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Good Practice: Community Composting in the City of Nitra, Slovakia



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At a glance

- The project was launched in 2018 as a **community composting for 50 households**, whose final product – compost – serves for involved households and public areas.
- Operator of the good practice is **civic association Composting Community**.
- An important goal was to **get the local community familiar with the issue of composting**, mainly in terms of its benefits and perception.
- **Each household obtained a manual for bio-waste sorting**, a bio-waste bucket and a key from the composter, as it is lockable.



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Resources needed

- The **first grant** provided by Nitra Community Foundation was **4,000 EUR** (3,000 EUR for composter and 1,000 EUR for promotion and composting accessories).
- Bio-waste needs to be dug and mixed regularly – this is done voluntarily.
- There are no additional costs related to operation of the composter.
- In 2020, a small grant was obtained (1,000 EUR) to organize a lecture with an expert and the development of a Composting Guide



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Evidence of success

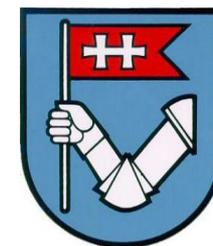
- The composter has been filled twice so far – compost has been offered twice to the participating households (free of charge).
- **There is a growing interest in using the composter.**
- In 2020, the **cooperation Nitra City** had started and in 2021 the new sites for composters have been identified.
- The city contracted **40 new community composters** that are currently being deployed. The city is preparing lectures on composting in the spring.



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Potential for learning and transfer

- **Other communities** has been inspired by the pilot project: new project for 60 households has been developed free of charge by a civic association.
- Currently, the civic association focuses also on **environmental education**:
 - **Objective 1:** Involve as many households as possible in the sorting of kitchen biowaste
 - **Objective 2:** Reduction of the amount of municipal solid waste produced
- The project can also be applied in other localities within the collective housing of the City of Nitra, which is already happening.
- The city management is in favour of innovative and **community-based environmental solutions**.





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Thank you for your attention!



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