

CULTURE, KNOWLEDGE AND COMMUNITY: INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF LIBRARIES

Good practices workshop

1. Entity data

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Library name: Šmidinger Library in Strakonice
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Full address: Zámek 1, Strakonice 386 01, Czech Republic
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Territorial sector, thematic area and population: Strakonice, a district town in Strakonice District, 23,000 inhabitants
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Name of the responsible person and position: Ing. Jan Juráš - eco consultant, information professional
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2. Type of presentation

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oral presentation (mark with an X)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Digital presentation (mark with an X) X

3. Good practices project

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Title of the project Eco-Advice and Culture Events With Environmental Themes in the Library
<ul style="list-style-type: none">General description (300 words)

The Ecological Advice Centre is a department of Šmidinger Library in Strakonice. It provides routine general environmental consulting and advisory services to non-profit organizations. It maintains a thematically focused collection of books and leaflets.

Part of the activities is the organization of social events (one-off or recurring) and environmental education for the general public – lectures, courses and eco-magazine “Kompost” (“Compost”), which has been published monthly since 2012.

Magazine Kompost comments on regional and general environmental issues.

The biggest event is the benefit food festival “Veget Fest”, which aims to popularize plant-based diet / veganism, animal rights and healthy nutrition. This year the 11th annual festival will take place. Each year a selected animal protection organization (usually an animal sanctuary) is supported.

During the winter, the “Zelené otazníky” (“Green question marks”) lecture series takes place – invited guests discuss environmental topics.

At the same time, healthy cooking classes are held once a month, focusing on health impacts of nutrition and plant-based diets.

Regular farmers’ markets are held in our town in spring and autumn. This is an opportunity to buy regional, seasonal and farmers’ food. The markets also include the sale of handicrafts and refreshments.

The activities of the Ecological Advice Centre are linked to the practical activities of nature conservation in the area.

• Recipients
General public

• Location and coverage (neighbourhood, district, city, town, country)
District town Strakonice and closer surroundings, South Bohemia, Czech Republic

• Activities and tasks
Eco-advice office – common operations, library activities
Eco-magazine “Kompost” – articles preparation, photographic documentation, addressing contributors, proofreading, graphic design
All social events – promotion (mailing, social media...), programme preparation, addressing participants
Food festival “Veget Fest” – preparing the festival’s programme, benefit bazaar, venue and refreshment stands
Healthy cooking classes - food shopping, recipe preparation
Lectures “Zelené otazníky” - addressing speakers
Farmers’ markets - addressing sellers and farmers, stands and marketplace preparation

• Resources (human, material, infrastructure, economic)
Jan Juráš (organizer), festival volunteers, speakers...
Common consumables
Eco-advice office, space for lectures, courses, festival...

Current library budget

- Scope (check 1 of the following 3)

Sustainability

Reading

Democracy

- Insert QR (with the Web and links to videos or photos)

Farmers' markets: <http://farmarsketrhy.strakonice.eu/> (in Czech only)

Courses, lectures, eco-advice:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057807903569> (in Czech only)

Festival "Veget Fest": <https://www.facebook.com/vegetfeststrakonice> (in Czech only)

Eco-magazine "Kompost": <https://www.knih-st.cz/kompost> (in Czech only)