

Project Update: August 2011

The project officially started on 1st December 2010. We had a press conference on 19 December in Novi Sad during the event "Owl Night" and presented the project to the wider public. Since then we made contacts with local authorities who helped us to get legal permits to place information boards in town and villages. In December 2010, we got a grant from the Provincial Government which helped our work on the field. Also, Municipality of Kikinda paid an extra six information boards which were placed in all settlement of this Municipality by April 2011.

From December 2010-March 2011 we have conducted survey and monitoring of the long-eared owl winter roosts in Vojvodina. Our volunteers were given nice promotional T-shirts.

During spring 2011, we purchased 120 nest baskets and distributed them to our volunteers and local people who shown interest in owl conservation. The majority of them were placed by June 2011.

Several texts about the project were published in main Serbian newspapers and we also made three appearances on local and regional TV programs. Also, during March 2011 together with the most popular Serbian TV presenter we filmed a 20 minute TV show about long-eared owls.