

EU Green Week

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Water is a vital shared resource to be passed down from generation to generation – essential for people, for the environment and for a just, sustainable, and resilient economy.

Citizens across the continent are facing a surge in natural disasters like droughts and floods, which have made the EU's water challenges more severe and brought a new awareness of the need for water-resilience.

The Green Week in Serbia will be organised in the first week of June (5–12 June) and aims to align with the 2024 EU Green Week theme focused on water resilience. This edition seeks to create awareness, foster dialogue, and promote collaborative solutions to address the challenges posed by water scarcity, pollution, and ecosystem degradation.

Events:

5 June
11.30 – 15.00

World Environment Day

World Environment Day 2024 will be held on June 5 in Belgrade, starting with a video of the national campaign *Sarađuj, ne zagađuj* ("Cooperate with us – don't pollute") followed by the "Green Hero" acknowledgments and a welcome from UNDP Serbia Resident Representative. Opening statements will be given by various dignitaries, including Ambassadors from the EU and Sweden, and Serbia's Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Environmental Protection, Ms. Irena Vujovic. Highlights include a presentation on climate change, drought resilience, land restoration & combating desertification – by Prof. Rastko Ajtić, the announcement of a Challenge call for innovative wetland conservation projects, and a media statement session. Success stories on environmental projects will be shared, and the "Green FDU" initiative will be introduced, and the competition for green film and green photography for students of art faculties launched.

Boat Kej 1 in front of
Beton Hala – Belgrade

5 June
10.00 – 13.00

Eco Fair at Ecological Center Radulovački

In Sremski Karlovci, Green Week on June 6th should be organized as an event at the Ecological Center Radulovački. Organized by EUIP NS and Gorani Vojvodine/Vojvodina Environmental Movement, as a 3–4 hour event showcasing eco-initiatives – NGOs, institutions, and eco-companies present in 15-minute slots; children's workshops and a performance by the KloKlo band are highlights. Participants include Vojvodina Environmental Movement, Environment Engineering Group, and others.

Ecological Center
Radulovački,
Sremski Karlovci

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5 June
11.00 – 12.00



Media and Reform
Center, Generala Milojka
Lešjanina 36, Niš



Ask me anything about EU support

During the event will be presented open call within "Ekoopstine" contest, which aims to exchange and spread good practices in sustainable development and encourage Serbian municipalities to apply them in their territories. The contest is organised by the French Embassy in Serbia with support of the EU Delegation in Serbia.

Our speakers will be:

- o **Nicola Bertolini**, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Serbia
- o **Monika Damnjanović**, director of French Institute Niš
- o **Milomir Tucović**, director PUC Waterworks Zlatibor, municipality Čajetina (beneficiary)
- o **Snežana Andrić**, EU info point Niš (moderator)

Practical panel discussions "Ask me anything about EU support" are intended for future beneficiaries of EU funds in order to present them all opportunities that EU or Member States are offering to the citizens in Serbia. It is organized as a moderated discussion, where representatives of the program share information about the application, deadline, guidelines, good practices, and the beneficiary of the program present their experience in implementation. The program will be broadcast at the YT channel EU in Srbija.

5 June
12.00 – 16.00



Tvrđava Fortress Niš

Ecologic EXPO

Ecologic EXPO is an official partner event of EUGW 2024 for the second year - aimed at professionals, activists, policymakers, and eco-enthusiasts, it features interactive exhibits and workshops on sustainable solutions. Connect with industry leaders, join discussions, and learn how to contribute to a more water-resilient and sustainable world. EUIP Niš will support the event, showcasing EU-funded green initiatives and opportunities with EU-funded programs focused on green topics and water resilience initiatives. An interactive quiz on water conservation will engage visitors and encourage sharing with event-specific hashtags.

5 June
17.00 – 18.30



Deli Hub,
Davidova 2a, Niš

Green lecture within the cycle European Green Corner of Knowledge

This lecture explores the challenges faced by city residents: urban heat islands, poor air and water quality, floods, and droughts. How these do challenges impact public health, and are they related to water management in cities? Can the synergy of technical, sociological, and medical sciences be the path to urban healing? The lecture will present the most interesting results from the euPOLIS (Horizon2020) project, where citizens collaborate with experts to plan and measure the effects of implementing nature-inspired solutions.

Lecturer: **Anja Randelović**, Department of Hydromechanics and Water-Environmental Engineering, Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Belgrade

5 June



Social media
promotion – Niš

City and Me – Green rewarding

Through this initiative, EUIP Niš promotes green and active lifestyles among Niš citizens., In partnership with the City and Me app we incentivize eco-friendly activities such as biking or walking by rewarding participants with 1 CM token, redeemable for prizes in the app store. The EU Info Point Niš enhances this effort by offering EUzatebe branded items (including hiking mugs, thermoses, backpacks, flashlights, and hats), which citizens can exchange for CM tokens monthly at our location. Our green rewards program in June coincides with European Green Week, reinforcing the message of sustainable living and environmental awareness. Through this initiative, the EU Info Point Niš, in collaboration with the City and Me app, promotes green and active lifestyles among fellow citizens. Eco-friendly activities such as biking or walking are rewarded with 1 CM token, which can be exchanged for prizes in the app store.

6 June

CircleART Photo Exhibition from August 30th to September 1st

The Association for Nature and Society Multivox will announce the second "CircleArt" festival, "Green Change of Female Gender". On June 6th in partnership with the EU Info Point Niš, Multivox will announce a national photo contest. The call focuses on photos dealing with themes of ecology, recycling, consumer culture, and attitudes towards the environment. The exhibitions will be organized during summer in Niš, Zaječar, Kruševac, and Vranje. A jury will select the top three photographs, which will be monetarily rewarded during the festival's opening

How Green is Europe?

Presentation of best practices in environmental protection in the EU. Film screening/panel discussion/photo exhibition

Pulse of Europe – Media Trips to EU project and EU Delegation to Serbia organise an event entitled "How green is Europe - presentation of best environmental protection practices in the EU". The event will be the occasion for Serbian journalists that have participated in media trips organised by the Pulse of Europe project to share their experiences with the audience.

Climate Caravane, Embassy of France

The Climate Caravan is a project conceived by the French Institute of Serbia with the financial support of the Delegation of the European Union and the office of the United Nations Development Program in Serbia and the company CMA-CGM and implemented by the Center for the Promotion of Science. The association of climate ambassadors will also participate in relaying the exhibition in its network of Ekoschools. By linking the fight against climate change and water, the Climate Caravan 4.0 seeks to strengthen citizens' awareness of the importance of knowledge about the various issues surrounding water on the territory of Serbia.

Green Justice - The implementation of horizontal environmental legislation

This conference comprises 3 panels addressing environmental protection through criminal and civil law. The first panel will explore the legislative framework for environmental protection under criminal law, with a focus on EU legal instruments. The second panel will delve into practical challenges in implementing these laws within criminal procedure. Finally, the third panel will examine civil law instruments utilized to address environmental and climate change damage. Distinguished panelists will include law professors, representatives from the Ministry of Interior Affairs, public prosecutors, attorneys, and members of the NGO sector.



June 8

 Silosi, Belgrade

Silosi – projection of the film **Honeyland** (exact time tbc)

The documentary received numerous awards and nominations at film festivals, including three awards at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival and two nominations at the Oscars in the categories for Best International Feature Film and Best Documentary Feature. It was also the first documentary to receive a nomination in both categories in the history of the Oscars. Join the projection at the Medeni bazaar in Silos!

10 June
10.00 – 15.00

 Bulevar Despota Stefana 5, Novi Sad

City of Humanity

An event where associations for persons and children with developmental disabilities present their activities. Playing with mosaic of plastic caps, numerous creative workshops for children, together promote water, a precious resource for everyone. The program will be opened by representatives of the "Cap to Smile" Association and the City of Novi Sad.

6 – 12 June

 Zaječar/
Novi Sad/Niš



Video screening and panel discussion, Association "**Drinking Fountains**"

Cooperation with the EU Info Center, organize the premieres of episode(s) each day during the Green Week, accompanied by text and photographs, on the website of the EU Delegation, following the same principle as animated film 'Grey Days' after its festival premiere at the March Festival in Belgrade in 2023. With the mediation of the EU Info Center, the text and the film were picked up by many highly read and influential media outlets. The idea is to organise a public viewing of 24minutes video(s) produced by Za česme CSO that deal mostly with the water preservation and challenges that are facing people in the eastern part of Serbia but could be applied everywhere, followed by the panel discussion.

June 6 at 12h

 Zaječar

- **Zaječar (June 6)** in Felix Romuliana complex.

June 10 at 12h

 Novi Sad in Svilara


- **Novi Sad (June 10)** in Svilara in Novi Sad

June 13 at 12h

 EUIP in Niš

- **Niš (June 12 or 13)** taking place in our EU Info Point in Niš.

June 11
15.00 – 16.00

 Elementary school
Žarko Zrenjanin,
Bulevar Despota
Stefana 8, Novi Sad

Workshop on Composting – **Ekokoncept Pogo**

The workshop aims to demystify composting, dispelling fears and misconceptions about unpleasant odors and attracting pests. By recalling the practices of older generations, we hope to spark curiosity and encourage participants to start composting from introduction to Composting, demonstration to hands-on activity and practical tips.

4 – 18 June



The Sava Promenade
in Kalemegdan Belgrade

Outdoor exhibition with photographs and descriptions of green ideas, projects and innovations

An outdoor exhibition with 30 photographs and descriptions of green ideas, projects and innovations supported within the “EU for the Green Agenda in Serbia”, GEF and Government of Japan-funded initiatives implemented by UNDP will be organized along the Sava Promenade in Kalemegdan (across the French Embassy).

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