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CIRCLE U. SEED FUNDING PROJECT

CU student team with volunteers planted **30,000** willow cuttings around the former flotation lake of the closed Brezak mine in the village of Pranjani, in the municipality of Gornji Milanovac in Serbia, as part of a broader reclamation effort.

By reforesting the shoreline with willow, a species known to improve the physio-chemical properties of soil, we not only began the ecological recovery of the area but also helped reduce flood risk for local citizens who generously ceded their land for planting.

This initiative, referred to as a reclamation action, actively involved the local community through partnerships between CU and regional organizations, and through the strategic use of social media, which broadened our reach increased volunteer participation, and significantly amplified the impact of our work.



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The planting was accompanied by a series of **workshops for children**, where we discussed the importance of environmental conservation, aiming to educate and inspire the youngest members of the community to take part in protecting nature.

Partners were from UCL, Pisa and Vienna, and in total, we managed to connect almost **200 volunteers in the action.**



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