

### **Leonardo KA1 Vocational Education Training** Project «Velebit association Kuterevo» CROATIA





## the project

In 1995, the local non-governmental organization Velebit Association Kuterevo was founded. The vision of the organization is the sustainability of the natural ecosystem and the local mountain community. Its mission is to provide refuge for orphaned bear cubs, protect their habitat and promote the sustainable living traditions of the local mountain community.

Volunteer tasks:

- maintaining and improving the facilities of the refuge (cleaning the area, cutting weeds and branches, renovating paths for visitors, etc.)
- working on the area of a new enclosure for the bears (digging, cleaning, digging, making concrete, digging more)
- collecting food for the bears in the refuge (fruits, weed, roots etc.)
- improving the facilities of the Kopija camp and surrounding
- working in the village with local people (ex: helping with renovation of community water cistern)
- removing trash from the forest / eco-patrol
- making water pools for animals in the forest
- setting up hiking and educational trails around the village

#### accommodation and meals

There are two options for accommodation of groups:

- 1) First option is traditional wooden houses (called pojata).
- 2) Second option is camping, for what groups need to bring their own tents.

Kitchen, cooking equipment, composting toilets and solar showers are provided in both locations. It is recommended that

groups bring their own cutlery. Groups are responsible for their meals and they should buy and prepare food for themselves. They are expected to follow basic rules responsible consumption, like buying local food when possible, avoiding over packed products or not eating food made from endangered species (for instance: tuna!).

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#### For the project, trainees need to ...

Be ready to help, to follow the tasks and respecting the values of the organisation.





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## the hosting organisation

Name: Velebit association Kuterevo Website: www.kuterevo-medviedi.org





## the project place Kuterovo

The village of Kuterevo is located in the region Lika in the mountain range of Velebit. It is situated 16km from the closest town, Otocac.

We can arrange a lot of food in the village (homemade cheese, eggs, fruits, etc.), the rest of necessary thing we can buy in Otocac but we have also one small market in the village.

Close to Kuterevo is the Northern Velebit National Park. We have seven National Parks in Croatia. On the coast Sharon visit Paklenica and Krka and we spoke also about that possibility on the way home.



#### the country



**Climate:** Moderate climate, with four clearly marked seasons (summer-really hot during the day, but during the night 10-15 degrees)

System of Government: Republic

Capital: Zagreb Currency: Kuna Language: Croatian

**Time zone:** Central European time zone









# the language

#### A few words in Croatian:

**Dobar dan** Good afternoon

**Kako ste** How are you?

Ja sam lam

**Dolazim iz** I come from

**Engleske** England Medvjed Bear

**Kuterevo volonter** Kuterevo volunteer

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