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Estimated number of participants: 10 Ukrainian stakeholders

Achieved number of participants: 11 Ukrainian stakeholders

- **Ivanova Nataliia**- acting researcher of ecological hydrology and management of water ecosystems department at the Institute of Hydrobiology of the National Academy of Sciences
- **Karlyukova Olena**- chief specialist at the Department of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of the Sumy Regional State Administration
- **Kolesnykova Kateryna**- international project work at the NGO "Arnika" (Czech Republic) Clean Air for Ukraine project, Head of the environmental and educational sector at Nature reserve "Dniprovsko-Orilsky"
- **Kosko Julia**- Founder and head of the NGO "Ecological space-2020", deputy head of information and education department at Chernobyl radiation ecological biosphere reserve
- **Marych Khrystyna**- associate professor of the Department of Civil Law and Procedure of the National Lviv Polytechnic University, 20 years of research in nature conservation laws
- **Mulenko Mykhailo**- works in the commissions for nature protection in the regional administration, confirming fire prevention measures, calculating compensations, etc., cooperation with UNCG and EPL, study of consequences of war on nature in the region, Acting head of the department of history monuments, archeology and nature protection at Khortytsia National Reserve
- **Ovsiienko Yana**- lecturer of Ecology at university, junior researcher
- **Petrovych Olesya** - Senior expert on biodiversity protection reform support team at the ministry of environmental protection and natural resources of Ukraine the Ukraine reform architecture project
- **Romanenko Maryna**- leading specialist at Department of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Mykolaiv Regional Military Administration
- **Teslovych Maryana**- Ecologist (Environmental Management and Audit), PhD (GIS project in Nature conservation)
- **Tytykalo Roman**- Lawyer, Head of the Standing Committee of the Kyiv Regional Council on Ecology, Nature Management, Hunting, Water Resources, Liquidation of the Consequences of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant Accident

Project partners participations:

EPL – Khomechko Hanna

UNCG – 2 expected participants (Vasyliuk Oleksii and Testove Petro) were unable to participate in the Study Tour because they did not receive permission to travel due to the ongoing war conflict in Ukraine



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Organizers:

NCA CR – Lacina David, Vojtková Marta, Knižátková Eva, Kušnířová Tereza, Tomášková Lenka, Bohalová Zdenka, Růžička Tomáš, Chlapek Jindřich, Roth Petr, Chobot Karel (lecturer)

NCA CR staff from regional offices (provision of the programme in the visited PLAs) -

PLA Křivoklátsko - Hůla Petr (Head of Department of PLA Křivoklátsko),

PLA Brdy - Fišer Bohumil (Head of PLA Brdy), Palivcová Lucie (Department of the PLA Brdy),

PLA České středohoří - Kopecký Vladislav (Head of the Nature and Landscape Protection Department), Hamerský Roman (Department of Biodiversity Monitoring), Budský František (Director of Regional Department of the PLA České středohoří)

Cooperating organization - Bohemian Switzerland National Park – Kříž Petr (Director of the Public Relations Department), Nagel Richard (Director of the Public Relations Department)

Translating – Bey Illya (Interpretation from Czech to Ukrainian was provided throughout the Study tour)

PROGRAM OF THE STUDY TOUR TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC – September 23–27, 2024

Monday, Sept. 23 - PRAGUE

- Arrival to Prague by train at 8:30 am, accommodation at Hotel Globus
- 2 – 4 pm visit to the Ministry of Environment (MoE) - Presentation of the nature protection system in the Czech Republic (Petr Havel, Head of the NATURA 2000 Department at the MoE)
- 2:30 - 7 pm Prague tour

Tuesday, Sept. 24 – PRAGUE, Křivoklátsko PLA (*preparation of the program in the PLA Křivoklátsko Petr Hůla, Head of Department of PLA Křivoklátsko*)

- 8:30 – 11 pm Presentation of the activities of the Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic (monitoring, management, species conservation, etc.), Hotel Globus conference room
- Lunch at the hotel, departure from Prague 11:30 am
- 1 pm Zbečno – Křivoklátsko PLA – discussion on the possible establishment of the NP – disagreement of local municipalities,
- 2 pm – excursion with bus Zbečno - Křivoklát - Karlova Ves - Broumy - Skryje – Křivoklát, visit to Nature Reserve U Eremita (yew trees) and National Nature Reserve Týřov (lookout to the Berounka River canyon)
- 5:30 pm dinner at the Hotel Sýkora in Křivoklát
- 8 pm arrival at the hotel

Wednesday, Sept. 25 – BRDY PLA

(*preparation of the program in the PLA Bohumil Fišer, Head of the PLA and Lucie Palivcová, department of the PLA Brdy*)

- 8:30 am - departure from the hotel



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- 10:30-12:30 am - arrival to Jince - visit to PLA (formerly military training area) visit to targeted area of the army, recent management needs, tour of the SCI Březina
- 2 pm - lunch at U Kozlerů – Mirošov
- 3:30 pm visit to visitor center of the PLA Brdy – Tři trubky (watching a film about the PLA, tour of the permanent exhibition about the PLA)
- 6 pm arrival to the hotel
- 6-8 pm meeting with the Czech-Ukrainian Scientific Society <http://czuss.cz/> at the hotel, associated with dinner

Thursday, Sept. 26 – ČESKÉ STŘEDOHŘÍ PLA

(preparation of the program in the PLA České středohoří Vladislav Kopecký, Head of the Nature and Landscape Protection Department, Roman Hamerský, Department of Biodiversity Monitoring and František Budský, Director of Regional Department of the PLA České středohoří)

- 8:30 am - departure from Prague
- 10:15 am - arrival to Dlouhá hora
- 10:30 am - demonstration of work with shepherd dogs
- 11:00 am – transfer to Raná
- 11:15 am - start of the excursion around SCI Raná Hrádek - visit and discussion on steppe habitats management, Natura 2000
- 12:00 pm - departure to Píšťany
- 12:45 pm - arrival to Píšťany, fishpass on Elbe river
- 2:15 pm - departure for Hlinná
- 2:30 pm - visit to Pršuterie, lunch
- 4:00 pm - departure to Střekov weir
- 4.30 pm - arrival at the Střekov weir, river barriers and fishpass on the Elbe River
- 5:30 pm - departure for accommodation in Mezní Louka (Czech-Switzerland NP)

Friday, Sept. 27 – Czech-Switzerland NP

(preparation of the program in the Czech-Switzerland NP Petr Kříž, Director of the Bohemian Switzerland National Park and Richard Nagel, Director of the Public Relations Department)

- 8.30 – 9.30 am – short introduction of the NP + watching the film "Rocks, Water, Life – The Landscape of the Elbe Sandstones"
- 9.30 – 11.30 am – excursion to the fire site –walk from Mezní Louka in the direction of Pravčický důl (length approx. 4 km)
- 11.30 – 11.40 am – transfer by bus to Mezná (4 km)
- 11.40 am – 12.00 pm demonstration of fire protection measures in Mezná (safety mining, fire water bag)
- 12.00 – 12.10 pm – transfer by bus to Vysoká Lípa (6 km)
- 12.30 – 2 pm – lunch at the Kortus Hotel
- 14.00 – 15.30 – trip to the rock castle Šaunštejn (approx. 2.5 km, ascent up a steep ladder through a rock crack)
- 15.30 – departure for Prague

Accommodation:

Prague 23.-25.9. – Hotel Globus <https://www.hotel-globus.cz/cs/> , 3 nights

Czech Switzerland 26.9. – Mezní Louka – U Fořta, Celnice, 1 night

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CONCLUSIONS FROM THE STUDY TOUR TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

- The study tour for Ukrainian professionals was organised to the Czech Republic on September 22-27, 2024. The tour was organised by the Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic and it was targeted to provide information on nature conservation in the Czech Republic and in the European Union with special attention to Nature Directives and Natura 2000 network.
- The study tour started in Prague with focus on theoretical and basic information about the legislation and governance in nature conservation with visit to the Ministry of Environment and the Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic (NCA) headquarters. Participants got familiar with general assistance of Czechia to Ukraine in the field of environmental protection and the role of NCA in nature conservation. Visits to Protected Landscape Areas of Křivoklátsko, Brdy and České středohoří and České Švýcarsko National Park showed practical examples of nature conservation in the field covering issues such as management of steppe ecosystems, cooperation with local stakeholders, cooperation with army in military training areas, fire management, fish ledders and rivers permeability, visitor centers, etc.
- The participants have been fully satisfied and all mentioned that the study tour satisfied their expectations or even exceeded them. All of them ranked the tour with the highest ranking 1-2.
- Deliverable has been accomplished according to the project.

Annexes:

Annex 1 - Feedback of participants D4.4

Annex 2 – Public presentation Study tour