

SUPPORT TO NATURE PROTECTED AREAS



Application process on the selection of nine Ukrainian Protected Areas staff for summer training at the European Parks Academy (Klagenfurt, Austria, July 2019)

As part of its capacity building and training activities, the "Support to Nature Protection in Ukraine - SNPA" project announces the competition of the selection of 9 suitable staff from all Ukrainian protected Areas (does not depend on governance body of protected area) to attend the European Parks Academy (Klagenfurt, Austria) summer course in 2019. Please find more information about the project under www.snpa.in.ua

The European Parks' Academy is a unique educational offer for executives, national authorities and professionals in the management of protected areas, as well to planners, consultants and stakeholders. The summer school is located at the attractive facilities of the Klagenfurt Lakeside Campus. International trainers and international participants elaborate jointly solutions to particular problems. The European Parks' Academy is run in co-operation with the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas WCPA. Detailed information is available at: www.e-c-o.at/epa.html

In 2019 three seminars are offered that are relevant within the project's context:

- **“World Heritage & Sustainable Tourism”**: This module will focus on touristic regulations and recommendations of the World Heritage Conventions and analyses the potential of World Heritage sites. Participants will learn about instruments, practical measures and approaches for sustainable planning and management of tourism.
- **“Ecological Monitoring & Innovative Technologies”**: This module provides hands-on training with the latest technological innovations in wildlife monitoring as well as in vegetation and change detection, based on remote sensing. Other useful new tools and devices presented will include smartphone apps, tablets and UAVs/drones. Participants will learn how to apply or customise these technologies to their specific needs.
- **“Transboundary Protected Areas & Successful Management”**: This module will focus on how to find common approaches, deal with legal aspects, meet the challenges of intercultural communication and learn more about existing cooperation models and practical benefits of existing guidelines, e.g. the IUCN Guidelines on Transboundary Cooperation.

All three topics are addressing some of the most crucial issues for the Ukrainian protected areas system. The specific design of the programme allows participants to bring their own case studies, problems or challenges to jointly work on them with renowned experts and facilitators. Thus, the participants will work on practical Ukrainian challenges in protected area management and develop potential roadmaps, ideas or solutions which could be further pursued. We plan to select nine participants divided by each three for three seminars, which will run in parallel. The applicant can apply for more than one seminar but with different separate applications. In case of winning more than one seminar place the person can select just a one by preference.

- **Duration:** six days (4 days' seminar + 2 days' excursions in Alpine protected areas)
- **Date:** July 15th-21th 2019 (including arrival and departure days)
- **Location:** Klagenfurt, Austria

The project will support all necessary items linked to the training, including flight, accommodation, per diem, the cover of the fee training package (European Parks Academy) including logistic support, local contact point etc., In addition, the project will also cover insurance, city travel and books purchase.

Requirements for the candidates:

- to be a staff member of the protected areas in Ukraine
- to have a very good level of English language skills (able to lead a professional conversation);
- to own a position in the management or research departments of protected area (which allows candidates to apply the received knowledge).

For the selection process, we ask for the submission of the following documents/information in English:

1) Cover letter and CV (max 2 pages both)

- Current protected area and position
- Educational background
- Working experience in the fields of protected area management/nature conservation
- Level of English language skills (including evidence)

2) Description of a case study on your protected area (1 page)

- Selected seminar topic (one of three seminars listed above)
- Description of working area / specific protected area(s)
- Current challenges in the management of a specific area(s)
- Special interest/expectations in the European Parks' Academy
- Applicability of received knowledge for your protected area

3) Additional materials, if necessary to support the above documents (if applicant consider)

Applications from candidates who are not employees of Ukrainian protected areas and/or submitted not in English will be automatically rejected.

The received applications will be the subject of pure review process based on several criteria like language skills, current position relevance for training topic, overall competence/personal potential, case study evaluation and the potential need for own protected area development.

The announcement of successful applicants will be done at the start of July. Please, remember on availability of legal document for abroad travel.

The deadline for receiving the documents: 30th of June 2019.

The documents/information need to be sent by email to Dr Bohdan Prots: prots@snpa.in.ua