



INVITATION

DO TREES TRAVEL?! ALPTREES

The Exhibition of the wooden products from Invasive Non-Native and overlooked Native Wood Species

Opening Exhibition: 15.2.2022 at 18:00 hours

Art & Crafts Centre DUO Škofja Loka, Mestni trg 34, 4220 Škofja Loka

Invasive Non-Native Tree Species. To use their wood or not?
Overlooked Native wood species. Are they suitable for making wooden products?

The Exhibition completes the research and creative process of students from Secondary School of Wood Engineering, Škofja Loka School Centre. Within the **ALPTREES** project students searched answers to questions on the use of Invasive Non-native Tree Species and the appropriateness of using overlooked Native Wood species.

These are **the first independent projects from 3rd year grade students of the Secondary School of Wood Engineering Škofja Loka.** The students during the process of planning and development of wooden products got acquainted with a wide range of characteristic of **Non-native Tree Species that travelled to us from other continents of the world.** Among those, the most common by us are **Black locust, Red oak, Ash-leaved maple, Tree of heaven.** At the same time the students acquainted also with the **overlooked Native Tree species, that are rarely used in making wood products.** They discovered the characteristics of **Silver birch, Scots pine, Wilde cherry, Black alder.**

The starting point of the Exhibition is much wider than discovering the useful value of wood. During the development of the products, the students dealt with **current topics** that at first glance are not directly related to Non-Native Tree Species. They thought about **migration**, the **life cycle** (of individuals and products), the issue of **climate change, sustainability and a healthy living environment**.

Each product in the exhibition carries its own story, as does each individual Tree. The Exhibition encourages visitors to think and understand the **importance of wood** as a sustainable raw material in Slovenia. It carries the message of the need for **cooperation between professionals and young people**, connecting **learning and practical work, creativity** and the mission of an integrated approach in pedagogical work.

The Exhibition will be open until 25th of March 2022.

Warm welcome!

The Team from Development agency Sora and Škofja Loka School Centre

