

OBJECTIVE 04

To support the exchange of good practice, allowing the creation and expansion of citizen networks, initiatives and platforms, including support for voluntarism



CAPACITY BUILDING

RISOKARPASO ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION AND SOCIAL ACTIVITY ASSOCIATION

KARPAZ EŞEKLERİ İÇİN BİR PEDAL DA SEN ÇEVİR! COME ON! PEDAL FOR THE KARPASIA DONKEYS!

Bisiklet Kiralama BIKE RENTAL

THIS ACTION INVOLVED

Design, print and dissemination of brochures and leaflets about Bike Rentals for Karpasia Donkeys project.

Informational meetings and trainings/seminars to introduce the project and to raise awareness on cycling as a form of ecological tourism.

Visit to Turkey to learn best practices from similar bicycle rental ecology initiatives in November 2017.

Creation of the association's website.

ABOUT THE RISOKARPASO ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION AND SOCIAL ACTIVITY ASSOCIATION

The Risokarpaso Environment Conservation and Social Activity Association aims to protect and sustain the environment and culture of Risokarpaso/Dipkarpaz and provide social activities to youth.

STORY OF THE ACTION

The Risokarpaso Environment Protection and Social Activity Association is a multi-faceted, multi-aimed organization, whose primary goal is to improve every living creature's quality of life and protect their living spaces. Prior to their Grow Civic request, the association initiated a project that rented bicycles to raise funds to feed the wild Karpasia donkeys that are facing extinction due to the lack of food. However, the project's outreach was limited. Through their Grow Civic action, the association aimed at improving the outreach and promotion of Bike Rentals for Karpasia Donkeys project by developing a website and printing and disseminating brochures to relevant stakeholders. The association raised awareness on ecotourism to ensure the survival of the wild donkeys and cultivate the idea of ecotourism for local businesses within the region.



“We were renting bicycles to raise funds for food, water and the veterinary needs of the wild donkeys. Through the action, we managed to reach out to a broader audience and promote the activity. Overall, we have always been restricted, both within the scope of our actions and within the village limits. Through Grow Civic, we managed to add a whole new dimension: we improved our visibility and network.”

Firat Borak

TO FIND MORE ABOUT THE ACTION



RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

Thanks to its Grow Civic support, the project increased interest towards bicycle rentals and was able to raise more funds to protect Karpasia donkeys. The association further advocated to the local duty bearers to install bicycle drop-off points. The action also enabled them to expand their network, exchange best practices, involve the local duty bearers and increase the local people's interest in the protection of the wild donkeys, which led to securing the support, time and commitment for the sustainability of Bike Rentals for Karpasia Donkeys project.



WHAT'S NEXT?

The association would like to continue its efforts to promote ecotourism and protect Karpasia donkeys by increasing the number of bicycle renting/drop-off stations. They also would like to continue the work they have started with their Grow Civic supported action and create eco-friendly caravan areas in Risokarpaso/Dipkarpaz.



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