



2011 International Year of Forests

United Nations General Assembly launched the announcement that Year 2011 as International Year of Forests. Because of that over 40 countries and more than 250 events around globe are organized and prepared by different institutions, organizations, local governments, local, national and international NGO's.



The overall objective on this celebration is to raise awareness about the need to strengthen the sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations.

SNV Albania-Macedonia-Kosovo in the framework of Sida Kosovo & Regional project in close collaboration with REFORD – Regional Training Centre for Forestry and Rural Development Private and Communal Forest Associations in Albania, Macedonia and Kosovo have decided to mark this event as a special event in the above countries.



Because of that SNV Macedonia - SIDA, together with REFORD and the National Association of Private Forest Owners of Macedonia have marked IYF 2011 as one day event in Macedonia. The event took place in the yard of the kindergarten "23 August" in Berovo on 12.12.2011. The idea to mark the International Year of Forests was to combine efforts of the local people and their children in raising the awareness of the important role that forests have for our community. So it was planned to be build a playground from wood, to have presentation of local traditional meals for which the materials are coming from the forest and to have an art exhibition from works that were done by the children from the kindergarten and the local elementary school.



At the end, in front of the mayor of the municipality of Berovo, representatives of the local state institutions and guests from the municipality of Goce Delcev from Bulgaria, the "Wooden Town" was officially opened.



As a part of the official opening day, an art exhibition on the subject “Forests through the eyes of the children” was opened, too. After the ceremonial of the opening, guests had the opportunity to taste some homemade traditional meals. In connection to this activity, an art exhibition contest was organized in the local elementary school “Dedo Iljo Malesevski”.



All the materials and homemade traditional meals were donation from the local forest owners, members of the Association, as their small contribution to mark the International Year of Forests.

The event was given a media attention by the local news and web sites.

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