



Education for Environmental Citizenship in Croatia

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Strengths of the EEC in Croatia

- ▶ importance for young people
- ▶ students' and teachers' active role in society
- ▶ connecting school to a local community
- ▶ promotion of fairness of the distribution of environmental goods and environmentally responsible behaviour
- ▶ encouraging people to participate in solving environmental problems
- ▶ part of lifelong learning
- ▶ improving competence (i.e. communication, social competence, empathy...)
- ▶ wider concept and other types of education are already included in EEC (5/6)
- ▶ holistic, multidisciplinary approach

Weaknesses of the EEC in Croatia

- ▶ hard to distinguish EEC from other types of education (1/6)
- ▶ not enough time for lectures in school curriculum to implement EEC
- ▶ additional burden if not properly incorporated in curriculum
- ▶ too much of administration work in Croatian school system
- ▶ lack of expert teachers

Opportunities of the EEC in Croatia

- ▶ rise the general knowledge level and general awareness about environmental issues
- ▶ fulfil the need for lifelong learning and personal development
- ▶ changing awareness of the environment by raising responsibility towards environment in everyday life and by changing the personal habits
- ▶ the power to see how a single person can make a difference and do something

Threats of the EEC in Croatia

- ▶ political decisions
- ▶ insufficient interest, motivation and awareness of the population on environmental problems or lack of care
- ▶ school curriculum does not allow new initiatives - lack of school teachers interested in promoting education EEC
- ▶ lack of learning materials, programs or services in Croatia
- ▶ possible overload of teachers involved in the projects related to the EEC (additional work for teachers beside regular teaching)
- ▶ mentality and resist to changes

Comparison of Different Types of Education

- ▶ different opinions on the differences in the SWOT of EEC between formal and non-formal education
- ▶ no differences in the SWOT of EEC between primary and secondary education
- ▶ respondents' opinion on similarity between EEC and other types of education - EEC most similar to the education on sustainable development (4.2), environmental education (3.8), citizenship education (3.6), science education (2.3)

THANK YOU!

