

Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

In cooperation with

Czech Ramsar Committee

and

Carpathian Wetland Initiative

Organise

International Course on Wetland Restoration (Czech Republic 2 – 6 October 2023)

To support implementation of Resolution XIV.7: Ramsar Regional Initiatives and Resolution XIII.13: Restoration of degraded peatlands to mitigate and adapt to climate change and enhance biodiversity and disaster risk reduction

A 5-day international course will take place in the Czech Republic in Krušné hory Mountains, Slavkovský les Forest Protected landscape Area (PLS) and Šumava National Park (NP). Intended to be the fourth of a series of such courses organized within the Carpathian Wetland Initiative region, this course is based on the good practice of courses organized on both the national and international levels, promoting the understanding and establishment of communication and cooperation among various sectors - land-users, nature conservation, water resource management, agriculture and forestry.

Target group:

Experts, scientists, biologists, project managers, project designers, technicians, foresters, farmers, employees who are involved in wetland and especially peatland restoration, as well as the personnel employed in state administration responsible for protection of nature, environment and sustainable use of natural resources associated with wetlands and shallow water bodies, and other relevant stakeholders.

Participants: About 16 representatives of the target group **from Europe**

Main topics of the course will be as follows:

- Wetland restoration (goals, measures and techniques, monitoring and evaluation)
- Experience with project planning and implementation
- Public awareness and public involvement

The programme includes a thematic study tour to the sites with implemented projects on wetland restoration in Krušné hory Mountains, Slavkovský les Forest PLA and Šumava NP.

Participants will have the opportunity to see successful projects in situ and discuss phases of projects preparation and implementation as well as evaluation and suitable financial resources.

The working language of the course will be English.

Location: Krušné hory Mountains, Slavkovský les Forest PLA, Šumava NP, Czech Republic

Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

The course will be financially supported by the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic, the participants are responsible to cover their travel expenses (to the Czech Republic and back) and accommodation (ca. 300,- EUR for the whole duration of the course). The accommodation during the course is arranged by the organisers.

Organisers:

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Deadline for application (please use the application form attached): **10 July 2023**

Please send your application form to Ms. Libuše Vlasáková (libuse.vlasakova@mzp.cz)