

Lectures and presentations

Room 1

- 08:30 – 09:00** **Registration**
- 09:00 – 09:15** **Opening remarks and welcomes**
Boglárka Kurka Ivanegová, Spirála - network of environmental education providers
Tamara Mitrofanenko, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
- 09:15 – 10:00** **ESD AND VALUES**
Whole-school and whole-institution approaches to sustainability (EN)
Dr Aravella Zachariou, Head of the Unit of Education for the Environment and Sustainable Development (EESD) of the Cyprus Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth & Chair of the UNECE ESD Steering Committee
- 10:00 – 10:45** **Fostering relationship with nature and strengthening environmental values in students (EN)**
Doc. PhDr. Jan Činčera, Ph.D., Masaryk University, Department of Environmental Studies (CZ)
- 10:45 - 11:15** **Conflicts in values and how they affect the relationship to nature (SK)**
Zuzana Fialová, Climate coalition (SK)
- 11:15 – 11:45** **GreenComp - The European competence framework in sustainability (SK)**
Marta Fandlová, ambassador of the European Climate Pact (SK)
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Lunch break**
- 13:00 – 13:30** **ESD AND CONSERVATION IN THE CARPATHIAN REGION**
Presenting the Carpathian ESD expert network (EN)
Tamara Mitrofanenko and **Elena Fischer**, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (AT)
- 13:30 - 14:00** **Carpathian Wilderness (EN)**
Vlado Vančura, Wilderness Director at the European Wilderness Society (SK)
- 14:00 - 14:30** **Carpathian Wetland Initiative (EN)**
Natália Kubicová & Ingrid Károlyová, State Nature Conservancy of Slovakia (SK)
- 14:30 - 15:15** **A foundation for a nation- the story of Făgăraș national park (EN)**
Mihai Sorea & Ioana Duica, Fondation Conservation Carpathia (RO)
- 15:30 - 16:00** **Break**

Room 2

- 13:00 – 13:30** **ESD AND FUTURES**
Green careers of the future (SK)
Ivana Poláčková, director CEEV Živica (SK)
- 13:30 - 14:00** **A true story about love and the holocaust**
Noémi Ráczová, lead of the Digital Art - Concept Art, School of Art Industry, Košice (SK)
- 14:00 - 14:30** **Inclusive education - From the experience of a village school (SK)**
Andrej Klobušník, Ždaňa primary school and a participant of the TEACH programme(SK)
- 14:30 - 15:00** **Discussion**
- 15:30 - 16:00** **Break**
- 17:50 - 18:30** **Travel lecture on the bizarre small-town urbanism of Eastern Slovakia (SK)**
Samuel Szabó, alias Samčo, brat dážďoviek (SK)

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Workshops

Room 1

16:00 - 18:00 **WORKSHOP Empowering Communities: ESD Strategies from European Protected Areas (SK)**
Lucia Ursu, Romanian Ranger Association and Retezat National Park

This interactive workshop will explore practical strategies for engaging local communities in sustainability efforts within protected areas. Drawing from study visits funded by the Alfred Toepfer Natural Heritage Scholarship, participants will delve into case studies across Europe. The session will provide hands-on tools for integrating local stakeholders into environmental education and conservation initiatives, fostering long-term sustainability. Attendees will learn how to create community-driven projects, inspire active participation, and build strong partnerships for nature conservation.

Room 2

15:45 – 17:45 **WORKSHOP Interactive city model: turn a sad city into a happy one (SK)**
Danka Bardonová a Janka Ďurovová, CEVEV Malá Líška

At first glance, we do not see any flaws in the model of the sad city. It looks like a perfectly ordinary city. The challenge, however, is to reflect, to overcome the stereotype and find ways and elements that would improve life not only for the inhabitants, but also for the surroundings.



Interactive model of a city.

Seminar room/ outdoors

14:30 – 15:10 **WORKSHOP Exploring with GLOBE is what we enjoy (SK)**
The activity will be held outdoors, in case of bad weather in the seminar room.
Jana Menkynová, DAPHNE Inštitút aplikovanej ekológie

The workshop will offer you a small hands-on experience by setting up a meteorological station. To ensure you choose the right location, your instructor will demonstrate various methods for measuring object heights. She will introduce some tools such as an altimeter, a clinometer, and the GLOBE Observer app. Recommendation for participants: Download the free Get the App – GLOBE Observer from GLOBE.gov on your mobile device in advance.

15:45 – 16:45 **WORKSHOP Dialogue in environmental value conflicts (SK)**
Zuzana Fialová, Klimatická koalícia

The workshop is a follow-up to the morning presentation on value conflicts. We will demonstrate some activities that can be adapted for different age groups. These can be useful in practicing the skills of dialogue and trying to understand and find common ground in the case of both large and small conflicts related to nature and our relationship with it, or the climate crisis.

17:00 – 18:00 **WORKSHOP How to teach about climate change? (SK)**
Zofia Kutlíková Jakubová, n.o. Človek v ohrození O.Z. Pestrec

The workshop will include the presentation of a manual from the non-profit organization "People in Peril" with methodologies and useful tips from practice.



Lecturer Janka Menkynová when teaching outdoors.



Climate change education manual from People in Peril.

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09:00 - 09:30	ESD AND HERITAGE INTERPRETATION Geography and entrepreneurship education as a key to understanding the surrounding reality (EN) Wioletta Kilar , University of the National Education Commission, Krakow (PL)
09:30 - 10:00	Heritage interpretation as a tool for experiential education (EN/CZ) Michal Medek , director of the Czech Institute for Heritage Interpretation, lecturer at the Department of Environmental Studies, Masaryk University in Brno (CZ)
10:00 - 10:30	How do young people in the Carpathians understand their heritage? (EN) Agnieszka Świętek & Piotr Cybul , University of the National Education Commission, Krakow (PL)
10:30 - 11:00	Knowing and valuing urban trees through citizen science (EN) Natalya Voloshyn , NGO Forza (UA)
11:00 - 11:30	What should teachers know and teach about large carnivores? (SK) doc. RNDr. Marcel Uhrin, PhD., Faculty of Science, University of Pavol Jozef Šafárik in Košice (SK)
11:30 - 12:00	Slow travel as a means to understand the world (SK) Štefan Szabó, SOSNA (SK)
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 13:30	ESD AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS Learning environments and the Basalt School Programme (EN) Levente Álmos Szócs , ELTE Doctoral School of Educational Sciences (HU)
13:30 - 14:00	School Culture and pro-environmental attitudes (EN) Daniel Sziva , ELTE Doctoral School of Psychology (HU)
14:00 - 14:30	ESD AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION Youth as Ambassadors for Sustainability (EN) Lucia Ursu , Romanian Ranger Association and Retezat National Park (RO)
14:30 - 15:15	Central Mountains Interreg Central Europe project (EN) Isidoro De Bortoli , EURAC Research (ITA)

Room 2

09:00 - 09:45	ESD AND COMPLEXITY How to think critically about nature? (SK) Ján Markoš , writer, public speaker, chess grandmaster (SK)
09:45 - 10:15	On environmental justice (name of the presentation TBD) (SK) Katarína Juríková , Greenpeace (SK)
10:15 - 11:00	Lie as a political technique in the climate change debate (CZ) Vojtěch Pecka , Association for international affairs (CZ)
11:00 - 11:30	Q&A and discussion
13:00 - 13:50	ESD, INCLUSION AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP The Importance of Social Cohesion in Environmental Protection (SK) Juraj Hipš , Education Expert, CEEV Živica and Alma School (SK)
13:50 - 14:30	Civic Education vs. Citizenship Education (SK) Richard Medaľ , CEA Trenčín (SK)
14:30 - 15:00	The Story of Lanice Urban Park (SK) Martina Paulíková , Slatinka Association and WWF Slovakia (SK)
15:00 - 15:40	The Engaged Teacher: Which Megatrends and Regional Trends Most Impact Education and How to Prepare for Them? (SK) Juraj Smatana , Gymnázium Považská Bystrica (SK)

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16:00 – 17:00 **WORKSHOP** Why and how build climate gardens (SK)

Silvia Szabóová, SOSNA, O.Z.

We are beginning to sense climate change in every season. Can we change it? What can we change at school or in our homes to benefit the climate? One way would be to turn our gardens, school grounds, into climate gardens.

It's nothing complicated, and the result is wonderful. How to build a climate garden, how to motivate children, teachers and parents to make this change.



Climate garden of SOSNA, O.Z.

Room 2

16:00 – 17:00 **WORKSHOP** The Bazalt School project (EN)

Levente Álmós Szőcs, Fakulta psychológie a vzdelávania Univerzity Loránd Eötvösa v Budapešti

uses the community design methodology to create out-of-school learning spaces. The project's methodology is based on exploring the individual interpretations (students and teachers also) of the learning environment. The 5 intensive sessions include personal interpretations, modelling, exploration of our own physical limitations and lots of excellent pedagogical practice. A shorter version of this project uncovering to the workshop, where participants will learn how to build a classroom with toothpicks and marshmallows.

Seminar room/ outdoors

10:00 – 12:00 **WORKSHOP** Outdoors with kids actively (CZ)

The activity will be held outdoors, in case of bad weather in the seminar room.

Marie Sára Rajnošková, Chaloupky o.p.s. a lesní mateřská školka

Participants of the activity will go to the park for a while and try out games full of movement, creativity and sensory activities. They will play both on the road and on the spot, with a minimum of aids but only what the surroundings provide. They might even warm up in the process.

12:45 - 14:15

WORKSHOP Critical thinking in environmental contexts (SK)

Ján Markoš, writer, lecturer, publicist, chess grandmaster

Critical thinking is one of the key skills of our time. There is simply too much information around us, and it bombards us from all directions. Even on environmental issues, it is not possible to make decisions based on intuition or gut feeling alone. It is not enough to have your heart in the right place and to stand on the right side. Let's explore critical thinking skills together, which are also useful in the context of conservation.

14:15 - 15:45

WORKSHOP How to teach outdoors in a modern, practical and experiential way (SK)

The activity will be held outdoors, in case of bad weather in the seminar room.

Ivana Poláčková, director CEEV Živica

What are the benefits of transferring learning to the external environment? Try a hands-on biology lesson combined with ethics and environmental education on the current topic of carbon footprint.

16:00 - 18:00

WORKSHOP Climate change education programme (EN/CZ)

Michal Medek

Czech Institute for Heritage Interpretation, Department of Environmental Studies Masaryk University

Participants will go through a climate change education programme Economizing the carbon developed in cooperation of 4 Czech environmental education centres.

Field trip

09:00 – 12:00

FIELD TRIP: VISITING THE SOSNA ECOCENTRE

A minivan will be organized for the attendees for the 20 min. trip from Košice to Družstevná pre Hornáde

Visit to the SOSNA Eco-Center

The SOSNA Eco-Center is dedicated to environmental education, offering a variety of programs for students, teachers, and educators that cover topics such as nature conservation, climate protection, eco-friendly building, natural gardening, and sustainable living practices.

The visit will feature a guided tour of the certified Natural Garden, showcasing its transformation from an abandoned playground into a thriving educational space. Attendees will learn about the planning and development process and how the garden is used in thematic programs like Climate Gardens, Therapeutic Gardens, and Natural Gardens. The tour will also introduce the School Natural and Climate Gardens initiative.

Participants will explore unique Eco-Center structures, including the Hobbit House and composting toilets equipped with a biofilter. These structures, built from local natural materials with the support of community volunteers, illustrate sustainable construction methods. The presentation will also highlight how these facilities support the center's educational activities. This visit offers an engaging look at how practical sustainability and environmental education can be integrated into everyday learning experience.

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch in Družstevná pri Hornáde

13:00 - 13:30

Return to Košice



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