

## O2 - Best Practice Data Sheet

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**Name of the Project:** BLUE SCHOOLS  
ŠARIŠSKÉ BOHDANOVCE in Šarišské  
Bohdanovce village

**Carrier of the Project:** Šarišské Bohdanovce  
village

**Country:** Slovakia / Prešov region

**Contact:** Primary School Šarišské  
Bohdanovce,  
<http://www.zssbohdanovce.stranka.info>

**Duration:** study and construction from  
2015-16



**Reference:**  
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### Origin and Context of the Project

In 2012, an active education initiative on water protection at secondary and primary schools was launched in Slovakia. The idea was to implement the Blue School project in each district of Slovakia (79 districts in total). The aim of the project was to implement rainwater retention directly in school area and to introduce water protection and recovery on the curriculum. The objective was to create centres of education on water and climate recovery at these schools.

One of the projects was implemented at the elementary school in Šarišské Bohdanovce. A system of rainwater collection, its recycling, and adaptation of the spatial arrangement of relaxation areas for education in the elementary school was implemented on school premises.

The project included the development of curricula, which became part of education. Education has proven to be much more effective in an environment where pupils can observe what water protection means directly in the area of school, they can see what a small water cycle is, how to protect and restore water resources, why it needs to be done, how it affects the climate, how the retention of rainwater contributes to reducing air pollution.

The total cost of the project was € 37,000 and was implemented in 2016. The project was supported by the Norwegian Financial Mechanism from the Adaptation to Climate Change grant scheme. The scheme invested 2.9 mil. € and more than 70 Blue Schools projects were implemented, these became the foundation of innovative model solutions

for collecting rainwater and returning it to small water cycles.

Blue School projects are part of the incentive for innovative solutions for rainwater retention in the urban environment, integrated water protection and restoration of small water cycles.

Water is related to a wide range of issues, from environmental safety, technical solutions, legal context of public policies to protect water resources, climate change, health protection to human culture.

Therefore, it is very appropriate to encourage the involvement of primary and secondary school students in the active approach of the new generation of young people in changing patterns of human behaviour towards water, preventing water crises in the future.

That is the reason why involving the young generation in integrated water protection in the context of climate change is very current and necessary.

The project's innovative idea is to directly involve the new generation in rainwater collection projects.



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