

## **Cross-border eSolution/eService Prototype Development Proposal**

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**Prototype title:** **BIG CARELESS BOOTS – to gain more value, responsible and economically advances society by developing children’s creativity and innovation**

### **Short description of the prototype:**

(problem to be solved, expected benefits, main stakeholders, expansion opportunities, related EU projects, references):

The purpose of the program Big careless boots is to promote innovation, creativity and problem solving oriented thinking of children who represent the driving force of development; as well as construction of positive moral values. Gained children experiences are one of the most important future skills in society.

The programs idea is comprehensive; it is based on the sensible relationship of the children towards the characters in the story and with that it raises awareness on understanding the connection and interdependence between nature and society, individuals and the economy. The underlying aspect is sustainable development and permanent knowledge.

Over the 10-month period, children can learn about the behavior of big careless boots from the stories’ characters. Children can try themselves as the illustrator of the book as well as the problem solvers. Together with the characters they look for ways how to warn big careless boots of their wrong doings, they seek different solutions. During this process, extremely rich and innovative ideas are born.

With problem-oriented, empirical and imaginative approach the program offers innovative solutions to current and future environmental (and other) issues; and is raising environmental awareness based on new values. Finding solutions to problems is only possible by proactive adaptation of the present, which is constantly changing. Those solutions are complex and sustainable. The learning process does not stop at the moment when children find the solutions. They have to implement selected idea in “real world” in interaction with parents from economy and NGO sector because of the basic purpose and children’s need of self-worth in active citizenship.

All actions care primarily focused on the target group of children between 3 and 9 years of age, their teachers and parents, The implementation also involves a wide range of experts who provide skills for included mentors.

Our research results show that this is the highest value of the project and its highest potential in the direction of sustainable development, the creation of a better and higher quality of life, responsible behavior and cultural richness.

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***We have also received an award (2nd price) for best innovation idea for the project idea BIG CARELESS BOOTS from Slovenian Chamber of Commerce, May 2013.***

***The president of Slovenia Borut Pahor is also supporting the project implementation as project ambassador.***

The prototype will also provide applications (online games, educational games, e-learning materials, 3D simulation etc.) for more cross-border implementation.

The issues are global but specific in the same time, so the program can be easily transferred to other regions. It requires only a support network expansion and language adaption.

### **ICT requirements for the prototype development in another organization/country:**

Computer, internet

### **Expected cross-border impacts:**

The cross border impacts can be seen in: regular best practice exchange, contribution to intercultural dialog, better use of gain results of case studies and other researches, effective information flow, cross border

cooperation on several levels (NGO, education, economy), This well extended network can be interesting for companies to create new innovative business solutions and sustainable networks.

### Proposer - contact person

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### Existing partners (name & family name, position, organization, country):

- **Natalija Komljanc**, Ph.D. of Pedagogy develops in the fields of innovative projects in Education; Formative Assessment Knowledge; Open Learning Environment; Holistic Approach in Life-long Learning, National education institute of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Irena Kumer**, director of unit in Murska Sobota, National education institute of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Ivo Trošt**, director, Slovenia Forest Service
- **Andreja Senegačnik**, project coordinator, The Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation
- **Nataša Moršič**, project coordinator, Public Nature Park Goričko
- **Vlado Kovačič**, coordinator of the workgroup Youth and hunting, National hunting Society
- **Slavko Šerod**, president of NGO, Fungi association LISICKA Maribor
- **Anton Štihec**, Mayor, Municipality of Murska Sobota
- **Mateja Jakič**, Executive Director, Pomurski sejem d.d.
- **Lea Hofman**, Director Terme Banovci
- **Dejan Zofič**, Control Man, ager, Quality and development unit in the collection and transportation of waste, Komunala Brežice d.o.o.
- **Tina Hozjan**, kindergarden headmaster, Kendergarden Lendava
- **Suzana Fartelj**, school headmaster, Primary school II Murska Sobota
- **Marija Horvat**, school headmaster, Primary school Franceta Prešerna Črenšovci
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- **Aleksandra Ružič**, primary teacher, Primary school Neznanih talcev Dravograd
- **Ruth Gramec**, kindergarden teacher, Primary school Artiče, Kindergarden Ringaraja

### What type of partners are we looking for?

- Primary schools, kindergartens
- Interested NGO to coordinate the project Big careless boots in selected state
- Companies which develop applications (online games, educational games, e-learning materials, 3D simulation etc.)
- Interested partner which work in the field of Extra-curricular activities in association with schools and kindergartens
- Professional support from different countries in content areas of the project
- Funders

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