



## “For you my friend”

IMPACT I

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### Project Summary

This project was meant to offer the local community an example of civic and ecologic responsibility. With a small budget and plenty of work and dedication, the IMPACT members managed to build an ecological toilet at the entrance of the Retezat National Park, thus solving a serious environmental problem of this area.

### Problem Statement / Justification

The area Câmpușel is located at the entrance to the Retezat National Park. The camping area for tourists was lacking a toilet. For this reason, the forest surrounding the camping place turned into an ecological disaster. The three institutions responsible for the area (the Administration of the Retezat National Park, Salvamont and Ocolul Silvic Lupeni) did nothing to prevent the ongoing environmental deterioration.

### Objectives

- To improve the environmental conditions from Câmpușel, the entrance to the Retezat National Park;
- To increase the level of civic and ecologic responsibility among the community members from Lupeni and Uricani;
- To establish a relationship of cooperation and mutual support with the local investors and the city hall of Lupeni.

### Activities

Choosing the construction location • Obtaining the approvals from the Administration of Retezat National Park • Advertising campaign for the project • Fundraising campaign • Construction of the ecological outhouse.

### Evaluation

The environmental conditions from the camping area Câmpușel, at the entrance to the Retezat National Park have significantly improved after building the toilet. The mayor from Lupeni publicly congratulated the initiative of the IMPACT club and the example offered to the community. A long term observation (3 years) will better show the impact of the project in the area.

### Partners & Sponsors

- Local City Hall of Lupeni City
- S.C. DEDY FARM SRL
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- S.C. PARADISO SRL
- S.C. ELEGANCE SRL
- RETEZAT NATIONAL PARK ADMINISTRATION
- FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

### Budget

Total budget: 1000 RON obtained from local investors and town halls.

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