The Carpathian Wetland Initiative
Daphne – Institute of Applied Ecology
The State Nature Conservancy of Slovak Republic

invites you to the

The World of Carpathian and Danube Wetlands Training

Learn to educate on Wetlands
Explaining, observing and experiencing wetlands

SCOPE

The Carpathians are Europe’s largest mountain range, a reservoir of biodiversity and a water tower of the region. Its waters flow to Black and Baltic See via four large river catchments, the Danube among them. The Carpathians and the Danube harbour a rich and important variety of wetland ecosystem types. Their conservation is often in conflict with other human interests. Therefore the awareness and attitude of people living in their neighbourhood is crucial for their maintenance.

This training provides an opportunity for those engaged in environmental education to explore new methods and activities in education on wetlands. The training involves interactive in/out-door activities, practical field surveys conducted with the public, discussions and focus on the needs / requests of the participants.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Thur 23rd – Introduction to the Handbook on Environmental Education “World of the Carpathians”

am: Hand-on experience on “How to use the handbook” and practical examples of indoor activities

pm: Excursion to the Carpathian beach forest, practical session with an outdoor educational activities at the river Vydra and local wetlands

Experience exchange among participants

Fri 24th – Visit to the Donau–Auen NP and to the educational centre in Orth a.d. Donau (Austria)

- Presentation of a popular approach to environmental education in the best preserved floodplain forests along the Danube
- Viewing of a local interactive above/under water level exhibition and activities for public

DATES AND FEES

Date: 23rd and 24th May 2013

Location: Bratislava, Slovakia

Fee*: training costs covered by organisers

*Includes: Training, travel, accommodation
3 nights, food: 3 x breakfast, 3x dinner, 2x lunch, tea & coffee
Possibility to apply for funding to cover the cost of visa.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Target Group: educators in the field of nature conservation, preferably people working in protected areas in the Carpathians

Registration: register at the email address menkynova@daphne.sk before 31st March 2013

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