

“Ecovillages for sustainable rural development”



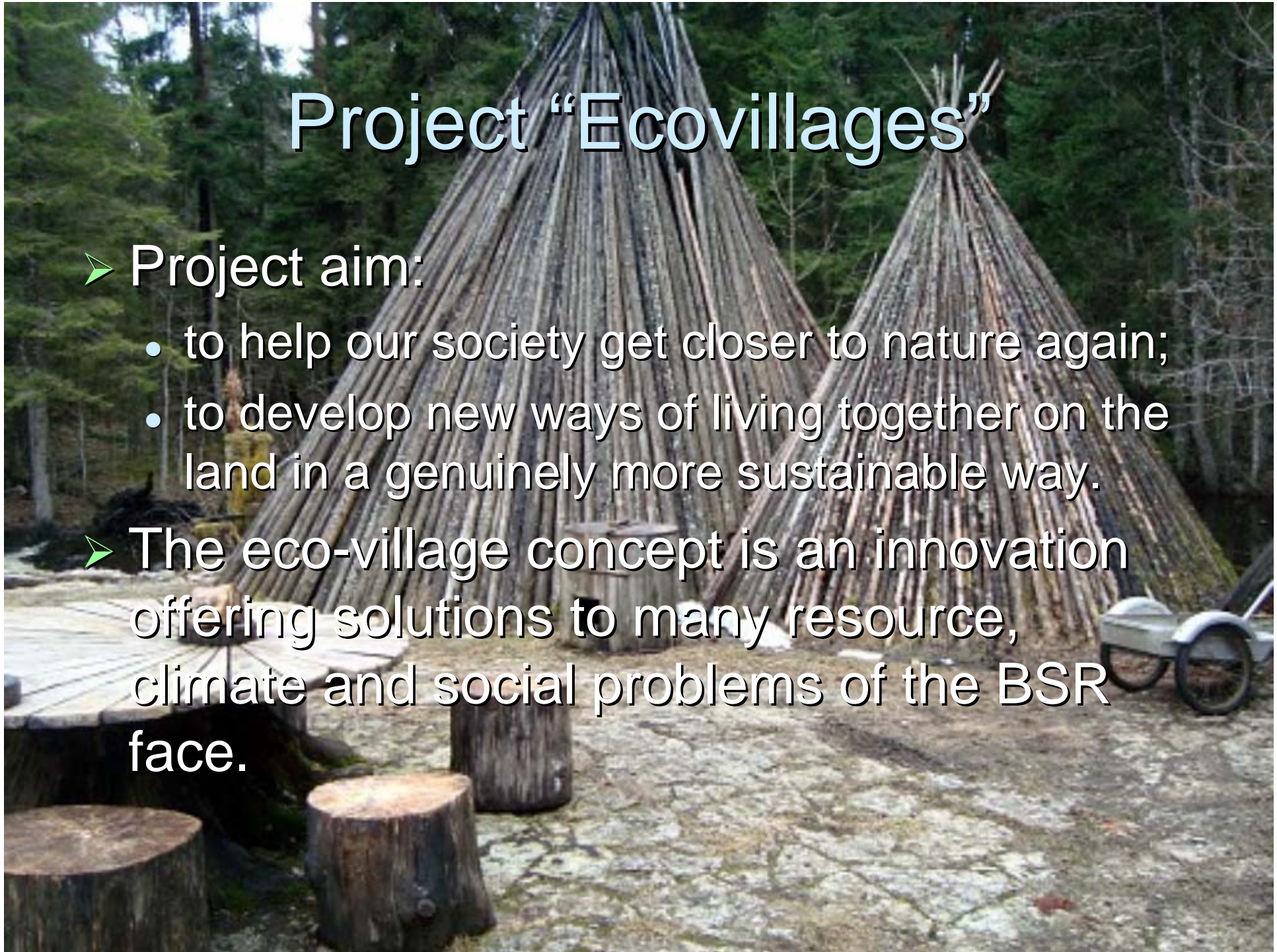
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- Project application was submitted to the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 in March 2010;
- Project priority 1: Fostering of innovations across the BSR (eco-village as innovation)
- Area of support: Absorption of new knowledge.
- 6 partners from 6 countries.

Project “Ecovillages”

- Project aim:
 - to help our society get closer to nature again;
 - to develop new ways of living together on the land in a genuinely more sustainable way.
- The eco-village concept is an innovation offering solutions to many resource, climate and social problems of the BSR face.



Improved knowledge in:

- Nature friendly agriculture techniques;
- Permaculture farming;
- Green architecture methods;
- Alternative energy.



➤ **Overall objectives:**

- Develop more sustainable ways of living in the rural areas of the BSR by offering toolkits for initiators and developers of eco-villages

- Develop an effective model for planning and implementation of eco-villages.



Partnership

- Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics
- MTT Agrifood Research Finland
- Latvian State Institute of Agrarian Economics
- Centre of Environmental Solutions (BY)
- The West Pomeranian Business School (PL)
- Suderbyn Cooperative Society (SE)

Work plan

- WP1 – Strategy
- WP2 – Communication and Information
- WP3 – Technological Framework of Eco-villages
- WP4 – Social Framework of Eco-villages
- WP5 – BSR Eco-villages Road

➤ **WP 3: Development of Toolkit 1:**

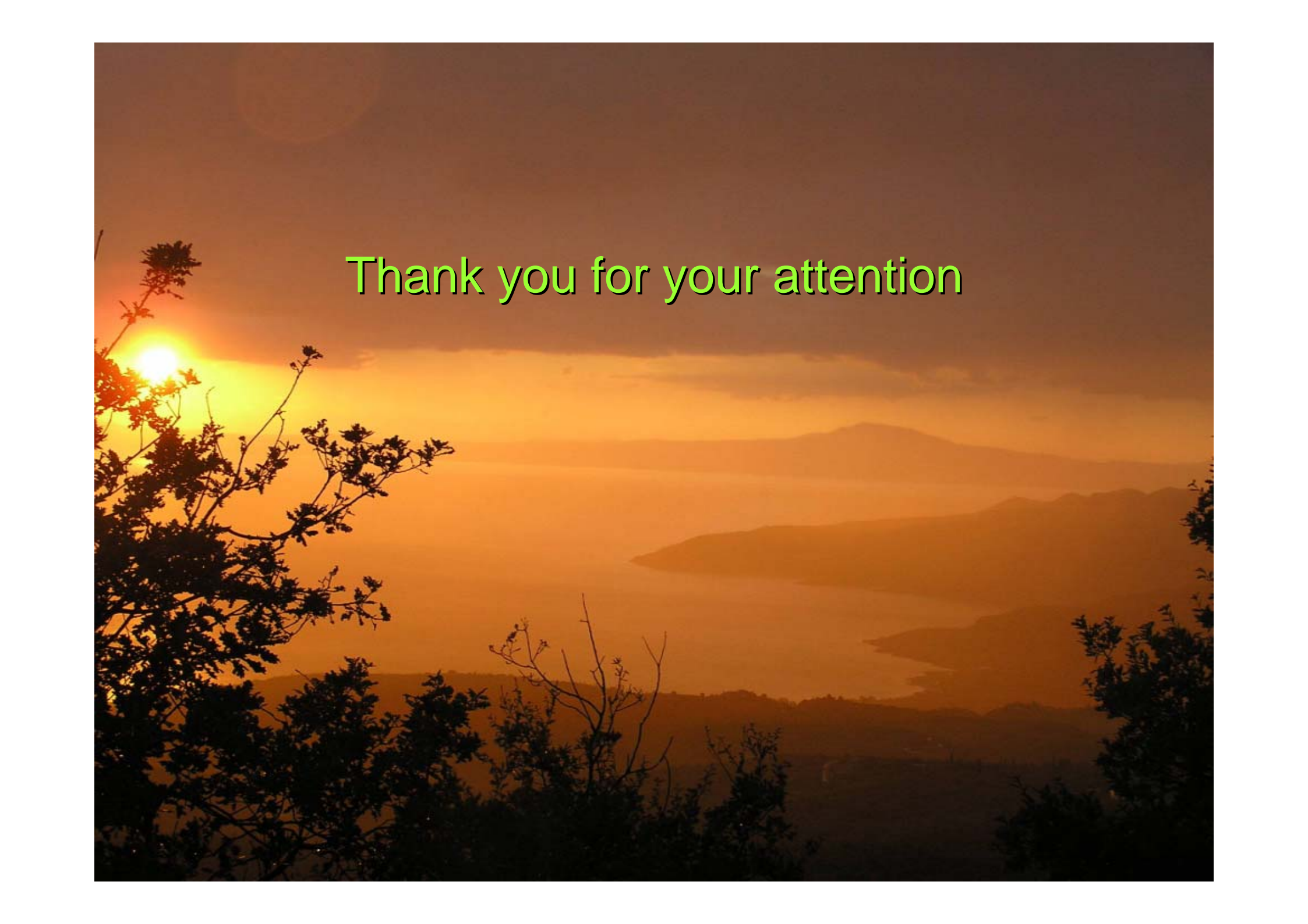
Eco-village Framework for Technologies and Practices

- Toolkit 1 has 2 Pillars / Manuals:
- 1) Eco-technologies &
 - 2) environmentally-friendly eco-settling practices
 - A) agriculture & gardening (organic gardening & permaculture principles, forest gardening)
 - B) housing (smart energy and water use, recycling and reusing)
 - C) transportation
- **Aim:** Assist Eco-village/settlement representatives or stakeholders to pursue eco-settling.



- **WP 4 = Toolkit 2: Social framework of Eco-villages**
- **Aims: Analyses of internal Ecovillage rules, agreements and management models; ICT tool on ecovillages (social) sustainability assessment; Evaluation of conditions for developing Ecovillage movement in regions of PP countries**

- **Project results:**
- Recommendations for policy-makers;
- Guidelines for initiators and developers of ecovillages;
- Internship possibility;
- Network creation;
- Tourism product “Ecovillage road”.

A scenic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. In the foreground, dark silhouettes of trees and branches are visible against the bright sky. The middle ground features a large body of water, possibly a lake or bay, surrounded by rolling hills and mountains. The background shows more distant mountain ranges under a hazy, orange sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

Thank you for your attention