

Yesterday, we once again provided support to the citizens of Kosjerić, participating in the panel entitled “European and our garbage in Kosjerić will not be burned”! Organizer of the tribune was the Kosjerić Environmental Movement, and our friends from Beočin, Zlatko Todorčeski from the Environmental Movement Bečin and Predrag Račić from the Association “Let’s start the municipality of Beočin” gave support.

The results of the Environmental Movement Kosjerić are simply incredible in a short period of their existence!

Since September last year, when they were founded, they managed to animate, unite and launch almost all of their local community – citizens, local government and church community, about the common and fair idea of defending healthy understanding, personal dignity and their constitutional rights in a healthy and safe environment. If we know that – 90% of the citizens of this small municipality of Zlatibor district live from malaria and eco-tourism, we can only assume their fear of living existence due to possible further collapse of the living environment.

The permission of the Ministry of Construction cement for the storage of “non-hazardous waste” as an energy source is just “the summit of the iceberg” in the harm that this company makes to the local environment. Cement factory is the owner of two mines, small stone in the immediate vicinity of the factory, which are no less polluting air pollutants! Raw materials, coal and cement transport 250 trucks, which daily roam the roads in Kosjerić and contribute to further pollution and the disturbance of life in a poisonous environment!

“We know best from what our people are dying, and therefore we can not only be observers!”, – the statements of the parish of the Church of the Municipality of Kosjerić! In the meantime, the Ministry has withdrawn the Cement Factory License, so that it will soon be issued again!? So much about the seriousness of our institutions!

Publicly insisting the Kosjerić Municipality President to respect local decisions on the prohibition of waste incineration, provoked the leadership of cement factory to a crazy decision to block the account of the Municipality by transforming its own donation to build a sports hall into the outstanding debt of the Kosjerić Municipality!?

The anger of the “capitalist” suddenly flared up in the face of the effects of the public campaign and support that Kosjerić citizens received from all over Serbia! “The Wolf wore lamb skin,” and one morning, in every house of Kosjerić, a richly-equipped cement brochure was published about the corporate responsibility of this factory, the safety of waste incineration, respect for European standards and the general sense of the management of “Titan”! If we did not know who it is, we would think that a brochure was issued by some Institute for Nature Protection or some administration of the National Park!

Government sacrifices human lives by discounting the lobby in burning waste in Serbia – Malinars against Titans

Both the sectoral institutions and “cement factory experts” seem to forget the “Proximity Principle” of the EU Waste Management Directive, to which they are so urged, whereby waste is disposed of at the nearest possible place where it is produced, due to possible risks from transport and multiple storage. Subsidies for burning waste to obtain energy refer only to bio mass (kitchen and garden waste), and their abuse is already punished by EU countries (Sofia burner)! Incineration of recycling waste undermines the EU’s efforts in implementing the principles of “Circular Economy”, by which a circular, continuous chain of reuse of waste through new products is established. But for recycling, you need to engage well and to burn waste, just sign the license and “subdivide the subsidy”!

Excessive incineration of mixed waste endangers thousands of workers in the recycling industry! Treatment of waste by burning is cheaper than recycling which is obvious to the Government of Serbia! By combating incineration in the sentences, the state’s obligations towards the recycling industry are reduced, to which almost exclusively use the green budget from the eco-taxi! Except, of course, the “small-town” left to the new ministry, the vast majority of the green dinar disappears in the fog of general consumption as a para-fiscal charge! – Why just “the vast majority” – why not all of it!?

The lack of any external waste control unit burning across Serbia, especially in cement plants, provides operators with a wide range of manipulation options for burning various non-hazardous or hazardous waste, with incalculable consequences for the living environment and the health of people!

In the circumstances of the existence of unambiguous indicators that the Government of Serbia still does not care at all about regulating and controlling environmental issues, giving up the lobby of incinerators in the cement industry of Serbia, the sacrifice of people living in their immediate vicinity is open! Just the same way as were the citizens of Obrenovac, Kostolac, Uba, Vrbas sacrificed...