

SOIL focus - SLOVAKIA



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How Soil topic is treated

- Primary and secondary schools – soil is included in natural science and partly also biology
- INFOVEK project
- Non profit associations e.g. STUDNIČKA
- Associations of gardeners
- Universities: Soil science departments:
Agricultural University in Nitra
Natural science faculty of Comenius University
Bratislava
- Universities of third age



Project INFOVEK

- The main aim: to create society fully involved in computer (internet) using
- To bring internet into every school
- www. page – different topics for educational process (soil partly involved via environmental protection, biodiversity in soil via biology, no special topic concerning soil)



Non-profit associations

- Organization of competitions for pupils via internet contacting directly schools, e.g. STUDNICKA organized competition: What do you know about soil? – for younger (6 -10 years old) and older (11 – 15 years) pupils
- Some questions: What it is soil according to you? How soil is useful for people? What do you think is it necessary to protect soil, if yes – why and how?



Associations of gardeners

- Mainly practical soil questions connected with cultivation of soil in gardens to increase crop but now also how to obtain healthy crop
- Soil protection also included (more and more I present days)



Universities of third age

- Soil topic directly involved:

how to cultivate

how to protect



Possible tasks for ESNB WG4

- Contribution to teaching materials for different type of schools (primary, secondary, universities of third age)
- Production of supporting materials – leaflets
- Increase decision makers as well as public awareness
- Create web page **for public** – information concerning soil: what is soil, how to protect it, etc.
 - for teachers** – teaching materials, news in soil protection on European level
 - for students** – organizing and publishing soil related competitions (Earth day): **ESBN soil price (diploma)?**
 - for national politicians** – information what is new in soil protection on EU level and/or in concrete countries – list of soil related acts in Europe?



SOIL is not dirt, it is just SOIL

