

NatuRegio

trainees for nature

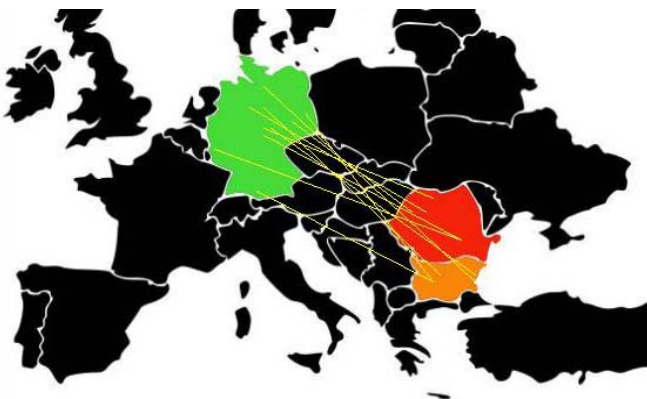
A vocational training and networking programme for young professionals from Romania and Bulgaria

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and the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S.



Aims and Objectives

- Practice oriented, scientifically funded advanced vocational training of five "young professionals" from each Romania and Bulgaria in the field of nature conservation and regional development
- Supporting the adoption of the "Aquis Communautaire" in the environmental policy of Bulgaria and Romania
- Initiation and implementation of projects in nature conservation and regional development in the home countries;
- Contribution to networking between Bulgaria and Romania and with the EU countries, esp. Germany, between GO's and NGO's, between nature conservation and regional development



In the course of the project young professionals from all over Romania and Bulgaria complete a three-month traineeship in protected areas and nature conservation organisations in Germany matched to their own position and activity area in their home countries in order to establish a network of expertise.

Programme

The NatuRegio project started in 2006 and will continue at least until 2010. The training period for the trainees is one year which is structured as follows:

1. One week technical language course
2. Two-week excursion to all types of large scale protected areas in Germany and to important institutions in the field of nature conservation
3. Three months traineeship in German institutions equivalent to the trainees home institutions.
4. Three seminars (partly in RO/BG) on the themes of Natura 2000, sustainable tourism, environmental education, regional development, project management, communications and EU funding instruments
5. Four months implementing individual projects in their home institutions which have been planned and elaborated during the stay in Germany. Every trainee gets 3000 € to implement the project, the best two of each year are specially awarded with up to 15.000 €

Project partners

- Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation
- Alfred Toepfer Foundation
- Europarc Federation
- European Natural Heritage Fund – Euronature
- Leuphana University of Lüneburg

Who can apply?

The ten trainee positions per year are open to younger (up to 40 years) employees and decision-makers in the field of nature conservation and regional development from NGO's and GO's.



The recent group of trainees at their arrival at the Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation (19.08.2008) together with the project team.

Good English language skills are required as well as a strong support of the applicant by his/her home institution.

How to support the programme

For the next training period we are looking for german institutions which are interested in new contacts to South-Eastern Europe by offering a placement position for a NatuRegio trainee. All costs are covered by the project. It is mostly welcome to join the process of planning the scholar projects and extending it to a binational project.

We are also grateful for any support in raising the public notice of the NatuRegio project in RO an BG in order to reach people from all kinds of institutions.

Contact us

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