution and activities devoted to World Ozone Day 2021. The program included:

- Information about World Ozone Day 2021, Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone layer and the importance of the ozone layer protection. The NOU representative presented a material about “The importance of Ozone Layer protection for the benefits of human health and climate change”;
- Information about World Ozone Day and presentation of theme and poster for World Ozone Day 2021 *“Montreal Protocol: Keeping Us, our Food and Vaccines Cool”*;
- Videos about the importance of ozone layer protection – *“IT’S KEY FOR OUR SURVIVAL, World Ozone Day 2021”* – *“Montreal Protocol: Keeping Us, our Food and Vaccines Cool”* and *“UNEP Executive Director’s Message for World Ozone Day 2021”* were displayed.

About 25 children and 5 teachers from different secondary schools in Tirana participated in this activity. At the end, posters, information, leaflets, brochures and multimedia educational resources were distributed to the participants, as well as T-shirts, hats and masks printed with the World Ozone Day 2021 logo.



2. On the 16th of September 2021, the painting exhibition “My European City” was organized by the National Ozone Unit in cooperation with “ABC TIRANA CLUB” and “Europa House – EU Delegation in Tirana”. 43 paintings of the students of “Edith Durham” secondary school and “Turgut Özal” College of Tirana were presented in this exhibition. What stood out in these works was the appeal that the pupils addressed to parents and teachers: “Save Ozone; Save Earth; Save our City”. 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, Ms. Ermira Qosja and a well-known Albanian painter Ms. Silvana Maranaku. Then, an award ceremony took place. All participants were awarded certificates and diplomas.

At the end of this event, 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.





3. On the 16th of September 2021, a short concert of classical music took place in “Europa House – EU Delegation in Tirana” premisses. This concert was organized by the National Ozone Unit (NOU), “ABC TIRANA CLUB” and students of “Dëshmorët e Lirisë” secondary school of Tirana. Two of the performers, Ms. Debora Rajta, and Mr. Konstandin Misha are alumni of the “Dëshmorët e Lirisë” school. In order to involve the youth, not only throughout music performance but having an active engagement, the NOU representatives introduced some information about the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone layer and the importance of the ozone layer protection. This event was attended by teachers and students of the secondary schools in Tirana, representatives of the refrigeration and air-conditioning sector and also the media.



4. On the 16th of September 2021, a football match between two teams of Vora city was organized on the occasion of World Ozone Day, 16 September 2021. During preparations for the match, the NOU representatives took the opportunity to brief the participants on World Ozone Day 2021, Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone layer, and the importance of

the ozone layer protection. The nature of this activity was not only sportive, but also an informative one. At the end, both teams composed of 12 members were rewarded with T-shirts, hats and masks printed with the logo of World Ozone Day 2021.



5. On the 17th of September 2021, following the football activity, a mixed basketball match was organized, in which boys and girls of 8 - 10 years participated, players of the “Dinamo” Basketball Club Under 18. This activity was initiated with a short information about World Ozone Day 2021, Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the importance of the ozone layer protection. All boys and girls were encouraged to deliver this information to their friends and stimulating them to be the first to start this peer-to-peer campaign for the benefit of a healthier life in their future. At the end of the activity, the students were rewarded with T-shirts, masks and hats with the logo of World Ozone Day 2021.



6. On the 17th of September 2021, an open lecture about *“Montreal Protocol: Keeping Us, our Food and Vaccines Cool”* devoted to World Ozone Day was held at the *“New Generation” Multifunctional Centre*. Provided that the refrigeration sector is inherently affected by a gender representation gap, it has been decided that one of the activities devoted to the World Ozone Day, should be focused on women participation. This activity was organized jointly with the *“New Generation” Multifunctional Centre*, a private Professional College which is supporting women with training and employment opportunities. The program of this activity included:

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- Information about World Ozone Day and presentation of theme and poster for World Ozone Day 2021 *“Montreal Protocol: Keeping Us, our Food and Vaccines Cool”*;

- Videos about the importance of Ozone layer protection – *“IT’S KEY FOR OUR SURVIVAL, World Ozone Day 2021”* – *“Montreal Protocol: Keeping Us, our Food and Vaccines Cool”* and *“UNEP Executive Director’s Messages for World Ozone Day 2021”* were displayed.

At the end of the event, information leaflets prepared by NOU, T-shirts, masks and hats with the logo of World Ozone Day 2021 were distributed to the participants.



7. On the 20th of September 2021, the representatives of NOU carried out an interesting activity with children of the “Multidisciplinary Community Centre” in Tirana. In this activity about 30 children of the ages 8 – 12, 5 staff members of the “Multidisciplinary Community Centre” and also representatives of the Social Services Directorate in Tirana Municipality were present. The activity was organized under the motto: *“Montreal Protocol: Keeping Us, our Food and Vaccines Cool”*.

During the first part of this event, a number of awareness activities were held, such as information session regarding the World Ozone Day 16 September 2021, Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone layer, and the importance of the ozone layer protection. The NOU representatives in cooperation with the teachers of the “Multidisciplinary Community Centre” explained to the children what is the ozone layer and why it should be protected. Videos for children were displayed, such as *“IT’S KEY FOR OUR SURVIVAL, World Ozone Day 2021”* and *“Guardians of the Galaxy: Ozone Heroes”*.

In the second part of the activity different kinds of games were distributed such as; chess, dominos, card games, ludo, etc. Also present was an animator that entertained the children with a variety of songs, dances and games, giving them a very fun day. Furthermore, the children painted different paintings dedicated to protecting their city, and the importance of ozone layer protection, expressing their feelings for this special time and conveying that this was a memorable day for them. The representatives of the “Multidisciplinary Social Center” highlighted that informing and educating children through entertainment is a success, which will also reach their families. The activities carried out in this Centre have educated the children in a creative and entertaining way, having in consideration that it is better to prevent than to cure. At the end, posters, of “Ozzy Ozone” comic book, games, T-shirts, masks and hats with the logo of World Ozone Day 2021 were distributed to all the participants.





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