CEEweb Academy
Green Infrastructure – Preserving our Natural Capital: Policy and Practice
CEEweb Academy on the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2020
Target 2: Actions with specific focus on Green Infrastructure

Location: Hungary, Kék Duna Wellness Hotel, Ráckeve, Dőmsődi út 1-3, 2300 (near Budapest)
Date: 6-7 October, 2014

Green Infrastructure is a holistic tool to tackle biodiversity loss while contributing to smart and sustainable socio-economic growth. It provides us with solutions for a better quality environment, a healthier society and a more prosperous economy. Green Infrastructure is especially important due to its potential to help us preserve and enhance ecosystem services and adapt to climate change in a multi-stakeholder setting.

Under Target 2 of the 2020 Biodiversity Strategy, the EU committed itself to deploy green infrastructure and restore a minimum of 15% of Europe’s degraded ecosystems. With this year's CEEweb Academy we would like to draw attention to GI policy, its implementation and the possibilities for cross-sectorial cooperation.

The Academy aims to bring together public officers, policy makers, non-governmental organizations and personalities from the academic world to share and discuss experience and inspire new ways of thinking for a more efficient preservation of our natural capital in Central and Eastern Europe in light of the most recent EU initiatives.

6 October 2014 – Green and Blue Infrastructure
Green Infrastructure and its spatial integration at various scales

Arrival and registration of participants
12:00 – 13:00 – Buffet lunch and registration
13:00 – 13:15 – Welcome – General Secretary of CEEweb for Biodiversity
13:45 – 15:15 – Implementing Green Infrastructure at the national level – Member States’ perspective
Green Infrastructure in the Czech Republic – Julia Tobikova, Department of General Landscape and Nature Protection of the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic
Green Infrastructure in Hungary – Örs Marcin, Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary
Green Infrastructure in Estonia – Mart Kulvik, Estonian University of Life Sciences, Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Green Infrastructure in France – Dr Naïk Faucon & Aurelien Daloz, Atelier Technique des Espaces Naturels

Questions and Answers
15:15 – 16:00 – Coffee break with Green Infrastructure fair and networking

16:00 – 17:00 – Green Infrastructure at the local level – the urban perspective:
Green Infrastructure in the urban landscape - the URBES project – Chantal Van Ham, IUCN
Green Infrastructure in our neighbourhood – Sharing our houses with birds and bats – Dr Lubomira Vavrova, BROZ
Green City – Green Infrastructure in urban spatial planning – examples of Miskolc and Kosice – Zsolt Somorjai, Green City Hungary

17:00 – 18:30 – Green Infrastructure at the local level – the rural perspective
The QuESSA Project: Quantification of Ecological Services for Sustainable Agriculture – Mark Szalai and Örsolya Pinter, Szent István University Gödöllő
Options and examples for integrating Green Infrastructure into Rural Development Programmes – Nat Page, Fundatia ADEPT Transilvania
LEADER projects as examples of Green Infrastructure – Sylvia Mittermayer and Thomas Ellmauer, Environment Agency, Austria
Regional and rural development by Green Infrastructure in England – Jacqui Stearn, Natural England

Questions and Answers

18:30 – 18:45 – Conclusions and introduction of next day sessions

19:00 – Dinner

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8:00 – 9:00 – Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 – Green Infrastructure and its potential in the business sector – Rupert Haines, ICF International

9:30 – 10:00 – Valuing and Accounting for Natural Capital in the EU - its Engagement within Target 2 of the EU Biodiversity Strategy – Alberto Arroyo Schnell, WWF

10:00 – 10:30 – Building a blue infrastructure with the water sectors – Chris Baker, Wetlands International

10:30 – 11:00 – Green roof as a profitable investment – Sandor Horvath, Association of Green Roof and Green Wall Builders

11:00 – 11:30 – Green Infrastructure in road construction – Dr András Szirányi, National Infrastructure Development Hungary

11:30 – 12:00 – Coffee Break
12:00 – 12:30 – The role of Green Infrastructure in nature conservation and protecting the Natura 2000 Network – Stefan Leiner, European Commission, DG Environment

12:30 – 13:30 – What’s next? – Panel discussion with the presenters on how to make Green Infrastructure part of our everyday lives

13:30 – 14:30 – Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 – Applying Green Infrastructure Strategy in practice I – group discussion of various stakeholders on planning and financing Green Infrastructure projects

15:30 – 16:30 – Applying Green Infrastructure Strategy in practice II – group discussion of various stakeholders on implementing and scaling-up Green Infrastructure projects

16:30 – 17:00 – Concluding remarks of the CEEweb Academy

17:00 – 17:15 – Coffee break

17:15 – 19:00 – Celebrating 20 years of CEEweb for Biodiversity and its work for Nature Conservation in Central and Eastern Europe – buffet and wine reception

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