

PROJECT INFORMATION

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Setting up a fellowship programme for young professionals from Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia



At the International Academy for nature Conservation, Photo: INA, Vilm

Background

In order to effectively address the increasing loss of biodiversity, governments, non-governmental organisations and academic institutions from the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia need to be aware of the multitude of natural and human-induced factors, and need to develop the technical and management capacities of their young professionals to promote national and international conservation processes.

Addressing this need, a high-profile extra-occupational fellowship programme for future leaders in nature conservation is funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety through the Advisory Assistance Programme for Environmental Protection in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The Klaus Toepfer Fellowship Programme will combine technical learning, management training and network development support. It is being

established by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and the Federal Environment Agency.

Project

The project aims at establishing the basis for the fellowship programme. It includes conception of methodical and technical training modules as well as of criteria for participation and application, the conception of public relations activities for the programme, and technical and organisational assistance during the first course. Scheduled to commence in the beginning of 2012, the first 18-month course will involve up till 20 participants into four ten-day training modules at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Vilm. The modules will include excursions as well as tests, e-learning and additional assignments between the modules. As an essential part of the programme, participants will develop a transfer project that uses the acquired knowledge to find innovative solutions to a specific challenge within their home institution.

- Target country/region: Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Duration: 22.07.2011 – 28.02.2013
- Beneficiary: Young professionals from the target region
- Implementing organisation: adelphi consult GmbH
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