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# Go For It

**In this issue, while you find many things from the time to time movement to the climate crisis, we answer your question of what to do in Zabok this month and show you Vanja's wonderful work.**

**Are you hesitating to chase your dreams? Are you afraid to take the leap? Well, here's a piece of advice: Go for it!**

**Going for it means embracing your dreams and pursuing your goals with all your heart. It means not letting fear or doubt hold you back. Life is full of opportunities, and it's up to you to seize them.**

**Why should you go for it? Because regrets are no fun. Imagine looking back on your life and wondering what could have been. Don't let that happen. Take action now.**

**Failure is okay. It's not the end; it's a chance to learn and grow. Don't be afraid to stumble; it's all part of the journey.**

**Surround yourself with positivity. Find people who believe in you and support your dreams. They will be your biggest cheerleaders.**

**Challenges are opportunities in disguise. Embrace them, learn from them, and use them to your advantage.**

**Celebrate your wins, no matter how small. Each step forward is progress toward your goal.**

**Persistence is key. Keep going, even when it gets tough. Your determination will pay off.**

**Stay true to yourself. Your dreams should reflect your passions and values, not someone else's.**

**In the end, "Go for it" is more than a saying – it's a mindset. So, go ahead, chase your dreams, and don't look back. Your future is waiting for you to make it happen.**

# Time to Move 2023

*Kampanja "Time to Move" koja već godinama privlači pažnju mladih, ima za cilj promicanje mobilnosti među mladima kako bi stekli nove vještine, iskustva i proširili svoje horizonte. Tijekom listopada 2023., različite organizacije, udruge i institucije u cijeloj Europi organizirat će događaje, seminare, radionice i informacijske sesije kako bi mlade upoznali s različitim prilikama koje im se pružaju u inozemstvu. Jedan od glavnih ciljeva kampanje je potaknuti mlade da istraže programe razmjene, stipendije za studiranje ili volontiranje u drugim europskim zemljama te ih potaknuti na razmišljanje o internacionalnim karijernim putevima. Kroz povezivanje s osobama koje su već iskusile život i rad u drugim kulturama, mladi će imati priliku saznati o prednostima raznolikosti i međunarodne suradnje.*

*Tijekom proteklih godina, "Time to Move" kampanja je postala platforma koja spaja mlade s organizacijama koje nude programe mobilnosti, omogućujući im da lakše pronađu informacije o raznim mogućnostima, poput razmjena studenata, stručne prakse, radnih prilika i volontiranja.*

*I ove godine kampanja će pružiti priliku za ponovno povezivanje i dijeljenje iskustava nakon razdoblja ograničenih putovanja i društvenih izolacija zbog pandemije.*

*Stoga, dragi mladi, pripremite se za "Time to Move" kampanju koja će vas potaknuti da istražite svijet, steknete neprocjenjiva iskustva i otvorite nove puteve prema budućnosti. Budućnost je u vašim rukama, a listopad je vaše vrijeme za akciju!*

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# Adriatic Climate Camp

**Last week I was at an incredible camp; Adriatic Climate Camp! The camp was organized by Extinction Rebellion Zagreb and attended by many climate campaigners and the protest we held was very meaningful for everyone involved.**

**The journey to the Adriatic Climate Action Camp on Krk was an experience like no other. The essence of the camp was to ignite the spark of justice in each individual, regardless of their previous commitment, and to create an 'open space' for sharing and learning. From my perspective, this initiative embodied the true spirit of unity and cooperation.**

**As I navigated through the camp's diverse offerings, the landscape of knowledge and experience sharing unfolded before me. Engaging lectures, captivating workshops, and enlightening conversations became the threads that wove the fabric of this transformative event. But it was the emphasis on creativity, artistry, and activism that truly set this camp apart. I found myself immersed in a space where creativity knew no bounds, and where the power of self-expression merged seamlessly with a passion for change.**

**The camp held fast to its principles of inclusivity and respect. A 'brave space' ethos guided us as we navigated discussions about power dynamics, and the camp's stance against intolerance was unwavering. It was a reminder that our fight for climate justice is intertwined with our quest for a just and equitable society.**

**The camp was founded as a collaboration between XRZG activists and sister initiatives, associations, and organizations from different corners of the region. Our common purpose was clear: to address the urgent threats posed by climate change. The release of the IPCC Synthesis Report underlined the narrowing window for action. It was a rallying cry, a call to halt emissions and protect our planet for all species, including our own.**

**We rallied against the status quo, against the escalating greenhouse gas emissions from the Global North. We stood united against the expansion of the LNG terminal on Krk, recognizing the dire consequences for our environment. The preparation for the protest with the workshops was incredible; the legal riots, the non-violent action workshop, the feeling of unity, seeing how we could make the protest louder with drums were all unforgettable details for us. On the day of the protest, we gathered at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Omišalj Memorial Park and made a long and important march to the LNG terminal. In front of the terminal there were speeches explaining our message. At the end of the speeches, a group of activists surprised and excited us all by holding a banner from inside the terminal! The camp became a sanctuary for individuals committed to building a future based on both climate and social justice.**





The mantra echoed: a transition away from fossil fuels towards sustainable solutions. Through self-organization and solidarity, we aimed to build a society that prioritizes the well-being of the planet. The camp was a canvas on which the vision of a sustainable, just world was being painted, stroke by stroke.

This year's camp had a resounding message: a strong rejection of fossil fuels. We united against new gas infrastructure and for efficient and just alternatives. It was a collective effort, a rebellion for a world that values justice and equality, a rebellion against the looming threat of extinction.

As I left the camp, its echoes remained with me. The promise of a just future, the power of unified voices, and the warmth of connections forged in the crucible of change remained. The camp provided not just an education, but an experience of empowerment and community. The journey continues as we weave the lessons learned into our lives, bringing us closer to the future we seek. And so, with gratitude and determination, I carried the essence of the camp with me, ready to contribute to a world where the flames of climate action burn bright.





# WHAT CAN YOU DO

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**Bablje ljetni Zabočki Buvljak 10.09. @ Polanović, Zabok**

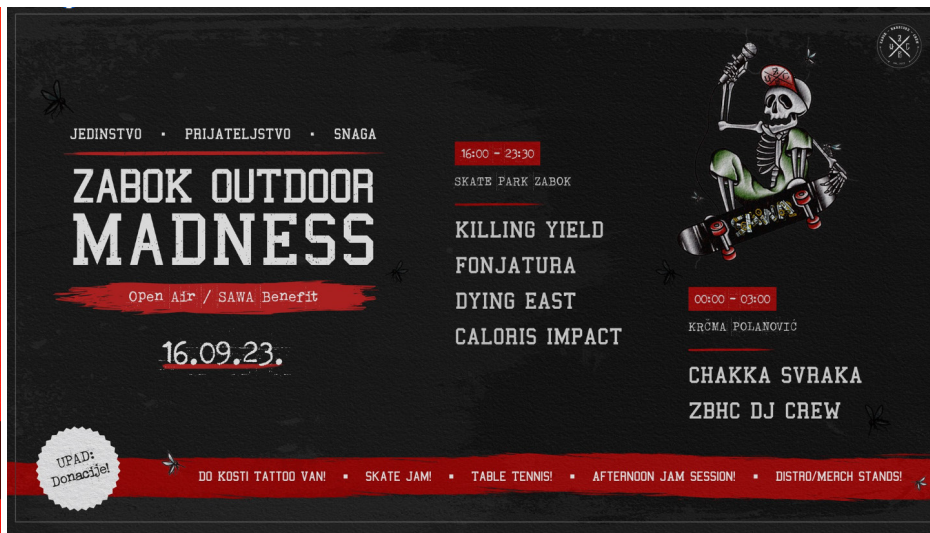
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SEPT 21:00 – 23:59

**DJ Vinyl Selection by Vatro, 09.09. Polanović, Zabok**

Krčma Polanović w. Huncutarije





# Interview with Zoran Tomic from Greenpeace



## Could you introduce yourself?

I started with Greenpeace about 11 years ago and before I say that my name is Zoran Tomic, I have been with Greenpeace for a little over 11 years now. I started in 2012 after spending many years in the world of diplomacy and prior to that little bit, and also in an international humanitarian organization. But for Greenpeace itself, especially after working in more of a kind of political diplomatic environment, I needed something new and something more meaningful for myself. And Greenpeace looked like the answer at that time. and it still looks like the answer at this moment for me. So that's how I started. Greenpeace did not exist in Croatia before 2012 and the regional organization that we are part of is the regional organization. Greenpeace Central Eastern Europe see based in Vienna and includes eight countries from Slovenia and Croatia to Poland, Austria, Poland, and Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Slovakia, to name them all. And so the original organization of Greenpeace was looking for a representative here in Croatia. The timing was not just arbitrary, the timing was linked to the fact that Croatia was joining the European Union in 2013 and Greenpeace wanted to have a representative before that happens or when that happens. Usually, I would say what kind of is different with Greenpeace and other organizations when we run campaigns: When we focus on an issue in Greenpeace, that issue has more than just local significance, it's also important at an international level. With Croatia joining the European Union, it was important also to use the voice that Croatia would have as a member of the European Union for advancing environmental standards and green policies. So that was how it happened.



### **Thanks for your answer and can you talk about the mission?**

I said earlier that we usually do not just find the local topic and focus on it, but always try to see how it fits into a wider, broader environment, mainly European, but sometimes also global. So, when we set up the office in Croatia, there was an important European political process going on and that was the change of the common fisheries policy. So it's a set of laws that regulates the fishery in Europe with a focus on overfishing. Overfishing is a big problem which means that there is so much fishing effort going on or has been, and with a limited, I would say amount of fish and sea organisms. So we are now facing a situation where we have less from year to year. So one of the goals of the common fishery policy when it was being implemented about 10 years ago, was also to make sure that the fishery remains sustainable or that we allow the fish to recover. So because it was a European thing because Croatia is a maritime country with the sea, I was also at that time or we were also because there were already a number of volunteers working with me and at that time we joined this European Sustainable Fisheries tour in 2013. and then we had the first visit of a Greenpeace ship to Croatia. It was the Arctic Sunrise visited in Rijeka in 2013. Afterward, we had many opportunities and many occasions when Greenpeace ships visited Croatia. But this was the first one since Greenpeace was established in Croatia, it's parallel with this first ship tour and the Sustainable Fisheries Fisheries campaign, we also started a major campaign against coal. As you know coal is one of the major sources of CO<sub>2</sub>, carbon dioxide emissions, which is the primary engine behind climate change as you know. And so the local project that was being developed at the time, pushed by the government, pushed by the industry, was the flowing sea that was the expansion of the existing Plumber coal power plant in Istria, and we joined the campaign with other organizations like Friends of the Earth, Croatia or Seven and others. So we joined them and that was also our entry into the campaign against coal. After that we had several I would say important campaigns, some of them successful, some of them still ongoing. For example, in 2015 there was an attempt to drill the Croatian Adriatic for oil and we also joined a broad coalition of different organizations and individuals who luckily by the end of 2015 helped prevent that very detrimental project. Another topic that we campaigned on in Croatia is plastic. It was linked to the European new set of European legislation, especially focusing on or targeting single-use plastic. We also joined a Global Oceans campaign because the UN recently passed or adopted an international treaty that would protect the international oceans or global oceans as we call them, which are international waters. And in recent years we had one, rather, I would say a local and that was the purpose of that was to promote green areas in our urban centers. We chose that and so we had this, we called that campaign greening the city and in the past, I would say two years which is still ongoing. We are actively campaigning on fossil gas. I mentioned coal and oil earlier to many people. It's immediately clear that oil and gas as primary sources of greenhouse gas emissions, which drive climate change are obviously there. But when you talk about fossil gas or gas PEO, the gas is problematic. So now we're trying to raise awareness of the damaging, damaging effect of gas on climate. And when I say climate change, it's not just some empty faraway, or it's not something that happens somewhere else, we have been witnessing in the last few days. Very extreme weather events hit Zagreb and the wider area but also neighboring Slovenia and some other regions of Croatia and the wider region. And this is just unfortunately one in a series of instances where we had at the same time huge fires going on in Greece, Algeria, and other countries. So we recently had big floods as you know. And also the point here is that extreme weather happened before and will happen again, but with climate change, unfortunately, they become both more frequent and more atrocious.

### **Ever since I came to Croatia I have been fascinated by its nature. But this brings the question: Is it possible that in such a clean and natural geography, people do not take serious climate change or environmental movements seriously?**

Yeah, I think what I mentioned earlier. On the one hand, people who appreciate forests, people who appreciate clean seas, or planet change are more difficult to grasp or unfortunately, in recent days, it's not because we see these extreme weather events and with that awareness will raise. Unfortunately, when you know that we've had this kind of problems with the environment, and when I say raise awareness it's not just about people, it's primarily about politicians and it's primarily about the polluters, it's about those who are aware that this has been going on for decades and a lot could have been done years and years ago and not enough has been done. So when I say raise awareness, I don't want to say you know. Yes, it's when people, when awareness is raised among people, that politicians will listen in the end. But definitely governments and industry, especially the polluting fossil industry, are the ones who are the most responsible for the situation and also should do most for the protection of the environment.



**I also wonder about the people's reactions. What is the level of sensitivity to environmental issues in Croatia? Also, what can you say about public interest and reaction to environmental issues?**

I would say that a little bit depends on what topic we are talking about. If you talk about nature like physical nature, especially forest trees, green areas, and even pollution when it comes to plastic pollution or pollution of the sea. Especially, Croatians are very sensitive and cherish the sea as it has great value for Croatians and not only for Croatians. I would say for this wider part of Europe but in Croatia it's very important so I would say that it is easy. People will react emotionally and will try to raise their voices to protect the forests to protect the Adriatic sea especially, or they react quite positively to our campaigns against plastic pollution, for example. But some other things, like gas, as I mentioned, are also linking it to climate change are already becoming a little bit more abstract and so it's not easy to motivate. The first thing about people is they can be aware of pollution. The second thing that I would say here is that climate change and bigger environmental issues are not only Croatian-specific problems but wider global problems. Croatia is a small country, but there are big countries like China, the United States and Brazil, India, and so on. People think like that countries have more responsibility for environmental issues than Croatia. "Why would we have to be especially sensitive because whatever we do will not contribute so much to the solution" opinion is also one of the challenges that we are facing. And I would say we are lucky that in Croatia we still have a relatively preserved nature to a large extent, and maybe because of those people still don't realize why it is important to preserve it, once you lose it, like in some more industrialized countries that are more active in protecting it, because by then they realize what a real treasure it is. So I would say that these are the things that you would see. For example, you would then see that in Western Europe political parties will oftentimes campaign on environmental issues because they know that the people care more about Croatia, or in this I would say Eastern Europe or this part of Central Europe. The environment is still not that high on the political agenda. We are trying to raise that relevance. This is what we do.

**Also, I wonder about the volunteering part, what we can say about volunteering at Greenpeace?**

Anybody can join Greenpeace anywhere. And that also goes for Croatia. If the person is 18 years old or older, everything else is not important. Important is the willingness to contribute to getting involved, the environment, and working together with us on implementing our campaigns. We have a very I would say good and lovely team. Their experience with working together with volunteers in every single of our campaigns and in every single of our public events, volunteers and activists are present and they are a key component of what we do. I don't distinguish here between staff and volunteers. We are all part of the same team and I think it's a great way for people young or old to contribute to a noble cause which is protecting the environment and saving humanity in the end, in the bigger context of climate change. Also I think it's a great opportunity to gain experience and new skills, to meet other people, to travel, to go through different training together a little bit like you know, school trips.

Oftentimes these experiences are valuable for us and for every single participant in our work. So it's easy to become a Greenpeace volunteer. Come to our website and find the form there which says "Get active" and then under that link you will find a form where you register your interest in becoming a volunteer and then you continue communicating with our volunteer coordinator and other colleagues who are responsible for work with volunteers or contacting with volunteers. So volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

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