

EU cities –
good for BEES is
good for PEOPLE

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INTO GREEN SUSTAINABLE CITIES

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dobro za ČEBELE je
dobro za LJUDI

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From Ljubljana's BEE PATH to the
BeePathNet-Relodad Partnership

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Foundations



- Proof that beekeeping has been present in the area of the City of Ljubljana since prehistoric times
- Cultural heritage – village Medno, Medarska Street
- Rural development and beekeeping as an economic activity
- Urban beekeeping
- Melliferous perennials on green public spaces in the city
- Concern for maintaining quality environment in the city
- Green Capital of Europe 2016

Facts

280.000 inhabitants
46% forest
More than 30.000 trees in the urban area
10.000 ha of farmland
826 farms
350 beekeepers with 4.500 bee families
More than 225 million bees ☺

Biodiversity

Bees and all pollinators

Food self-sufficiency

We had goals...



- Food self-sufficiency in the city
- Beekeeping as an economic activity (financial support for developing the activity, financial support for development of the activity, cofinancing the operation of five beekeeping societies in Ljubljana)
- Urban beekeeping (safety, awareness-raising and education of citizens and rules on beekeeping in urban areas)

That is why...

- We changed the spatial plan
- Developed urban bee hive stands and beehives with students of architecture
- Prepared recommendations for urban beekeeping
- Prepared API pedagogical programmes
- Took care of promotion



Urban beekeeping in Ljubljana




- An apiary in the garden was the pride of citizens
- 2011 – first beehives were on the roof of Cultrul and Congress Centre Cankarjev dom
- 2014 – founding of the Urban Beekeeper Society
- 2015 – **Bee Path in Ljubljana**
- 2017 – City apiary
- 2017 – Ljubljana – Most Bee Friendly Municipality
- 2018 – EU project – URBACT II – Transfer Networks – BeePathNet
- 2019 - Ljubljana – Most Bee Friendly Municipality
- 2021 – EU project – URBACT III – Transfer Networks Second Wave – BeePathNet Reloaded

2015 – Bee Path in Ljubljana



- First path from point to point
- There were ideas
- The group grew (12 -44)
- Content was upgraded
- Synergy of actions and creativity of individual stakeholders

2017 URBACT Good Practice Most Bee Friendly Municipality City Apiary



... and it snowballed!

Today



Honey day



Autochthonous melliferous plants

SOS line for collecting swarms

Swarm asylum

Education API kindergarten



Bee in Ljubljana



- Movement
- Education platform
- Network
- Incubator for new ideas
- Connecting point of two strategic themes – biodiversity and food self-sufficiency
- The actual path

BeePathNet and BeePathNet-Reloaded

- 2018 – EU project – URBACT III – Transfer Networks – BeePathNet



Amarante
Bydgoszcz
Budapest – 12 district Hegyvidék
Cesena
Nea Propontida

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Bansko
Bergamo
Osijek
Sosnowiec



The evolution steps toward a bee-friendly city

The transfer journey of the BeePathNet partnership with guidelines for the development of urban beekeeping

The Good Practice was...

- Transferred from Ljubljana to 9 EU cities
- Transferred from practice to theory
- Upgraded with knowledge and creativity from all partners where we never hid anything from each other and we were always genuinely happy of each city's success
- Used as an educational space
- Divided into modules – education, new products, tourism, Bee path, biodiversity

Hard work Trust Friendship
 Help Healthy competition
 Fun Laughter Humor




Let's begin again...