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ORGANIZER

Umweltdachverband GmbH in cooperation with ÖAR Regionalberatung GmbH – as part of the project “Biodiversity & LEADER” within the framework of the campaign “vielfaltleben” of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (BMLFUW) – www.vielfaltleben.at

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REGISTRATION

As the number of participants is restricted we kindly ask that you register no later than March 20, 2014: **online registration**
Participation is free of charge. The conference will be held in English.

VENUE

Diplomatic Academy of Vienna
Favoritenstrasse 15 a
1040 Vienna, Austria

ACCESSIBILITY

We kindly ask you to use an environmentally friendly mode of travel such as public transport. The nearest subway station to the Diplomatic Academy is Taubstummengasse on line U1.
For a detailed schedule please see **ÖBB** (Austrian Federal Railways) or **Wiener Linien** (Public Transport Network Vienna).

ACCOMMODATION

Please book through the **Vienna Tourist Board**, the official tourism organization of the City of Vienna.

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BIODIVERSITY & LEADER

International expert conference

invitation

3 April 2014

Diplomatic Academy, Vienna, Austria

programme

Thursday, 03.04.2014

Aim of the event

In the course of the high-ranking international conference "Biodiversity & LEADER" several approaches to the implementation of biodiversity projects into LEADER will be presented and discussed. Experts will provide insights into the current status of the LEADER approach at different levels with respect to the new financing period 2014-2020. Furthermore they will inform about important biodiversity topics of relevance to LAGs and local development strategies. The conference shall also provide an opportunity for an international exchange of ideas and experiences as well as for the promotion of best-practice examples from all over Europe. The aim of this conference is to encourage networking and the implementation of biodiversity-related LEADER projects.

09.00 REGISTRATION & COFFEE

09.30 WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- Michael Proschek-Hauptmann, Umweltdachverband
- Wolfram Tertschnig, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (BMLFUW)

Moderator: Robert Lukesch, ÖAR Regionalberatung

09.45 LEADER & BIODIVERSITY – A CLOSE EXAMINATION AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

LEADER 2014-2020: a promising approach

- Edina Ocsko, European Network for Rural Development

LEADER in Austria – the current situation and future prospects

- Ignaz Knöbl, BMLFUW Austria

10.45 – 11.15 COFFEE BREAK

"Local benefits of nature conservation" vs. "Biodiversity is not for sale"

- Magnus Wessel, BUND Germany

Incorporation of biodiversity into a local development strategy – a success story

- Bérengère Bougué, LAG "Pays de Sources & Vallées", France

12.30 – 13.30 LUNCH BREAK

13.30 SUCCESSFUL BIODIVERSITY & LEADER PROJECTS

Parallel sessions: interactive poster presentations and exchange of experiences

**Poster session 1:
Preservation and
protection of
cultural landscapes**

Biodiversity analysis of old cherry varieties
Marta Jańczak-Pieniążek & Wojciech Pikula, Stowarzyszenie Kraina św. Anny – Poland

The Little Owl as an ambassador for the small-scale landscape of the Flemish Ardennes
Roeland Cappon, LAG Flemish Ardennes – Belgium

Exploitation of mowing material in Allgäu region
Uwe Kießling, Allgäuer Streueprojekt – Germany

Opportunities in traditional orchards
Jolanda Gobec, LAG "Posavje region" – Slovenia

**Poster session 2:
Conservation –
species and habitat
management**

A network of nature conservation areas at municipal level

Bernhard Ferner, Umweltbundesamt & Andreas Zeman, LAG Nordburgenland plus – Austria

Improving biodiversity in Morlaix Bay

Dorothée Le Gal, Pays de Morlaix & Yann Jacob, Bretagne Vivante-SEPNB – France

The Anglesey Local Nature Reserves and the Local Biodiversity Action Plan Species project

Gerald Llewelyn Jones, Menter Môn – UK (tbc)

Restoration of a large river reach in Southern Ireland

Fran Igoe, IRD Duhallow Region – Ireland (tbc)

Mowing of nature conservation areas with horse power

Karin Hochegger, Natura 2000 site manager – Austria

**Poster session 3:
Biodiversity
awareness raising**

Bees & Biodiversity

Axel Mitzka, Naturpark Dübener Heide – Germany

Learning paths along Ponikva

Suzana Zupančič, RA Kozjansko, LAS "Od Pohorja do Bohorja" – Slovenia

WOLF – Wild Life & Farmers

Eugenio García-Rajo, LAG ADRI Valladolid Norte – Spain

Working the Tweed

Claire Pencak, Tabula Rasa – UK

Promotion of the seasonal Lakes of Pivka

Erika Kovačič, LAG for the rural development of the land between Sneznik and Nanos – Slovenia

15.00 – 15.30 COFFEE BREAK

15.30 HOW TO INTEGRATE BIODIVERSITY INTO THE LEADER PLANNING PROCESS

Short reflection on poster sessions

How to integrate biodiversity into the Austrian LEADER planning process – recommendations

- Michael Proschek-Hauptmann, Umweltdachverband

Panel & plenary discussion: Exchange through Europe

Conclusion and prospects

17.15 – 19.15 WINE & MORE