



# Adriatic Metals

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## INVESTMENT OF THE YEAR

Company Adriatic Metals / Eastern Mining d.o.o. Vareš is the winner of the "Investment of the Year" award in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The award was presented to the general director of the company, Paul Cronin, at the "100 largest in BiH and the region" conference, which was organized by Poslovna novine d.o.o., credit rating agencies LRC BIS and LRC Inkasso, members of the LRC Group, and co-organized by the Chamber of Foreign Trade of BiH, held on 21 and 22 September in Međugorje.

"I consider this award a recognition of our hard work in leading the mining industry in BiH into the 21st century and the application of the best world standards and new technologies. This is also recognition of our dedication to setting trends when it comes to doing work with full respect for the environment in which we work and live. Last but not least, we are proud of the relationship we have established with the citizens of Vareš and are determined to help them in the further development of the local community," said Paul Cronin, General Manager of Eastern Mining.



## ACTIONS AND WORKSHOPS "BIODIVERSITY IN THE AREA OF VAREŠ MUNICIPALITY"

In order to mitigate the impact and protect biodiversity, the action plan defines special measures that are taken and implemented before, during and after the project. The basic goal of the plan is that the project does not affect the loss of biodiversity in the long term, but rather achieves a gain in biodiversity through the implementation of measures.

That the company invests efforts in preserving the environment is best demonstrated by the actions held, the actions of cleaning and afforestation. Also in order to raise environmental awareness among young people with prof. Dr. Šefket Goletić held a workshop with elementary school students on the topic "Biodiversity in the Municipality of Vareš"



An educational presentation was held with the children in the classrooms, then a practical part was held in nature where they had the opportunity to get to know the flora and fauna from their surroundings. In the month of March, two actions were held, afforestation on Planinica and cleaning of part of the Vareš-Breza regional road in cooperation with the "Vareš Star Scout Detachment" and many other non-governmental organizations operating in the area of Vareš Municipality.

Continuous cooperation with the Zvijezda Vareš Scout Detachment enabled us to continue working on the preservation of the natural environment with joint efforts, and as the Eastern Mining company undertook to compensate for the lost meadows due to the construction of the road, a cleaning and restoration action was held previously determined by the action plan of degraded and neglected mountain fields.



## THE FIRST CONSTITUENT SESSION OF THE NEW CONVOCAATION OF PLC WAS HELD

On Wednesday 09.11.2022 the first constitutive session of the new convocation of the Public Liaison Committee of Eastern Mining was held. The goal of the Committee remained the same as in the previous convocation, which is to enable the local population to express their opinions and attitudes, to inform about the project and its activities, and to achieve the best possible cooperation with the local community. After a brief presentation of Eastern Mining's management, and according to the agenda of the first session, Ms. Jasmina Šijak was unanimously elected as the President of the Committee, and for vice presidents Mr. Andrej Malbašić and Mrs. Nihada Gondžo. The committee has 22 members from the most important institutions, representatives of local communities affected by the project, and representatives of non-governmental organizations operating in the Vareš municipality. Also in the desire to achieve good neighborly relations, a representative of the public company Vodokom Kakanj, which operates in the municipality of Kakanj, joined the Committee. The role of the Public Liaison Committee is very well received by the members of the Committee and they are encouraged by the transparency and openness that the company provides to the local community.



**NEWSLETTER**



## INTERVIEW WITH ADISA LIKIĆ

**To begin with, let me greet you and thank you for agreeing to the interview as part of the "Living History Project" of the Eastern Mining company. To begin, tell us a little more about yourself.**

My name is Adisa Likić. I come from the village of Stupni Do. I have lived there since birth until now. I am the mother of two children, wife, housewife, president of the Women's Association for rural development, sustainable return, reintegration and resocialization of returnees "Zvijezda" Vareš.

**Can you tell us what was your first job?**

My first job was as a trader, and since fifteen years ago it was really hard to find a job, I decided to be a housewife and turned to my household, processing and agriculture.

**When you mentioned your association, could you tell us with what purpose it was founded?**

The association was founded in 2013 by unemployed women who had innovative ideas, but no opportunity for independent production and development. By joining forces, we became more visible and managed to achieve a better placement on the market. Each member does something, whether it is greenhouse products, berries, animal breeding, milk processing and so on.

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*Mrs. Adisa Likić*



**Where do you sell your products?**

We have regular customers in Vareš. It is market day on Saturdays and occasional orders. We mainly marketed our products at fairs and orders in Sarajevo. Delivery as needed. The corona virus stopped us a bit, but here we are again with the fairs and we are going to the diplomatic bazaar where we have been well recognized for many years.

**When you look at life then and now in the area of Vareš municipality, can you make a comparison, what Vareš looked like at the height of its power?**

During the lead, zinc and barite mines where my father worked, I was a child. According to the transmitted stories, people were satisfied with the standard of living and business opportunities in Vareš at that time. The only flaw I remember as a child from that period is the orange color of the river Stavnja.

**What do you think, will the opening of the new mine and what impact will it have on your association?**

You know, I'm normally an optimist in life and if I look at all this now, I think the impact should be positive. Our association has excellent cooperation with the Municipality of Vareš, as well as your company. So I think that my association, as well as the entire municipality of Vareš, will experience a revival, as it once had.

**To end our conversation, do you have any message for young people?**

Of course I do. Live, love each other, as long as you can to stay in Vareš. My children returned to Vareš, so I would like there to be a little more youth in Vareš and for people to return. To be a little more alive, to build some new story in our town.

**Thank you very much for your time.**

Thank you and Eastern Mining for the opportunity and cooperation.

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