

LIFE Project Portfolio

Project: Transformative city-making — radical change for an ecologically just future

Team name: Team - Not a Zoo

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1) Project report

The project is a part of the LIFE project and intends to conduct a deeper research of the animals kept in the Zoo, to test the possibility of existence of the animal abuse, to study the cases, research the notion of animal rights in the legal field, study the history and development of the zoo's and conduct analysis of the incidents that happened at the zoo's, which resulted in the termination of animals life. The Project also proposes the idea of recreation of the zoo's into more animal rights safe places for future implications.

Idea: To conduct a research by analysis of cases and incidents at the zoo, that resulted in the death of the animals, to study the history and background of the zoos, to study and research the animal rights notion that newly appeared in the legal field in EU and evaluate possibility of the acceptance of animal rights, to investigate the risks that animals might face at the zoos and suggest re-creation of the zoos for future implications. During the project the posters were also created to raise awareness about the zoos with the interactive QR codes, that would lead to google form, where participants of the research could submit their ideas for re-development of the zoos in the future.

The aims of the research are the following:

1. Raise awareness about the possible dangers\risks animals might face at the zoos;
2. Research the legal notion of animals' rights;
3. Suggest re-creation of zoos for future implications.

4. Collect ideas of re-creation of the zoos from external participants through interactive posters.

Goal to raise awareness about animal abuse at the zoos: There was conducted research to investigate the possible dangers that animals might and are facing at the zoos and the results of the investigation are included in the report that will be submitted at the end of the project. Furthermore, the information is published at the posters, that will be printed out and placed at the university boards for raising awareness.

Goal to research the notion of animal's rights: There was created a team of international lawyers with the background of Human Rights, who conducted the legal research to investigate the newly created notion of animal's rights. The legal research is included in the final report under the chapter: Animal Rights.

Goal to suggest re-creation of zoos for future implications: In order to understand and brainstorm for the future recreation of the zoos, the team had a meeting with the current director of the Tallinn Zoo to understand the background and depth of the issues with the current system the zoos have. After the meeting, the team drafted the idea that could serve to suggest future implications and is included in the final report.

Goal to collect re-creation ideas of zoos from external participants: There was created a google form in order for the externals to submit their visual of development and recreation of the zoos in the future. The google form was integrated through the interactive QR codes on the posters, that were printed out for raising the awareness and will allow the externals to submit their ideas for future development of the zoos, that would result in no or less abuse to the animals. The results will be collected in the excel file for future analysis.

Problem and importance: While people enjoy going to the zoos for satisfaction of their interest towards different types of animals, raise the level of education regarding the animals, or just to have a good time in a zoo, the fact that animals often get abused in the zoos and some animals life was sacrificed through majority of the incidents often stays behind the curtains. The majority of the incidents that resulted in the death of the animal

were caused by disobeying the zoo rules by the visitors and getting into the area that is prohibited for trespassing. We believe that by raising awareness of zoo visitors the amount of such incidents will be reduced and the project will raise awareness about animal rights, suggesting the recreation of the zoos into safer places for animals.

To achieve our goals, the project was broken into sub-goals for the research process:

1. Come up with the project idea (to conduct the research, draft the topics the research will reflect);
2. Create a project plan and timeline;
3. Assign roles into the team;
4. Start research in accordance with assigned topic;
5. Combine research into the final report;
6. Meet the director of the Tallinn Zoo;
7. Draft the idea for recreation of the zoos for future implications;
8. Create posters for printing out and publishing at the University boards;
9. Create the google forms and integrate it into the QR code;
10. Place QR codes on the posters;
11. Summarize the final report;
12. Print out the posters and place at common areas at the University;
13. Collect the results and make analysis for the future projects.
14. As a final result we will provide the complete research of the Animals at the Zoos.

During the project we had a meeting with the director of the Tallinn Zoo (Anu, Karine, Ksenia attended). In addition to getting an insight to how zoos operate, we also agreed on the idea of having a public event talking about different animal welfare issues in zoos. We were planning to organize the event at TLU at the end of the project, but the director of the zoo was later not interested in attending and presenting his views. Therefore, we decided on not hosting the event. Also we wanted to conduct a survey in Tallinn Zoo on the issue of animal rights in zoos, but our request was denied (reasoning: unbiased).

2) Project team

Our team includes 6 members.

Id	Name	Role	Contacts
1	Anano Iashvili	Worked on legal research. (Which includes analyzing different legal and non-legal sources; cases, scientific studies, legal scholar articles) Contributed to enhance the project overall quality. Reviewed the entire project draft and amended where needed. Wrote the Portfolio of the project. Also wrote the mid-term report, and made presentations of the mid-term report and the final report, which will take place on 8. June.	anano@tlu.ee
2	Anu Tensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research of accidents in zoos (both humans and non-human animals), mostly in Asia, but other as well; - Research of animal sanctuaries; - Content preparation for poster about accidents (with Karine); - Participated in completing the main objective and project plan; - Input about animal rights and welfare organizations; - Part of the oral presentation on mid-term meeting; - Active participation in online meeting with Tallinn Zoo director; - Writing and reviewing final report, including formatting; - Contribute on writing the portfolio. 	atensing@tlu.ee
3	Karine Oganeshjan	Contacted the Zoo and director, set up a meeting; communicated with Zoo in order to make an open lecture and to get some inside information; made texts for 2 posters (1 poster together with Anu); 4. dealt with possible funding for printing the posters; printed the posters and put them out (with getting a permission); presented orally part of mid-term report during the 1 st pre-defending; made a part about accidents in Northern Europe countries; worked through the documents and papers (reports, statistics, plans) about Tallinn Zoo and made a summary for the report.	karineo@tlu.ee
4	Ksenia Gromova	Worked on research of the history of zoos, incidents in zoos; prepared content for posters about history of zoos;	xjuha@tlu.ee

		participated in an interview e-meeting with Tallinn Zoo director.	
5	Lili Kalandia	Worked on legal research. (Which includes analyzing different legal and non-legal sources; cases, scientific studies, legal scholar articles) Contributed to enhance the project overall quality. Reviewed the entire project draft and amended where needed. Wrote the Portfolio of the project.	lilik199@tlu.ee
6	Philip Filimonov	I joined the team as a designer. At the very beginning of the project I intended to structure the work and put together a Notion page for everyone to collect web content in one place. Later on I added to the information of accidents that happened in zoos, I took North American zoos. And my major input happened closer to the end of the project when we decided to take an alternative route and get people's attention with colorful posters that would tell facts about zoo animals. I designed posters for which the girls prepared texts and created a google form where poster readers would land after scanning a QR code. The form is meant to collect people's opinions and unobtrusively promote the question of zoos.	bearz@tlu.ee

3) Project action plan, methodology, and results

The table below shows sub-goals and are ordered by the chronological order in which they were handled. In our situation, some goals were handled by varying team members, instead of the appointed person.

Activity and short description	Time	Stakeholders	Person responsible
Legal Research	February March April	Our team	Anano Iashvili Lili Kalandia
Project plan	February March	Supervisor	All team members contributed to develop project plan
Research of accidents in zoos	March Aprill May	Our team	All team members

Research of animal sanctuaries	March	Our team	Anu Tensing
Research of the history of zoos	March Aprill	Our team	Ksenia Gromova
Overview of Tallinn Zoo	March Aprill	Our team	Karine Oganessian
Meeting with the director of Tallinn Zoo	March	Our team	Anu Tensing Karine Oganessian Ksenia Gromova
Mid-term report and presentation	March	Supervisor	All team members
Posters' preparation	May	Supervisors team	All team members
Posters' design	May	Supervisors team	Philip Filimonov
Final finishing touches on the report, final project development	May June	Supervisor	All team members
Printing posters and hanging them up	First days of June	Supervisors team	Karine Oganessian
Final presentation	June	Supervisor	All team members

Methodology: The methodology used in this study was document analysis, in which both printed and electronic materials were systematically examined or evaluated. The literature reviewed during the study includes legal documents, previous research on animal rights and the history of zoos, and articles from the news media about incidents in zoological parks.

Output: In this project we have two main outputs: the report on animal rights in zoos, including accidents, history, etc (research), and google form survey from posters (via QR

code):

- Report: <https://tinyurl.com/ZooReportLIFE2022>
- Google form survey: <https://tinyurl.com/FutureZoo>

4) Self-reflections

As agreed with our supervisor Luke Li Stange the self-reflections will be sent separately by each of us.