



ESF report

As you received a grant from European Scout Foundation for your projects, we would appreciate a brief report. Because this report will be aimed at presenting results to our donors, as well as publishing the story on our website, we ask you to prepare the report according to the structure described. When we have received your report, we may pose questions or ask for further details, so please be very brief, and feel welcome to add more extensive material, press clippings, pictures etc. as addendum

The report shall include two parts: A: a description – the story, and B: a brief financial report.

A: The story

Project name:	“United Children of Mountain Zvijezda”
Responsible organization and person(s):	Scout group “Zvijezda” Vares, Andrea Djakovic (Project Coordinator)
Introduction to the project:	<p>After the war in Bosnia & Herzegovina (1992-1995), there are still tensions between different ethnical groups. In various towns across our country, including Vares, too, still exists segregated schooling system, popular called “Two schools under one roof”. In that system, children (Croats and Bosniaks) are physically separated and they are educated under different schooling programs that are stressing ethnical differences. Scout group “Zvijezda” Vares is the organization that gathers children and youth from both ethnical groups. Through implementation and realization of joint activities (from our NSO program), our scout group attempts to raise awareness on subjects like togetherness, equality, tolerance, peace and love among children, no matter what ethnical or religious group they belong to.</p> <p>Summer camp “United Children of Mountain Zvijezda” that was held in the period of 30th of July until 05th of August, enabled that fifty children, of age 7 to 20, live together, work together and meet each other. Participants were able to meet tradition, culture and customs of different people who live on Vares area (hiking tours to Bosniaks and Croats villages, and meeting their residents), and also meeting historical facts which claim common origin (hiking tours to medieval remains of King’s city Bobovac, and to Kraljeva Sutjeska where rich collection of historical notes is kept in Franciscan monastery and where different objects of cultural or historical value are kept in museum Kraljeva Sutjeska.) Among all of that, participants spent seven days in woods and mountains, completely apart from civilization (without electricity, bathroom, TV or cellphone), learning that for existence and life in the nature they need inevitable cooperation and collaboration of all of us. They learned that rules of the nature are equal for all, no matter ethnical origin or socio-economic status.</p>
Objectives and goals:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get know and understand each other, work and live together; 2. Acquire knowledge and skills for survival in nature, for environmental protection and others to learn about it; 3. Own skills related to survival in nature and environmental protection, emphasizing equal rights, multi-ethnic dialogue and tolerance; 4. Explore, observe, value and manage to live in harmony with nature, but also



	each other no matter on diversity (ethnic, gender, social).
To which extent did we meet objectives and goals:	<p>We met most of the objectives and goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Living together in group, which includes everything that includes life in family but in different conditions (sleeping in tents, eating together outside, waking up together, swimming and bathing in the river, evenings with the bonfire...), in period of seven days; - Working together and different program activities which were adapted to the age of the participants, enabled that the participants get to know each other even better, to get close to each other and to respect and help each other. Also, participants have learned to respect each others character, habit or understanding differences; - The very way of life that we explained above, requested participants to acquire basic skills about surviving in the nature and to get to know the area around them. They have learned to respect the laws of nature in the way that, on one side, they can use everything that nature is offering to them (food, water, shelter, herbs), and on the other side, they can spot dangers and risks that are threatening from the nature (bad weather, insects, reptiles and wild animals) and then protect themselves; - Acquiring skills about surviving in the nature and ecology is done by special program of acquiring scout skills. All participants (fifty of them), won and received at least one skill, and most of them more than one. Program of scout skills consists of fulfilling certain requirements with which special knowledge and skills for life are acquired and which help every child to find their tendencies and abilities. In that way, they are also becoming capable for social life; - During this camp, every participant had a chance to meet tradition, culture and customs of different people that live on Vares area and to find out historical facts that claim common origin. Through special tasks, they acquired knowledge that is precondition for tolerance and for understanding diversity resulting from different ethnical and religious affiliations. That is accomplished in three following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1. Hike tour to Bobovac was organized, where lie remains of medieval royal city (about 2 km away from the camp). There, one pretty interesting lecture was held, that included important historical information and facts about common origin of nations that nowadays live in Bosnia and Herzegovina (before the Crusades and spreading of Catholicism, and before spreading of Islam with Ottoman conquests, on this area existed only one nation (called: Bogumili) and only one religion, so every resident of todays B&H has the same ancestors). Various legends about medieval emperors, kings and queens were also included in the lecture, with special review on the life of queen Katarina in whose honor, even today, ceremonies are held. All residents respect and love queen Katarina, no matter which religion they belong to. - 2. Hike tour (for participants in category 12-20 years) to Kraljeva Sutjeska was organized, place that is 9 km away from the camp, where Franciscan monastery is located with its library and museum. There, very important archive and items that have cultural-historical value are kept. On this trip, participants had a chance to see some of significant historical notes and items that confirmed historical facts and data from their trip to Bobovac. Also, they acquired



	<p>necessary requirements (path 18 km long, along with other tasks during the hike) for scout skill “mountaineer” or “walker”).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3. Also, two mini hike tours to neighboring villages were organized (village Dragovici, 2 km away from the camp, where Bosniaks-Muslims live, and village Borovica, 4 km away from the camp, where Croats-Catholics live). On these trips, participants had task to split into pairs, and each pair picked one house or one resident. They needed to collect as more data as they could, about way of life of residents, about customs and general about their village. Later, each pair presented what they found out and what they can conclude about differences and similarities between the way of life of those two villages. Final conclusions were: both villages live the same way of life (cattle breeding, cultivating land), they have the same problems (insufficient income, unemployment, young people going to cities), they think and act the same way, and only difference was that ones (Bosniaks-Muslims) are praying in the mosque and others (Croats-Catholics) pray in the church. Common characteristic of both villages is hospitality and kindness. Also, these picnics have served for promotion of scouts, because one more task for the participants was to present our organization to residents and answer all possible questions about our movement.
<p>What did we learn from the project:</p>	<p>We have learned that children and youth can easily adapt to living conditions in nature, they accept work and understand why duties are necessary for existence of the whole community that lives in conditions like those. Also, participants hang out with each other very gladly and they help each other, and there isn't any obstacle concerning their ethnical origin or religious group they belong to. Also, they adopt all new acknowledgements and skills without any difficulties, with open curiosity. They act the same way when they are meeting people, accepting them as they are, without thinking who those persons are (which ethnical group or religion they belong to).</p> <p>On the other side, we should wonder about long-term sustainability of this way of thinking and tolerance, considering that children are going back to school in which they are physically separated and in which they are educated with different programs which are stressing ethnical and religious differences. One and only way to overcome those problems, caused by this educational system (which in some areas of BiH, official decisions of competent courts declared to be discriminatory), is the suspension of that schooling system. Unfortunately, it is completely unlikely whether and when is that going to happen in Vares. Until then, Scout group “Zvijezda” Vares will through extracurricular activities, based on scouting program, continue the struggle and fight with any kind of separating kids concerning ethnical principle.</p>



B: Financial report in brief¹

		Brief description	Amount in EURO
Income:	Own resources:	Travel expenses: 205, 00 EUR + Chef costs of labor: 175 EUR + Chef assistant cost of labor: 105 EUR	485,00
	Other funding:	Participants contribution: 50 x 10 EUR	500,00
	ESF funding:		1650,00
	Other income:		0,00
Expenses;	Administration:	Chef costs of labor: 175 EUR + Chef assistant cost of labor: 105 EUR	280,00
	Travel:	Travel expenses (participants x 2 + equipment x 2)	205,00
	Materials spent:	Awnings, nails, rope, lumber for pioneering facilities, medicine, gas, etc.	330,00
	Materials lasting:	Sleeping pads, cables for light and other	415,00
	Accommodation and food for participants:	Food for 50 participants (7 days x 3 meal x 1 snack)	1290,00
	Trainers and facilitators accommodation:		0,00
	Trainers and facilitators travel:		0,00
	Other:	Rent generator and fuel	115,00
Net result:			0,00

¹ In the report, all of the data is listed in EUR. In the attachment, all receipts are listed in BAM. Amounts in euros in the report are rounded to the closest digit.