

## Project Update: April 2017

Throughout the starting phases of the project all planned activities were completed in the estimated period of time.

We have provided all required permissions on time (for true bugs collecting and visiting of protected areas) from state authorities. Managers of the Special Nature Reserve "Pašnjaci velike droplje" are particularly strict in that manner, because sensitive species, such as great bustard, demand special care, so all activities in the reserve are highly controlled. At the end, we managed to reach consensus on our activities in the reserve with minimal impact on the great bustard population.

We have also printed promotional material for participants of lectures and workshops. Our poster representing true bugs – salin specialists attracted particular attention of public. The poster displayed basic information on biology, ecology and distribution of these species, their special characteristics and reasons for their preservation.

In March 2017 we started the planned field research activities.



Left: Project presentation to biology and ecology students at the University of Novi Sad. Right: Destiny of some saline habitats in Banat – local dumpsite in Padej