

ESD Expert meeting

European Wilderness Society's educational and Carpathian activities-2025

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SMARTOUR: SMART Tourism Skills Initiative

<https://smartourism.solutions/>



Educational materials:

- in Bulgarian, English, German, **Polish, Serbian, Slovak** and Slovenian languages
- on Accessibility, Sustainability, Digitalisation, Cultural Heritage & Creativity, Cooperation & Marketing
- in downloadable format and as an interactive Moodle +video



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SMARTOUR Course Materials

International group of SMART Tourism Skills Initiative project experts has developed a coherent and easy-to-read Course materials for further use in the enhancement of the knowledge of adults, responsible or dealing with the tourism development. These Course materials will further support application of smart approaches or provision of consultation services. They also contain up to date knowledge on such SMART tourism elements as:

- Accessibility
- Sustainability
- Digitalisation
- Cultural Heritage & Creativity
- Cooperation & Marketing.

Course Materials were developed based on the Needs Analysis, which included questionnaire surveys, conducted in each of the project country: Austria, Bulgaria, Poland, Serbia, Slovak Republic and Slovenia.

SMARTOUR Course Materials are available:

- as an online interactive Moodle course on the separate portal, run by Mateja Bela University, project Lead partner:

Moodle

- as downloadable PDF brochures on this website.

In addition, to be accessible for broader public, Course Materials are available in seven different languages.

Choose your language and enjoy the Course! Let's get smart!

English

Bulgarian

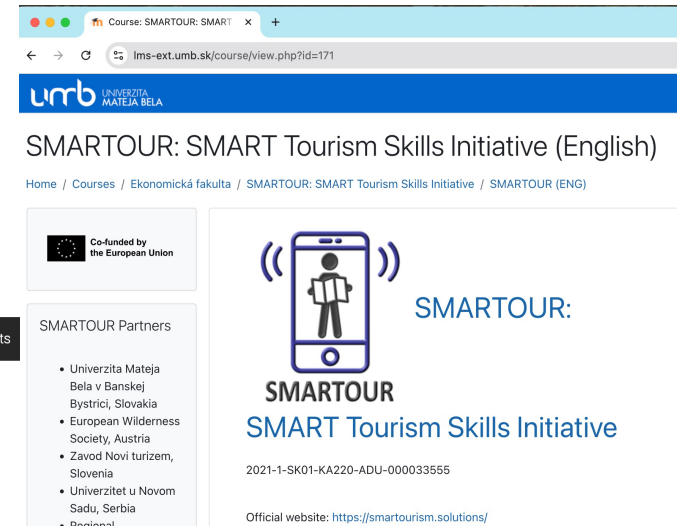
German

Polish

Serbian

Slovakian

Slovenian



Our work with volunteers

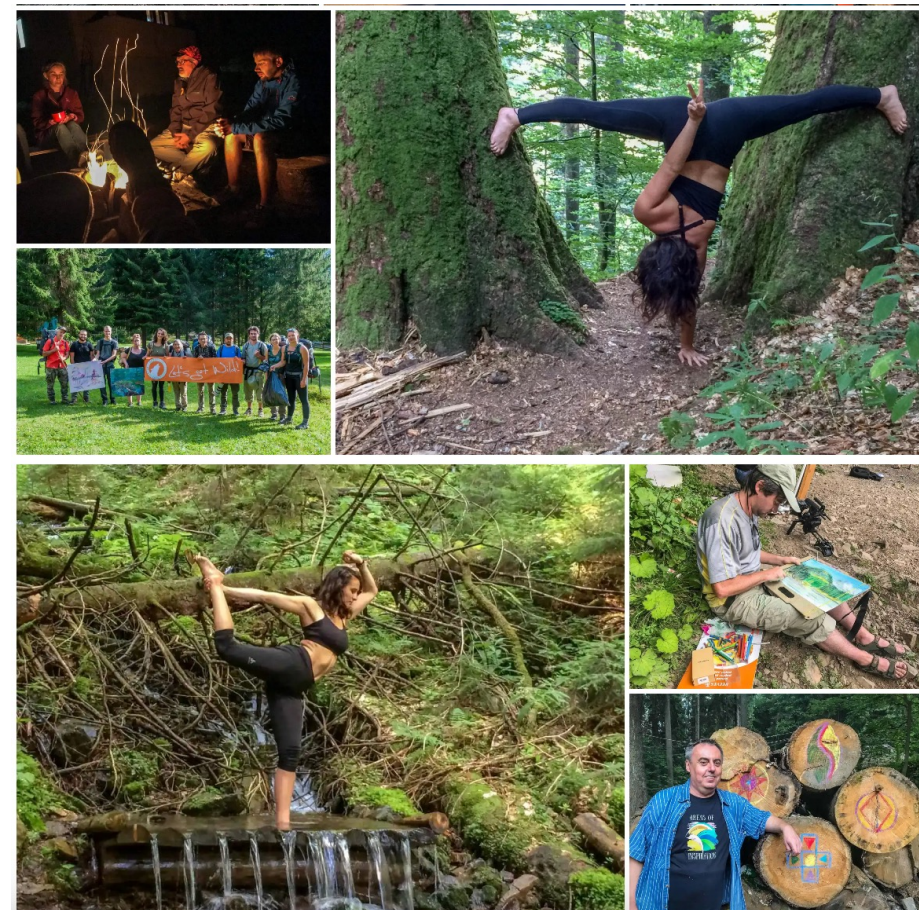
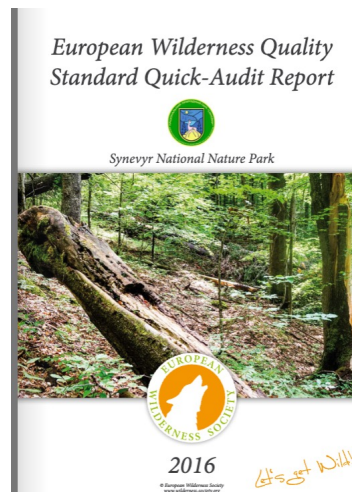


Currently we are hosting 3rd ESC volunteer from Ukraine ➡ now: from Carpathians



Together with Erasmus+ we have hosted 18 volunteers from 9 European countries

Yaryna from Synevyr, Ukrainian Carpathians



Youth Green Conference-III, in 2025



Goal:

- To raise knowledge and awareness about Environment, Climate Change, **Rural life** and **Sustainability**
- Creation of innovative content features, inspired by the Youth Charter, now-focusing on creation of **podcasts** with young participants
- Networking, cultural exchange, improving language skills

When: 22-27.09.2025

Where: Biosphere Reserve Lungau, Austria (*sustainability*)

Partners from: Austria, Slovenia, Spain **and Ukraine**





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Youth Charter for Environment



**Youth Charter
for Environment**
presentations



- Developed by youth and for youth
- Includes: concerns, demands, solutions and call to action
- Supports implementation of the Youth Goal #10: Sustainable Green Europe
- Presented in the creative way
- Shared widely

Join the implementation!



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Youth Charter for Environment

9 demands



1. Protect better European forests
2. Reduce food waste
3. Improve logistics, popularise composition material
4. Use more bikes and public transport
5. Protect endangered and rare species
6. Take more action to keep water resources clean
7. Reduce pollution of natural resources
8. Spend more time in nature
9. Raise awareness of young generations



Visualisation of the natural history in Slovakia

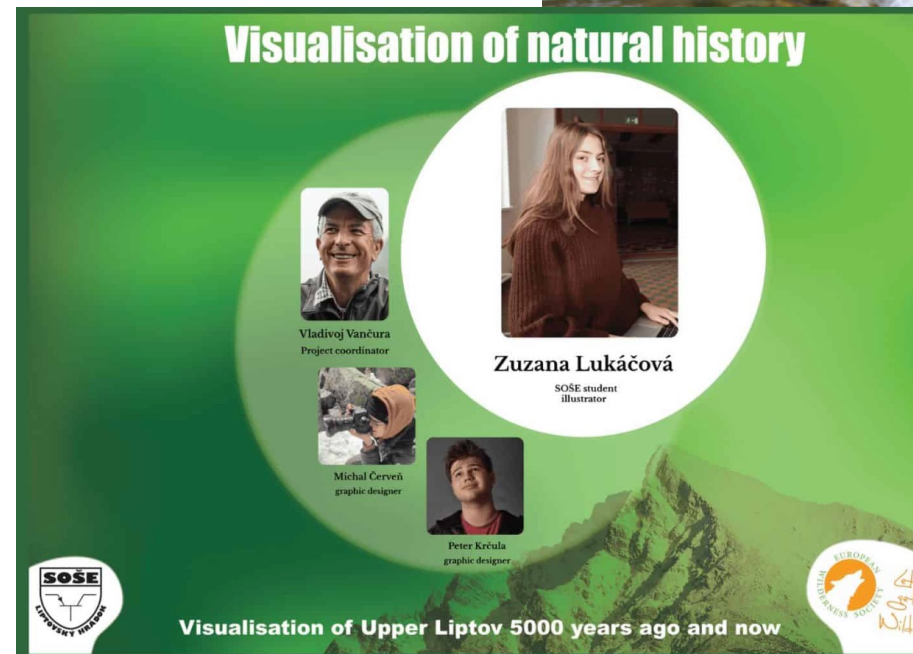


Objectives:

- Visualization of the prehistoric Wilderness in Northern Slovakia, in the Tatra Mountains
- Comparing the diversity and changes that have occurred in the selected area over the past 5,000 years

Added value:

- Synergy of field experience and new technologies
- Innovative cooperation between NGO and educational institutions
- Knowledge exchange between experts and **young generation**



LIFE Apollo 2020 (period: 2021-2028)



- Consortium of partners from Poland, Czechia and Austria
- Main goal is to recreate the *Parnassius apollo* populations in 3 functional areas Sudetes and White Carpathians, strengthen the Austrian population in the Alpine bioregion
- Awareness raising and Educational Programme
 - Apollo workshops at schools for different age groups
 - Students' engagement in building Apollo gardens (with *Sedum* plants – to feed caterpillars)
 - Educational film
 - Raise awareness on festivals and events focused on nature protection
 - Various educational materials



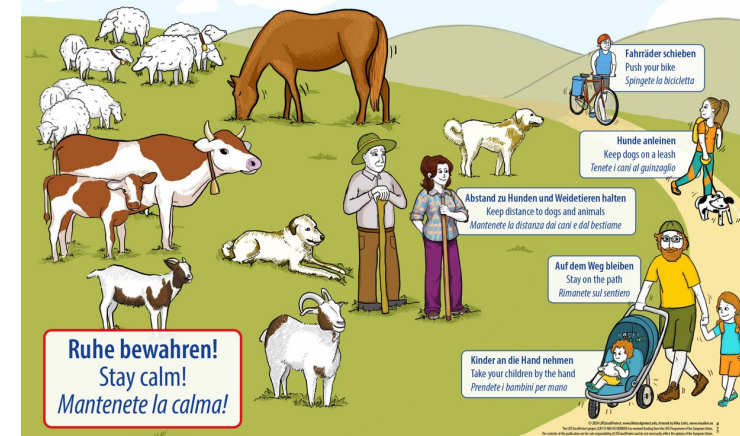
- Continue to:
- support livestock owners with the implementation of livestock protection measures
- lobby for more funding of livestock protection measures for livestock owners
- interact with DMOs to find solutions in tourism regions
- produce material for tourism regions
- educate children and the general public about livestock protection measures and why they are needed

Final conference: 17-19.07, in Austria. Registration here:

<https://training.lifestockprotect.info/events/sichere-herden-zukunft-der-kulturtiere/>

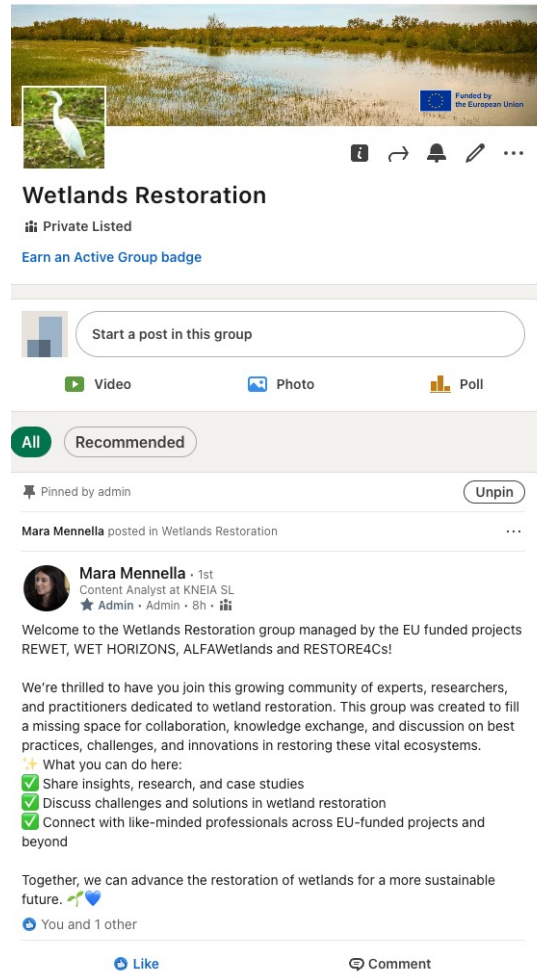


Please respect shepherds, livestock guarding dogs and their herds
Per favore, rispettate i pastori, i cani da pastore e le loro greggi



ALFAwetlands-restoration for the future

<https://alfawetlands.eu/>



Strengthening cooperation with the Carpathian Wetland initiative



Continue with RESPECT NATURE activities...



RESPECT NATURE

HOW TO ACT OUTDOORS TO MINIMIZE YOUR IMPACT AND TO PROTECT THE NATURE YOU LOVE AS BEST AS POSSIBLE. WITH RESPECT NATURE YOU WILL HELP NATURE STAY WILD FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!



1 KNOW WHERE YOU GO

- Do your research about the area before heading out
- Prepare for extreme weather and emergencies
- Tell your plan
- Know your limits



2 STAY ON TRAILS

- Concentrate on existing trails and walk in the middle of the trail
- Do not take shortcuts
- Walk on durable surfaces when hiking off-trail



3 MINIMIZE CAMPING IMPACT

- Check if wild camping is allowed
- Camp on durable surface if no established outdoor campsite is around
- Keep your food away from your sleeping area



4 KEEP NATURE CLEAN

- Take what you brought back to civilization
- Avoid water contamination by soap
- Dig a toilet pit, at least 50 m away from water sources
- Use natural material as toilet paper



5 MAKE FIRE RESPONSIBLY

- Respect fire restrictions and regulations
- Prefer existing fire rings and camp stove
- Keep the fire small
- Burn the wood completely and scatter ashes widely
- Collect small firewood where allowed



6 SHOW RESPECT

- Do not hunt
- Do not fish
- Do not collect berries and mushrooms
- Do not collect natural objects



7 RESPECT WILDLIFE

- You are a guest, so behave like one
- Observe wildlife from a distance, do not approach
- Use designated wildlife watching sites
- Do not feed wildlife



8 RESPECT OTHERS

- Stay friendly, make sure to greet
- Respect other visitor experiences, avoid being loud
- Take up only as much trail space that you need, let others pass
- If you are on a bicycle, yield to hikers on the trail



9 RESPECT LIVESTOCK PROTECTION

- Do not cross electric fences
- Keep your distance from herds guarded by livestock guarding dogs
- Keep your dog close to you
- Call out your dog



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ПОВАЖАЙ ПРИРОДУ RESPECT NATURE



Вирий яму для туалету, хоча б на 50 м подалі від водних ресурсів

Dig a toilet pit, at least 50 m away from water sources



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We are open for new cooperations!



More Information



- European Wilderness news
 - <https://wilderness-society.org/>
- European Wilderness Network
 - <https://european-wilderness.network>
- Vlado Vancura Wilderness Academy
 - <https://wilderness.academy/>
- Youth education
 - <https://lets-get-wild.org/>
- European Wilderness Volunteering
 - <https://wilderness-diary.info/>



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