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**Down to Earth**

# **Down to Earth** in the **Gorenjska region**

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# Gorenjska region

- **18 local communities**
- **200.000 inhabitants**
- **Over 50 % of Natura 2000**
- **Valleys with 5 smaller cities**
- **sourunding hilly and mountain areas**



# Gorenjska region

- 50 % of forests
- 25 % of arable land
- Settlements 25 %



# Our situation –environmental risks and demographic change

- No real consensus about climate change
- No real consensus about influence of climate change in rural areas, its economic, social and environmental vibe
- Tremendous spatial pressure (no consensus about long term „stop“ to spreading of urban sprawls)
- Very sensitive environment – climate risks (floods, avalanches, fires, change in farming and other production/services)
- Lack of knowledge in the field of climate change
- Lack of consensual policy regarding climate change

# Environmental risks

- Extreme weather - a lot of rain in short time(floods, storms, ...)
- Extreme unexpected temperatures (drought)
- Extreme change in environment - new diseases -trees, cultural plants,...



# Main topics in Gorenjska

- Regional value chains
- Usage of natural materials
- Sustainable green tourism
- Prevention of damaging influence on environment
- Land usage – need for regreening, stop to further urbanisation outside the existing settlements

# Targets in Gorenjska

- Mitigate climate and environmental risks
- Support to green sustainable transition (regreening in all aspects of life)
- Support to survival in countryside –new ways of using land/crops/ new ways of economy/services in countryside
- Assuring public services in rural areas
- Assuring green transition also in the field of bigger usage of green sustainable energy



# Relevant stakeholders

- Regional development council
- Regional council of mayors
- Associations in countryside
- Regional schools
- Unesco biosphere area
- Triglav national park
- Chambers

# What we would like to do with Down to earth

- Support transition in rural areas- climate change
- Gathering analysis – status quo – what we can do
- Support farmers and other people working in countryside to fight better the climate change
- Empower stakeholders, equip them with needed knowledge
- Support policy makers to make changes
- Support local communities to recognise opportunities and find solutions to better fight climate change

**Time for  
questions**

