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WHO WE ARE

- ★ The Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (ZRC SAZU) is the leading Slovenian research centre in the humanities. Its mission is to conduct national and international research projects, and excellence centres. ZRC SAZU has its own publishing house, bookstore, and audio-visual laboratory; it houses the Geographical Museum, boasts numerous collections and encompasses 18 research institutes. ZRC SAZU has a long tradition of researching on Slovenian natural and cultural heritage among which cultural landscapes have a special place. The Anton Melik Geographical Institute has been involved in several landscape-oriented research projects in which ecosystem services were taken into account. The aims of the research is to study ecological knowledge and practices on sustainable use of cultural landscapes, research interaction between man and nature and also to raise awareness on ecosystem services and common-pool resources. Since 2015, ZRC SAZU is a member of the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative – IPSI dealing with socio-ecological productive landscapes and seascapes.

OUR EXPERIENCE

- ★ **Ecosystem services:** identifying and mapping different (particularly cultural) ecosystem services and nature benefits; integration of ecosystem services in sustainable landscape management
- ★ **Common-pool resources (CPRs) and commons:** studying the role and governance of CPRs and commons on local, regional and national scale; exploring correlation between CPRs, commons and ecosystem services
- ★ **Landscape studies and analysis:** land use and land cover patterns and changes over space and time; integration ecological and human structures and functions at the landscape scale for the analysis of their development; identifying cultural landscapes as socio-ecological systems and analysing their contribution to human well-being
- ★ **Heritage:** basic and applied research, inventorying (digital collections), elaborating of management and conservation plans, raising awareness on natural and cultural heritage, coordinating digital webportal DEDI – Digital Encyclopedia of Slovenian natural and cultural heritage www.dedi.si, professional support at planning phase
- ★ **Participatory planning:** designing processes in spatial, regional, urban or rural planning;
- ★ **Community development:** empowerment, local development, sustainable/responsible development;
- ★ **Human capital:** human creativity, knowledge transfer



WHAT WE DO IN ESMERALDA

The Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts contributes to the following:

- ★ WP 2 Stakeholder network & Implementation
- ★ WP 6 Dissemination & Knowledge exchange

WE ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN

IPBES, ESP, IPSI – Satoyama initiative, PECSRL, EUCALAND, ISCAR



**Dr. Mateja
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- ★ Human-environmental interactions, ecosystem services
- ★ Sustainable management of cultural landscapes
- ★ Governance of common-pool resources and commons



**Dr. Mimi
Urbanc**

- ★ Presentations and representations of cultural landscapes
- ★ Chapter 2 review editor of IPBES Europe and Central Asia assesment
- ★ Research management and evaluation of social sciences and societies