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Background

Many former and present military areas in Central and Eastern Europe are of high nature conservation value. Often this high value is thanks to their status of military area, or even a direct result of certain military activities.

First steps to enhance the long-term protection of the nature values in these military areas have been taken in some countries, through management planning to even better combine the military training with the conservation requirements of species and habitats, through concrete projects to restore degraded nature areas. The EU LIFE fund is co-financing several of such projects, and many of the areas still in military use have been designated as Natura 2000 sites.

However, there are still a lot of unsolved management problems and conflicts of interest, especially in countries under high transformation pressure in Central, Eastern and South-eastern Europe.

Starting from the database of military training areas and their nature conservation challenges which our DBU-financed project has been building up this year, our workshop offers

- a chance to propose projects to improve nature conservation in military areas (active or decommissioned) which could be submitted to funding agencies,
- an exchange of experience with countries which have already carried out successful projects to preserve and manage the nature values in military areas,
- discussions on best practice and innovation,
- support for networking and closer collaboration between military authorities and the relevant conservation experts and agencies,
- tools for project development esp. financing instruments, potential partners.

The conference is organised by Bavarian Academy for Nature Conservation and Landscape Management (ANL) in cooperation with Naturstiftung David and Central- and East European working group for the enhancement of biodiversity (CEEweb)

Conference Location

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Registration

Please register until 21/09/09 via E-Mail at anmeldung@anl.bayern.de or complete the attached form and send it via fax +49 (0)8682 8963-17
Limited number of participants – please register as soon as possible.

No conference fee and catering will be charged, but accommodation must be covered by the participants.



Managing military training areas of high ecological value in Central and Eastern Europe

30/9 - 1/10/2009, Passau, Germany

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Tuesday, 29. September 2009

18:00 - 20:00 Welcome reception

Hotel "Weißer Hase", Passau, Germany,
Dr. Bettina Burkart, ANL

Wednesday, 30. September 2009

9:00 Welcome, Aims of the meeting, Greetings

Dr. Bettina Burkart, ANL; Adrian Jobst, Naturstiftung David; Wolfgang Fremuth, Frankfurt Zoological Society

9:15 Nature Conservation Projects of the DBU in CEE – examples and future concepts

Dr. Volker Wachendorfer, Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt

9:25 Military training areas of high nature conservation value in Central and Eastern Europe; first analysis of database and networking processes

Dr. Kerstin Höntsch, Naturstiftung David

9:50 Insight into practical solutions by the German armed forces in handling nature conservation in their military areas

Stephanie Puffpaff, BMVg Germany

10:15 The EU wilderness approach and wilderness management in Military Training Areas

Sarolta Tripolszky, CEEweb

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Nature management in Natura2000 territory and military training area "Adazi", **Latvia**

Agnese Krauze, Environment Department, State Agency for Defence Properties, Latvia

11:25 Values of nature and environmental management in military training areas in **Estonia**

Liina Allikas, Estonian Defence Forces

11:50 Research on the biodiversity of abandoned military training areas in the **Czech Republic**

Pavel Marboul, Daphne CZ; Oldřich Čížek, NGO Hutur; Martin Konvička, University of South Bohemia

12:15 Management and sustainable development of **Slovene** military areas

Tjaša Djokic, BA, Bojana Fajdiga, BSc, Institute for Nature Conservation; Margareta Jeraj, PhD, Ministry of Defence; Marjana Trontelj, MSc, Slovenian Armed Forces

12:40 Brain-storming: collecting new project ideas based on the presentations

Sarolta Tripolszky, CEEweb

13:15 Lunch Break

14:00 Nature conservation on military areas – opportunities for funding actions under LIFE +

Frank Vassen, LIFE Unit, E.4, DG Environment, European Commission

14:30 Project development **workshops**

I: developing nature conservation and restoration projects; sources of funding. *Anton Gazenbeek*

II: creating communication structures to publicise nature conservation in military areas and raise awareness internally. *N.N., LIFE project DANAH*

III: building up networks between military authorities and civilian conservation bodies in CEE for peer-to-peer exchange of best practice particularly with regard to Natura 2000.

DI Wolfgang Mattes, Umweltbundesamt GmbH Wien

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 Feedback from workshops and discussion

Dr. Bettina Burkart, ANL

18:00 Conclusions and next steps

Dr. Bettina Burkart, ANL; Sarolta Tripolszky, CEEweb

18:30 Dinner

Thursday, 1. October 2009

8:30 Military training area Boletice (Czech Republik): is it necessary to manage natural habitats?

Dr. Vit Grulich, University Brunn; Dr. Alena Vydrova and Mgr. Jitka Sterbova, Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection CR

9:30 Start of field trip

Transfer to MTA Boletice by bus from Hotel Weißer Hase

11:30 Terrain visit MTA Boletice

Dr. Vit Grulich, Dr. Alena Vydrova

13:00 Lunch in MTA beside lake Olsina

14:00 Presentation about military activities in the MTA Boletice
Ing. Karel Trneny, ČZ Army

14:20 On the "extreme" biodiversity value of European military ranges: a shocking exception or expectable pattern?

Dr. Martin Konvicka, University South Bohemia

14:45 Terrain visit continues

16:00 Transfer to Passau

18:00 Estimated arrival in Passau
(Railway station and Hotel "Weißer Hase")