

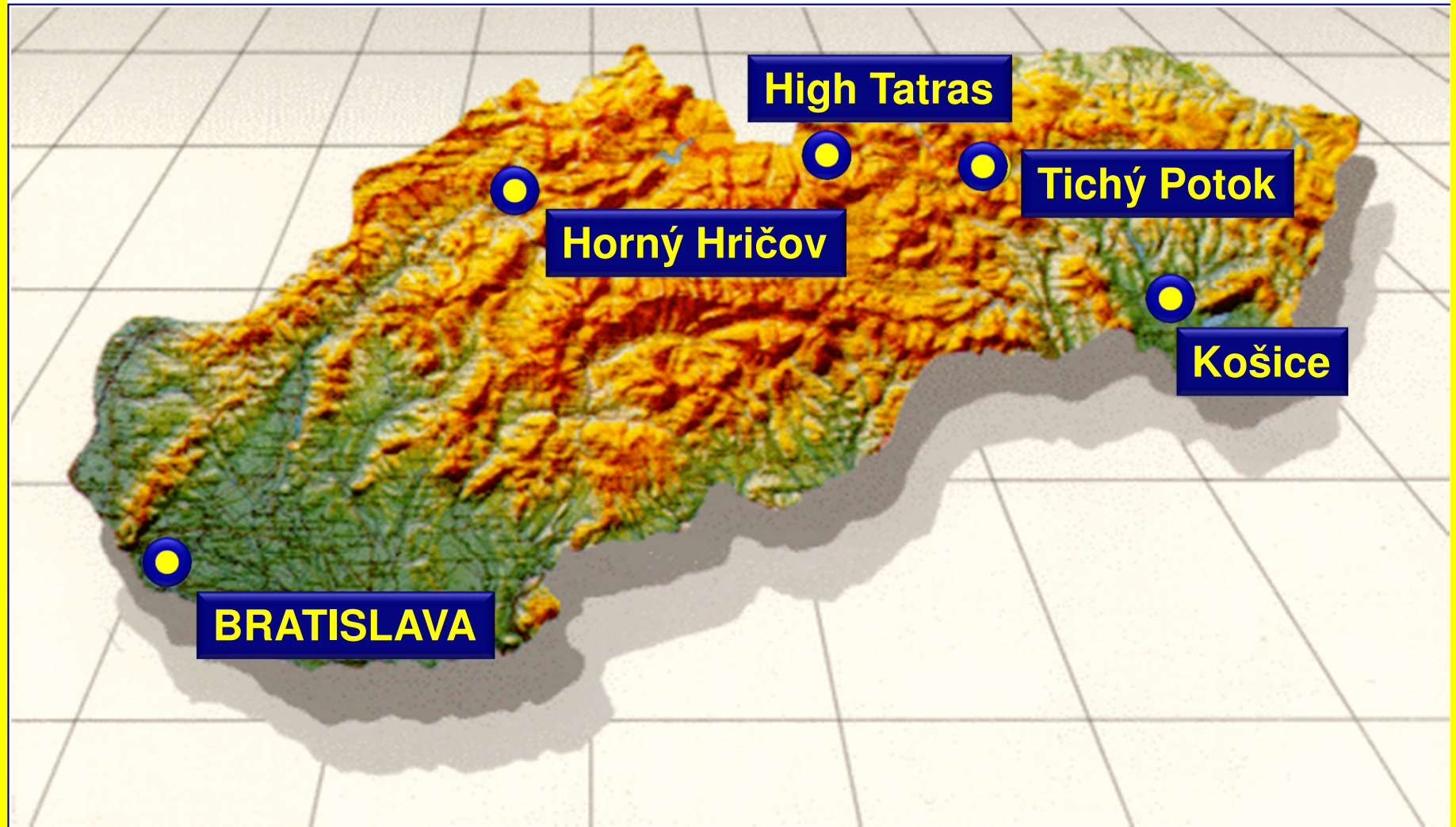
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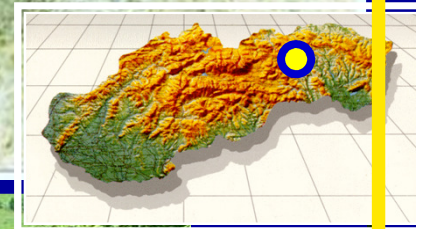
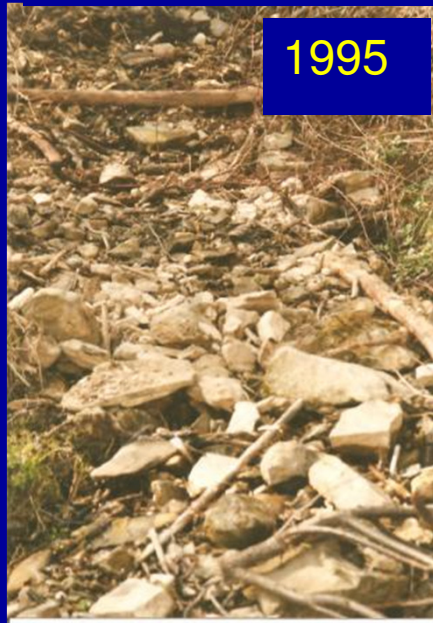
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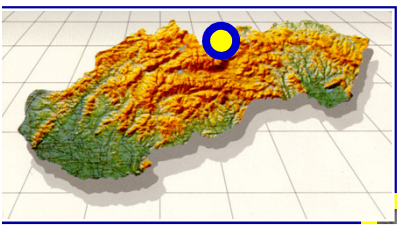


# Blue Alternative (People and Water, 1995)





# **WATER FOREST, High Tatras, [People and Water, 2005]**



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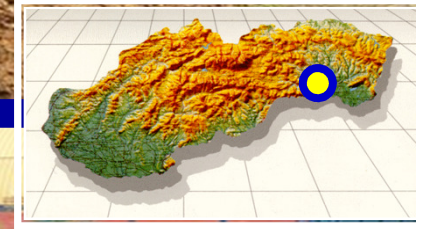


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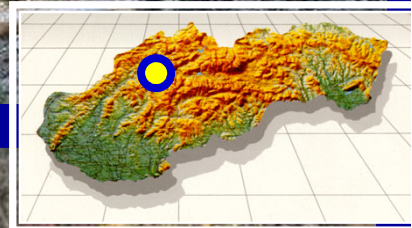




# **Restoration of water sources in urban zone Košice**

**People and Water, 2005**

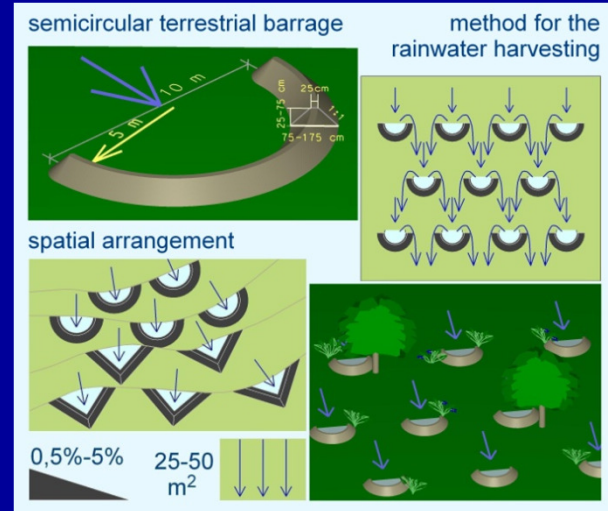




**Hričov Water Ways, (People and Water, 2008)**

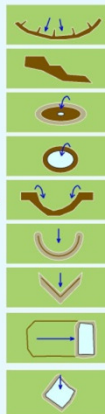


# Rainwater harvesting principles

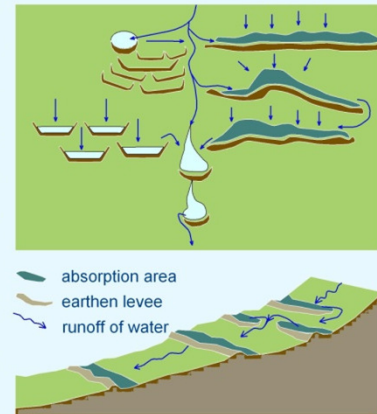


## Microstructures for the rainwater harvesting on land

- Contoured barrages
- Terraces
- Eye-brow terraces
- Pits
- Vallerani-type microcatchments
- Semicircular bunds
- Triangular bunds
- Meskat
- Negarim

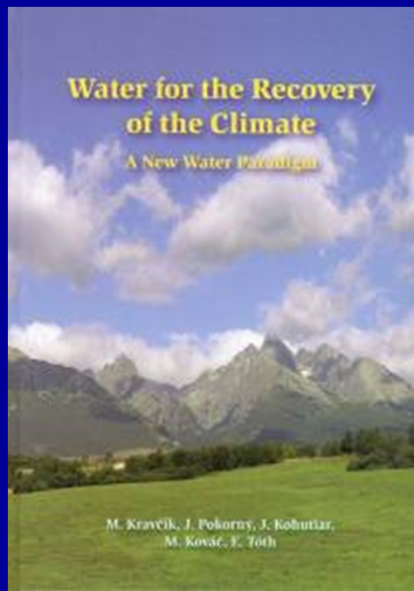


## Combination of different rainwater harvesting technologies



# Water for the Recovery of the Climate

## A New Water Paradigm



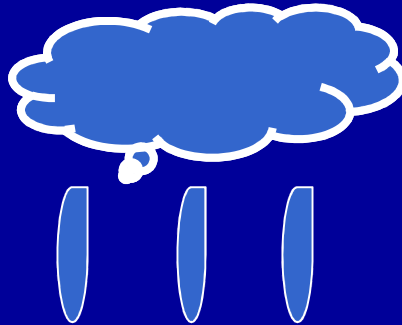
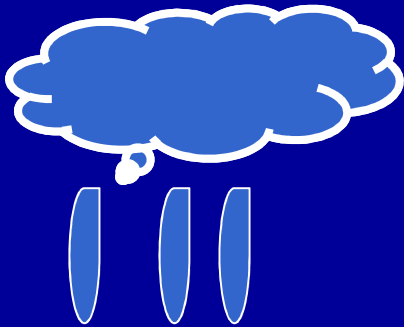


# Scientific publishing

- A substantial role of water in the climate system of the earth (to the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen on 7 - 18 December 2009)
- Košice Civic Protocol on Water, Vegetation and Climate Change (2009)
- International Journal of Water (IJW, vol. 5, issue 4, 2010), Special Issue on Water and the Complexities of Climate

# Impacts of the program

More soft clouds



More soft rain, less flood and drought risks



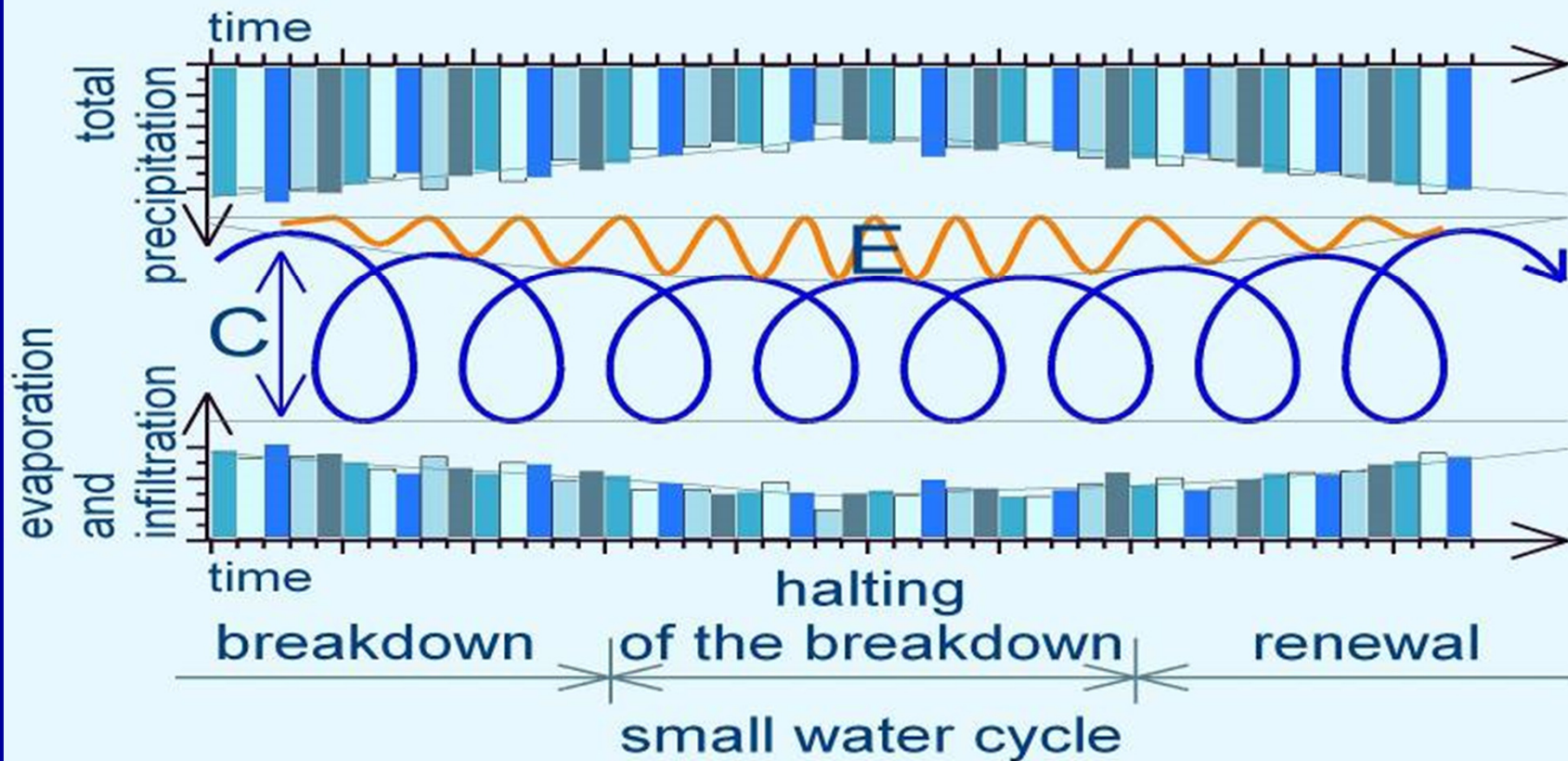
More vapor from landscapes

More vegetation, biodiversity and water

Water retention measures in landscapes

More water in soil

# DESTRUCTION AND RENEWAL OF SHORT WATER CYCLE



**C** - diagram of the circulation of water on land

**E** - diagram of extreme weather events



# **Landscape Restoration and Integrated River Basin Management Program for the Slovak Republic**

**Approved by the Slovak  
Government on October 27th  
2010**

# Implementation in a settlement

- Approximately 85 000 m<sup>3</sup> of water retention units, measures and system in cadastre of a settlement of medium size (1700 hectares)
- Implementation in a medium size settlement – 3 years with team of 10 local employees and team leader
- max. cost: 4€ per 1m<sup>3</sup> of water retention measure
- Cycle use of the capacity created (of water retention measures) for rain water retention and utilisation (evaporation, infiltration, cooling effect, biodiversity, flood and drought prevention)

# Some facts

- CO<sub>2</sub> - basic component of photosynthesis
- 700 kW of less sensible heat in the atmosphere per 1m<sup>3</sup> of evaporated water = temperature decrease of 80 000 m<sup>3</sup> air for 1 °C
- High differences in temperatures between forest and urban areas
- **these types of measures have highest and immediate impacts** to reduce flood risks and droughts risks and economical damages from 10 % - 80% based on scale of measures implementation and size of the territory



# First year of implementation 2011

## **Start implementation project 2010 - (23 settlements)**

- 580 000 € – Office of the Government (prime minister)
- 341 jobs for 3 months period
- 140 500 m<sup>3</sup> of water retention measures / waterholdings

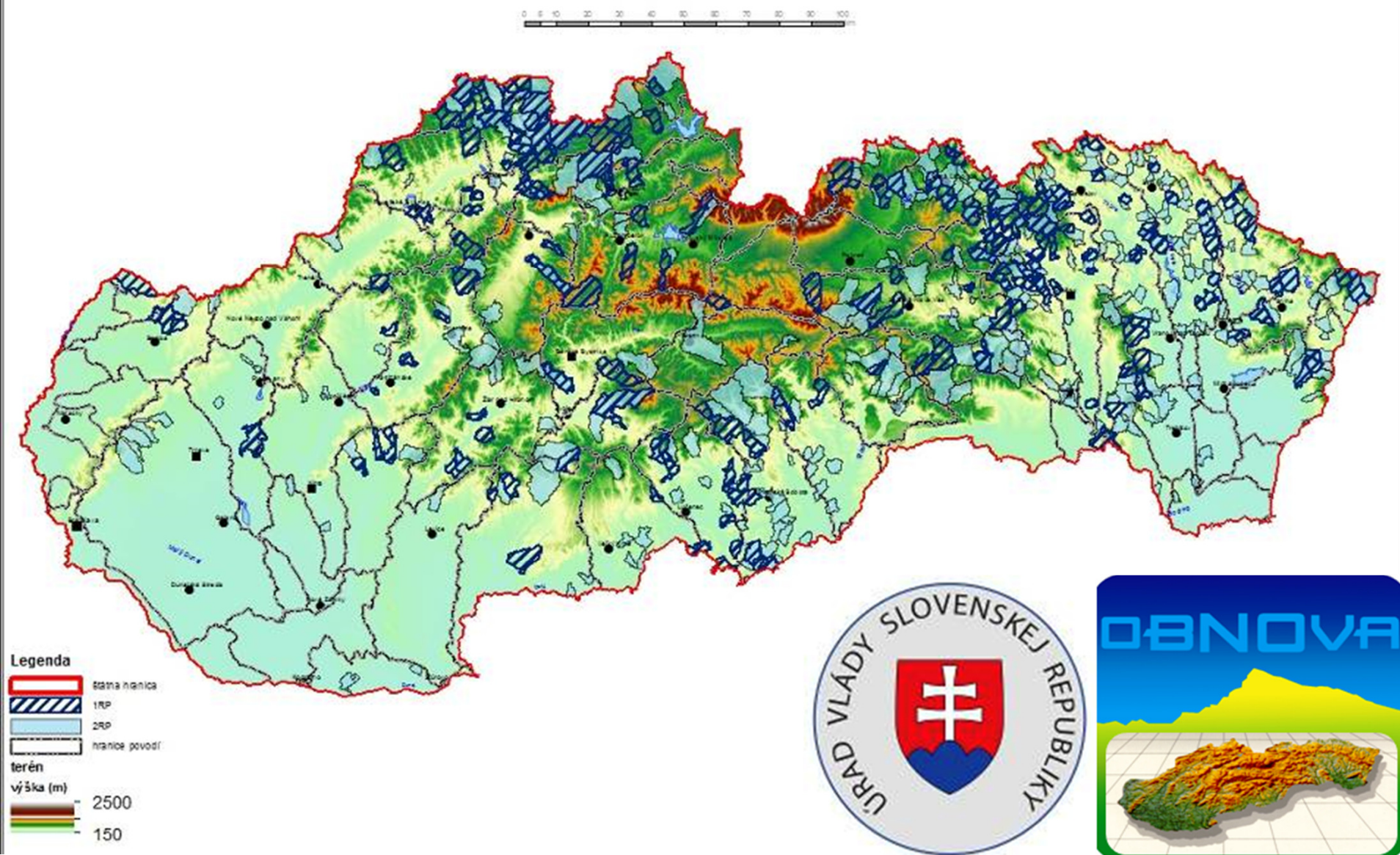
## **First implementation project 2011 (190 settlements)**

- 24 mil. € – Office of the Government + ESF
- 3 500 jobs for 6 months period
- 6 million m<sup>3</sup> of water retention measures / waterholdings

## **Second implementation project 2011 (350 settlements)**

- 18,5 mil. € – Office of the Government + ESF
- 4 200 jobs for 6 months period
- 3,9 million m<sup>3</sup> of water ret. measures / waterholdings

# 488 communities involving to the Government Landscape restoration program in 2011





# Examples of measures





# Stakeholders, meetings, presentations and teams









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# Fričovce





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# Nižný Slavkov





**Brehy**





# NIŽNÉ REPÁŠE





## Malý Šariš - Šťastná





**Bogliarka**





**Choňkovce**





# Hrnčiarске Zalužany





**Ožd'any**





# **Opportunities of implementation depending on scale**

**Landscape Revitalisation Programme in Slovakia**  
– first (start) year of implementation 2011

**7 700 seasonal jobs / costs 43,5 million € /  
capacity 10 million m<sup>3</sup> of water retention  
measures created in year 2011**

**Estimation for:**

- **Global program** – 50 million jobs / 500 billion € / year
- **European Program** – 2,6 million jobs / 38 billion € / year
- **Danube River Basin Program** – 0,2 million jobs / 2,9 billion € / year



# You are welcomed to visit various implementation projects in Slovakia



For more details on publication  
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