

## **YOUTH WORKSHOP “GRASS – GRASSLANDS – HAMBURGER”**

### **WORKSHOP PROGRAM**

#### **1. Introductory part - LIKE project (20 minutes)**

- Partnership structure
- Main project objectives
- Recreational groups included
- Target species and habitats investigated in the LIKE project
- Definitions of general terms (biodiversity, ecosystem, ecosystem services...)

#### **2. Karst edge and karst relief (60 minutes)**

- The concept of the karst edge and defining its spatial extent
- Definition of karst relief
- Geological and geomorphological characteristics of karst relief and clarification of complex karst processes
- Survey of surface and underground relief forms in karst with numerous examples from Istria, Croatia and the region

SHORT COFFEE BREAK (10 minutes)

#### **3. Protection of karst grasslands (60 minutes)**

- Historical overview of human activities on the karst edge
- Process of occurrence of karst grasslands (semi-natural habitats - traditional agriculture)
- Ecosystem services - food production
- Endangered plant and animal species on grasslands

SHORT BREAK (10 minutes)

#### **4. Practical field work on nearby grasslands and a medicinal plants trail (90 minutes)**

- Tour of a concrete example of succession on a nearby grassland (depending on the age group of participants, removal of a black pine tree as the main cause of succession on karst grasslands can be organized)
- Tour of a medicinal plants trail with a brief presentation on the plants in the trail