

INTENSIVE PROGRAMME "RESPONSIBLE USE OF SOIL AND LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT"
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The aim of the Intensive Programme "Responsible use of soil and land and regional development" is to steadily increase the ability of the participants to learn from each other, in order to help them develop an understanding for the problems of responsible land use¹. The duration of the project will comprise three academic years, from 2004 to 2007. In a three-part, interlinked development schedule, students and professors of several universities from six countries in the Danube region (DE, AT, HU, SI, SK, BG) will co-operate with representatives from the fields of science and administration and representatives of the region around the Neusiedler See (Lake Neusiedl).

The goal of this Intensive Programme will mainly be the conservation of soils for the generations to come and the fostering of biological diversity on and in the soils. This is to ensure equal opportunities for future generations.

In the first stage of analysis from 2004 to 2005, theoretical and practical examples related to the topics of the five soil research groups are presented and summed up in a "Future Search Workshop" (see below), for the planning of possible actions. The second stage, from 2005 to 2006 will be dedicated to the development of a "strategic soil model". The aim of the third stage of this IP, from 2006 to 2007, is the elaboration of a common vision for an economic soil and land use in the sense of a balanced production, as well as the development of concrete measures for a "learning region" within the context of the "Biosphärenregion und Leitbild Grüne Mitte" ("Biosphere Region and Model "Green Centre")² and for putting these measures into practice in the Danube region³.

In a **Future Search Workshop** with the title "Searching for Common Ground for our Common Soil"⁴, the participants will be confronted with common questions regarding soil problems. The efforts of a "learning community" facilitate the creation of a common vision regarding a common theme, which should finally lead to a harmonisation of the different demands concerning soil use. The Future Search Workshop (7-9 April 2005) is very clearly structured⁵. This structured course of action will systematically create an excellent basis for dialogue, will further the emotional understanding between the participants of the meeting and will enable all interest groups (stakeholders) concerned, to understand their common situation better and to accept the responsibility for it. The aim is to reach a common vision and to elaborate proposals for its implementation.

The schedule of the Future Search Workshop comprises three days. In six phases (*past, present, analysis of strengths and weaknesses, visionary phase, common ground, and action plan*) the participants will deal with different tasks, for the most part independently, in varying – homogenous and heterogeneous – table groups. In the last phase, measures will be planned and a work and time schedule will be developed, referring to the topics which will be elaborated by groups of students within the project week (11-16 April 2005).

¹ BLUM / KAEMMERER / STOCK (Hrsg.): Neue Wege zu nachhaltiger Bodennutzung. Eine Veranstaltung der Deutschen Bundesstiftung Umwelt zur EXPO 2000. Berlin, Erich Schmidt Verlag GmbH&Co. ISBN 3 503 06637 3

² ZECH, Sibylla et al (2004): Biosphärenregion und Leitbild Grüne Mitte im Rahmen des INTERREG III- Projektes jordes+. Wien, Regional Consulting ZT GmbH

³ KVARDA, Werner (Hrsg.) 2004: Ecologisation of the Danube Region. Der Donauraum. Zeitschrift des Institutes für den Donauraum und Mitteleuropa. 44.Jg. 1 / 2 - 2004. Wien: Böhlau Verlag

⁴ WEISBORD, Marvin, R. (1993): Discovering Common Ground. San Franzisko: Berrett-Koehler Publishers.

⁵ OSINGER, Dietmar (2001): Brücken schlagen – Netze knüpfen. Eine Zukunftskonferenz als einstieg in das Projekt „BRIDGE“. In: IFL, BOKU; Wien. (2001) BRIDGE Lifeline Danube, "Visionen für den Donauraum". Nachhaltige Entwicklung und Freiraumgestaltung. Ein Kommunikationsnetzwerk der Städte entlang der Donau. Wien: IFL ISBN 3-900962-32-4, p.37 - 41 Siehe auch <http://www.new-bridges.net>

3.4 DAY-TO-DAY PROGRAMME

IP, 3-17 April 2006, in Neusiedl am See

Days	Time 8:00 – 12:00	Lunch	Time 14:00 – 18:00
3. Sunday			Day of arrival accommodation: 'Haus am Tabor', reception desk open from 14:00 h on! 7:30 p.m. Dinner in the 'Rathausstüberl'
4. Monday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Introduction: Prof. Blum – discussion, structure of the two weeks	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Presentation and discussion case studies
5. Tuesday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Presentation and discussion case studies	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Presentation and discussion case studies
6. Wednesday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Presentation and discussion case studies	RATHAUS STÜBERL	Excursion - Biological Station Illmitz, National Park Neusiedler See
7. Thursday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) <u>Future Search Workshop</u> Phase 1 - common ground	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) <u>Future Search Workshop</u> Phase 2 – mind map
8. Friday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) <u>Future Search Workshop</u> Phase 3 + 4 – strengths and weaknesses	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) <u>Future Search Workshop</u> Phase 5 – strategies
9. Saturday	„HAUS IM PULS“ NEUSIEDL AM SEE <u>Future Search Workshop</u> Phase 6 – planning measures	RATHAUS STÜBERL	„HAUS IM PULS“ NEUSIEDL AM SEE Presentation of results
10. Sunday	Cultural activity		Cultural activity
11. Monday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Project, start of group work	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Continuation of group work
12. Tuesday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Continuation of group work	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Continuation of group work
13 Wednesday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Continuation of group work	RATHAUS STÜBERL	Excursion - wind parks
14 Thursday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Continuation of group work	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Continuation of group work
15 Friday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Continuation of group work	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Summary of results and group reflexion about the project week
16. Saturday	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Group work: preparation of the presentation – strategic model "Soil"	RATHAUS STÜBERL	FEUERWEHRHAUS – SEMINARRAUM (seminar room of the fire station) Presentation of the workshop results
17 Sunday	Day of departure		

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Virtual cooperation and discussion forum

Interdisciplinary exchange and virtual co-operation will be facilitated by an already existing "Team Workspace" for data exchange, and by a discussion forum called "Soil Cafe", which is integrated in it (see <http://workspace.boku.ac.at/ipsoil>). For evaluation purposes, a guest account can be requested for the Team Workspace (user administrator: Claus Rainer Michalek: (claus-rainer.michalek@boku.ac.at))

Application IPSOIL – “Responsible use of soil and land and regional development”. You can download the German and English versions of the SOKRATES Intensive Programme Application from our website <http://www.academia-danubiana.net>. To download the Application Forms for the ERASMUS1 Intensive Programme in English, ES, DA, DE, FR, IT, NL, PT, FI, SV, go to http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/socrates/erasmus/forms_en.html#1

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