## WWD 2007 in Slovenia and Austria

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In the Region Pomurje we have had 2 activities for protection of Wetland.

1. on 2.-th February, Christian, Jakob and Anton have removed waste from the small river in Nature park Goričko – Velika Krka, where some bad guy have put into the river what they didn't need any more. After the cleaning action, the river water, fishes and crabs have more space for their life.

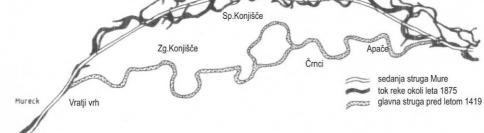


More pictures on — Dan mokrišč v KP Goričko, Šalovci

2. On 4.-th February TABRIH and many other NGO's from Slovenia, Austria, Hungary and Croatia have organised walking at the border along the River Mura between Slovenia and Austria – on the Europaean Greenbelt. The walk was dedicated to David Reeder (WWF), who has died a Year ago, and has dedicated his life for protection work of river Mura and Drava. More then 700 people have joint the Event in this beautiful winter day under hot sun. On the way between two bridges we have walked on both side – left in Austria and right in Slovenia. We have seen also one of the finished revitalisation work on the Austrian side, where the stoned Embankments have been removed and the river have had became enlarged wetland and so more space and structure for fish and plants. The gravel has been put into the river and increasing of water level it's been expected. Implementation of that work it's paid by EU funds and government of country Steiermark in Austria. We all hope, that we can do the same reconstruction work of the river one day also on Slovenian side and the river Mura will take part on The Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance.

More pictures on \_\_\_\_\_ Dan mokrišč ob Evropski Zeleni vezi and http://www.naturschutzbund.at/





Map of old river stream before and after regulation work in 19.-20th century.