



Beli Manastir, April 23<sup>th</sup> 2012.

## Marine Clean meeting Beli Manastir

April 19 & 20, 2012

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, EcoCortec d.o.o., one of the most advanced manufacturers of biodegradable packaging in Europe, welcomed an international consortium of representatives of the Marine Clean project. Marine Clean - 'Marine debris removal preventing further litter entry', sponsored by CIP Eco-Innovation Program, is being conducted by European Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation, EACI. The goal of CIP Eco program is to prevent or reduce hazardous environmental impact, as well as promote sustainability and innovative technologies. This project includes 8 partners from Croatia, Slovenia and Lithuania. It is being conducted through seven different work packages that are coordinated by the Slovenian company, Turna. Two days of meetings covered progress reports on work that has been carried out in the first six months of the project. Plans for future work also have been set.



After the official program, the first day of meetings a visit to the EcoCortec plant was organized. Boris Miksic owner and the President of the Board welcomed our guests and then presented biodegradable film production capabilities and EcoCortec's world-class laboratory. The evening ended in the famous Josic ethnic restaurant with live tamburitza music.

We were happy to receive a warm invitation from the Mayor of City of Beli Manastir, Mr. Ivan Doboš, who welcomed us at his offices on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Valuable information on



the investment opportunities in the business zone of Beli Manastir were exchanged. The importance of the development of new technologies, and possibilities of contributing to economy growth, specifically in countries like Croatia, were discussed. The meeting coincided with The Green Day in Croatia, initiative during which the

Government organized a major cleaning of nature collecting approximately 47 000 kg of waste. The Marine Clean group also visited Kopački rit Nature Park located in the northeastern part of the Republic of Croatia. This is an exceptional floodplain with great biological diversity.



The whole event had great media coverage on national TV, regional radios station and daily newspapers identifying this important project for the region and also for the country of Croatia.



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