



Raising awareness on Environmental Liability Directive in Slovenia

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About EcoLex Life

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- Pristop Media d.o.o.

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- Total budget: 1.303.848 €
- EU financial contribution: 59,97%
- MOP financial contribution: 10%

About EcoLex Life

Environmental Liability Directive – ELD (Directive 2004/35/EC)



It is based on the
„POLLUTER-PAYS PRINCIPLE“





POLLUTER-PAYS PRINCIPLE

Polluters that have caused environmental damage or an imminent threat of such damage are liable for implementing the necessary **preventive** and **remedial measures** and paying for their **costs**.

Environment needs to be restored to its **baseline condition** or in the case of land damage, any significant risk of adversely affecting human health has to be eliminated.



- Since full remediation takes time, the Directive also requires some **additional improvements** as a compensation for the loss of natural resources and services during the remediation period (interim loss).
- This is called **compensatory remediation** and can be provided:
 - at the affected site or
 - at an alternative site.



Environmental Liability Directive

The Directive defines "**environmental damage**" as damage to:

- **protected species and natural habitats,**
- **damage to water and**
- **damage to soil.**



Environmental damage - negative change in a natural resource must be **measurable**!

Who can be liable?

- Any **natural** or **legal**, private or public person who operates or controls the occupational activity.



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STRICT LIABILITY

Operators involved in **dangerous** occupational activities
(listed in Annex III of the ELD)

These operators can be held liable for damage to:

- **Protected species and natural habitats**
- **Water**
- **Land**

These operators can be held liable even **without** having to establish their **fault or negligence**

FAULT-BASED LIABILITY

Operators involved in **all other** occupational activities

These operators can be held liable only for damage to:
- **Protected species and natural habitats**

Fault or negligence needs to be established for the operator to be held liable

EcoLex Life project objectives

- **Raise awareness** among key stakeholders regarding **Environmental Liability Directive** – ELD (Directive 2004/35/EC) and **influence change in their behaviour**;
- Identify the **shortcomings in the implementation** of the ELD in Slovenia and prepare **suggestions for improvements**;
- Establish **dialogue** among key stakeholders;
- Assist in the development of **ELD specific insurance policy**;
- Transfer **good practice** from abroad.

Online platform with four interconnected tools

<http://ecolexlife.si/>



The screenshot shows the EcoLexLife website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the EcoLexLife logo, the European Union flag, and links to 'About the project', 'EcoLex', 'Workshops', 'Webinars', 'International Conference', and 'Contact'. A language selector icon is also present. The main banner features a city skyline at sunset with a green field in the foreground. The EcoLexLife logo is prominently displayed in the center, with the text 'RAISING AWARENESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY DIRECTIVE IN SLOVENIA' below it. A small European Union flag with the word 'Life' is on the left. Below the banner, there is a blue section with four circular icons representing the platform's tools: 'EcoClipping' (newspaper icon), 'Legislation' (leaf icon), 'Environmental Guide' (location pin icon), and 'Risk Assessments' (pie chart icon). A button labeled 'ENTRY TO THE ECOLEX PORTAL' is centered at the bottom of this section.



1. EcoClipping

- **Emailing notification service** on individually selected environmental topics of user interest.
- It covers:
 - ✓ **news on environmental legislation;**
 - Official Journal of the EU;
 - Slovenian Official Gazette;
 - Parliament etc.
 - ✓ **environmental news from different sources;**
 - ✓ **eco-thought;**
 - ✓ **information on the ECOLEX LIFE project activities.**

EcoClipping, tedenski pregled od 30.10.2018 do 5.11.2018

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Spoštovani,

pošljamo vam informacije o zakonodajnih novostih [z vaših izbranih okoljevarstvenih področij](#), povezave do okoljskih novic z različnih spletnih strani ter novosti o LIFE programu in projektu EcoLex Life.

Podrobnosti so dostopne na portalu [EcoLex Life](#) z vašim uporabniškim imenom in geslom.

Lep pozdrav!

Uredništvo EcoClippinga

Eko novice

Naslov	Helping swifts and bats find a place to nest
Datum objave na viru	30.10.2018
Datum klipinga	05.11.2018

Ostali spletni viri

Naslov	Ogrožen nastanek Antarktičnega rezervata, ogrožena prihodnost vseh nas
Datum objave na viru	03.11.2018
Datum klipinga	05.11.2018

Naslov	[Blog] Živa se javlja iz Nigerije: »Keep the oil in the soil«
Datum objave na viru	05.11.2018
Datum klipinga	05.11.2018

Naslov	S kurjenjem dovolj suhega lesa do znatnega prihranka sredstev za ogrevanje
Datum objave na viru	04.11.2018
Datum klipinga	05.11.2018

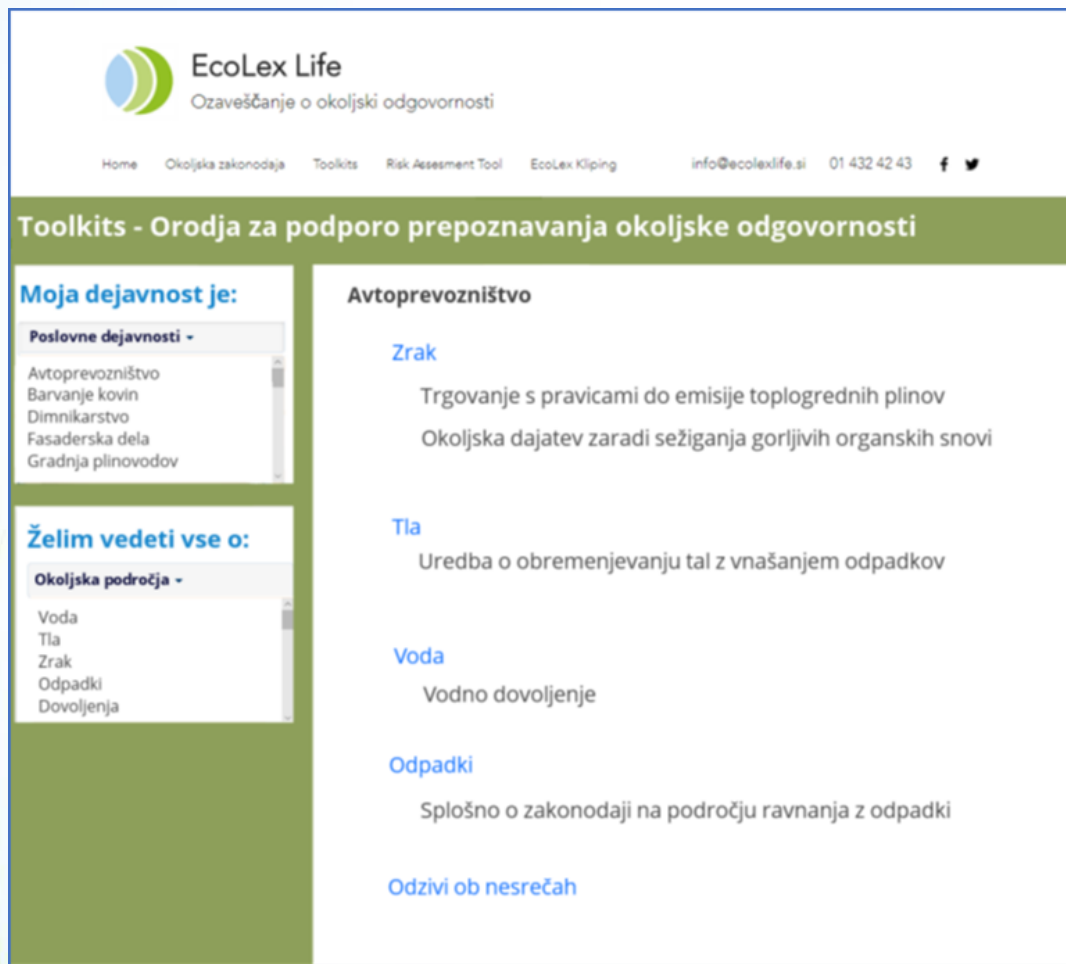
Naslov	Oceani absorbirajo več toplote, kot so verjeli do zdaj
Datum objave na viru	01.11.2018
Datum klipinga	05.11.2018

Naslov	Zelen promet je priložnost za Slovenijo
Datum objave na viru	05.11.2018

2. Collection of environmental legislation

- The **first comprehensive online collection** of currently applicable environmental legislation in Slovenia;
- All documents are **consolidated** and **linked to related documents**:
 - EU regulations;
 - national regulations;
 - case-law;
- A detailed explanation of the content and requirements of **the Environmental Liability Directive**.

3. Environmental guide




Interactive application, which will describe the main requirements of the environmental legislation.

Each user will receive a range of **useful tips** and **advice** on:

- how to act in accordance with environmental legislation and
- how to avoid environmental liability.

4. Risk assessment tool



The screenshot shows the 'Risk Assessment Tool' interface. At the top is the 'EcoLex Life' logo and the text 'Ozaveščanje o okoljski odgovornosti'. Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, Okoljska zakonodaja, Toolkits, Risk Assessment Tool, and EcoLex Kliping. Contact information 'info@ecolexlife.si' and the phone number '01 432 42 43' are also present, along with social media icons for Facebook and Twitter.

The main heading is 'Risk Assessment Tool - Orodje za oceno tveganja za povzročitev okoljske škode'. Below this are three dropdown menus: 'Dejavnost' (Activity), 'Področje' (Area), and 'Naslov' (Title). The 'Dejavnost' menu is open, showing options: Avtoprevoznništvo, Barvanje kovin, Dimnikarstvo, Fasaderska dela, and Gradnja plinovodov. The 'Področje' menu is also open, showing options: Ljubljanska kotlina, Zasavje, Šaleška dolina, Območje vodotoka, and Priobalni pas.

Below the dropdowns are two questions with 'DA' (Yes) and 'NE' (No) options:

- Ali pri svoji dejavnosti uporabljate, proizvajate, shranjujete ali odlagate nevarne snovi, strupene materiale ali druge strupene onesnaževalce? DA NE
- Ali pri svoji dejavnosti sežigate nevarne odpadke? DA NE

Below these questions is a large blue box containing the result: 'REZULTAT: Ocena vašega tveganja za ovzročitev okoljske škode je: MAJHNA'. Below this result is a link: 'Razlaga metodologije' and a note: 'Kako lahko zavarujete svojo odgovornost za nastanek okoljske škode?'.

The main purpose of this tool is to provide users with an **assessment of their risks of causing environmental damage.**

It will be available as an **interactive application.**

Users will receive the key information for managing their **environmental** and **financial** risks.

Visible results of the project

- Regional **workshops** on raising awareness on ELD



Visible results of the project

- International Conferences



Visible results of the project

- **New cooperation** between some of the key stakeholders;
- Monthly **3,700 views** of EcoLex online platform;
- On average, about **40 new registrations** for EcoClipping per month;
- **Special ELD workshop** for representatives from public institutions;



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