

EcoDialogue #DevPolHack: Bridging Voices for Environmental Policy

Case Study: Citizens' Initiative from Glamoč, Goražde

Background

The Citizens' Initiative from Glamoč is an informal group of 20-30 residents dedicated to addressing waste disposal and management challenges in Goražde, particularly the illegal landfills that threaten local ecology. Leadership within the group is provided by 5-6 active members.

Key Issues

The initiative focuses on the Šišeta landfill, which poses significant environmental risks. In response to this growing concern, the group submitted a formal proposal to the City Council, advocating for a systematic, legal approach to waste management.

Current Status and Goals

Though currently informal, the group is in the process of registering as a civil society organization (CSO). They have formed a partnership with the Aarhus Center, known for its expertise in environmental advocacy.

Proposed Solutions

The initiative is pushing for the development of a sanitary regional waste landfill in Trešnjica, but this plan faces hurdles due to inadequate access roads. The City Council's attempt to temporarily use Trešnjica for waste disposal was met with strong opposition from local residents, highlighting the need for improved infrastructure.

The Citizens' Initiative has proposed a landfill that adheres to EU standards, which would include proper access roads, municipal services, recycling centers, and environmentally safe conditions. This comprehensive solution aims to benefit both the Glamoč settlement and the broader Goražde community.

Conclusion

The Citizens' Initiative from Glamoč remains committed to environmental advocacy and plans to continue engaging actively in ecological issues, striving for sustainable waste management solutions in their region.