# **Ecological wastewater system Innovative solutions**

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NGO CREATIVE is non-profit organisation focused on development of alternative forms of tourism and alternative environmental projects from 2002

#### WASTEWATER and RAINWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS:

Alternative forms of WWTP for small communities On-site system Recycling of grey water Composting

## **Structure of settlements in Slovakia**

- More than 30 % of population lives in villages with less than 2000 people
- Other 20 % -towns from 2-10,000 people
- From 2898 towns and villages in Slovakia more than 2,400 (small villages with less than 2000 citizens) has no treatment system only old septic or holding tanks which usually leak.
- Regulation from 80 ties alows only holding tanks, and conventional systems
- Problems with permission process of on- site technologies.

#### - New water law approved in 2004

 Usually permission process for onsite systems takes twice longer than with convention system

#### **Regulation from EU:**

Priority is funding WWTP in villages over 2,000 people

#### Small villages:

**Problems to gain funds for WWTP and collection systems** 

- It creates mostly centralized effect
- Connecting of more villages to one WWTP EU funding 60-70 % covered from EU sources

#### Small villages:

 Limited funding from Slovak Environmental Fund Ministry of Environment gives limited souces (40-150,000 Euro/year) for collection systems, WWTP or water supply

## **Private Water and Wastewater companies**

- Privatized during last 5 years
- Interest to centralize wastewater and use conventional systems UNSUSTAINABLE and unaffordable

# **Examples of onsite technology for small communities**

#### Nižné Repaše

3 steps on site WWTP for 5 houses (septic tank, biofiter wetland for summer time and sand filter for winter time) no discharge



## Tichý Potok: 150 EO

## Reconstruction of 2 septic tanks + underground sand filter, 3 water cascades



#### Tichý Potok 2004 Cascades are located behind sand filter Whole system works with NO ELECTRICITY





#### Krásna Lúka – 2007 (700 EO)

Whole village connected with treatment plant Technology - 2x Imhoff tank, biofilter a 3 x 550 m2 wetlands Village owns and take care of WWTP – simple and low cost maintanance, system works with 2 pumps only

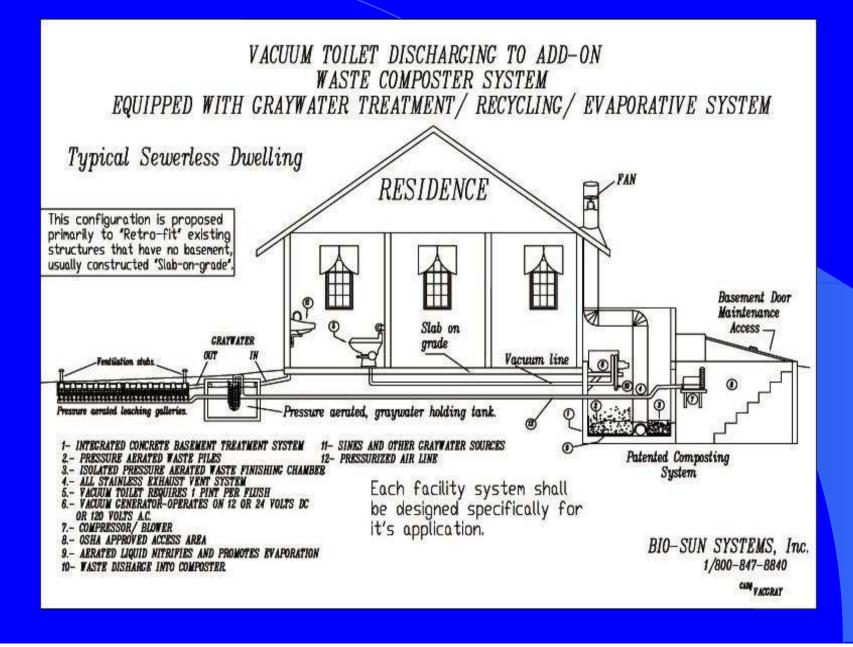


#### Nálepkovo – Zadný Hámor – 2007 (5 houses) Constructed wetland as a second step of treatment first time approved in Slovakia Technology- 3-compartment septic tank and wetland system works without electricity





#### **Example of sewerless family house**





## **Examples of composting toilets**



# **Advantages:**

- no central collection system
- no treatment plant, only treatment for grey water
- no sludge
- consumption of water in reduced to 50% !!!
- no fees for treated wastewater

### **Example of the building with 19 waterless toilets**



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