

# EUROENVIRO 2012 – EUROPEAN STUDENTS SYMPOSIUM

The project EuroEnviro was created in 1995 in Born, Germany. The aim was to exchange opinions among students on environmental sciences and ecopolitical issues. Since 1995 the meeting has taken place in many European countries all over the continent.



The EuroEnviro 2012 will be held in Slovakia under the topic "Conservation is not isolation" has already been chosen as it reflects many of the most common problems and bottlenecks in conservation worldwide. Protected areas represent places of unique landscapes, endangered plant and animal species, which are characterized by a specific protection regime. In the past these places were established far from the human activities. Nowadays the situation is different as these areas rather provide space for interaction between humans and nature or are considered of high potential for regional development. Although these areas still posses habitats for endangered species and rare ecosystems. Therefore the protection of extremely valuable areas requires understanding and balance between conservation

measures, development activities of local stakeholders, tourism and environmental awareness raising.

#### TIME AND PLACE

EuroEnviro 2012 will be taking place from **19**<sup>th</sup> **to 26**<sup>th</sup> **May 2012 in two places**. The event will start in **Bratislava city** with a welcome and introduction into the main topic. Afterwards the program will continue in **High Tatras region** and **Slovak Paradise National Park**.

#### **PROGRAM**

The program of the EuroEnviro 2012 will consist of **both theory and practice**. Lectures, discussions, workshops and excursions will provide interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches to the topics with the goal of critical reflection on the issues at hand and the proposal of measures and for sustainable development and nature conservation in protected areas. Each day the program of the symposium will be full of various activities – lectures, workshops, excursions, reflection groups and committees. Participants will **share experiences and opinions** in an intercultural and international setting. All these events will be led by scholars from Slovakia and abroad, representatives of academic ambient and nongovernmental sector, different practitioners of nature and landscape conservation, employees of institutions and organizations dealing with nature and landscape conservation every day.

Our greatest wish is that a synergy of new ideas, expressing different viewpoints, will result in finding a common denominator for formulating sustainability measures. In our opinion, such a cooperation process, under which **new solutions** emerge to current environmental problems, is worth organizing the EuroEnviro 2012.



#### REGISTRATION

The deadline for symposium registration is on <u>March</u> <u>15, 2012</u>. After registration you will receive a confirmation and further information by March 20, 2012. Deadline for sending the participation fee is March 27, 2012.

The participation fee is **175€**.

The participation fee includes: accommodation, food and drinks, transportation by bus, public transportation, lectures and workshops, leisure activities.

#### PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

#### **Lectures:**

- Campaigning for nature conservation: Is it the right language?
- Slovakia, scientific community, public involvement, nature/landscape and Rio+20 process
- What is the Place for Wilderness in European Nature Conservation?
- Historical vineyard landscape of Small Carpathians Mts. - results of current research
- The New Deal for the SR government as public interest resulting from the potential utilization of both landscape environment needs and human capital in the Slovak Republic

#### **Workshops**

- Practical nature conservation in Slovak Paradise National Park
- Dynamic ecosystems: The role of property regimes and ecosystem services in conservation of biodiversity
- Environmental problems of the Danubian inland delta
- The creation of terrestrial system of ecological stability model elements in the village of Suchá nad Parnou

#### Field excursion

- Vlkolínec preserved mountain settlement
- High Tatras National Park guided excursion

### Bratislava city



High Tatras (National park)



## Slovak Paradise (National park)





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