



**Active European Citizens
for Environment and Biodiversity**
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Why this course

According to the Sixth Environment Action Programme of the European Community entitled "Environment 2010: our future, our choice", it is necessary to adopt a strategic approach to deal with today's environmental problems. To reach this objective, European citizens have to be involved and encouraged to strengthen their critical capacity to make choices in favor of environment protection.

In this context, the main idea at the basis of the course is to give participants innovative contents and training schemes to influence and integrate decisions of common citizens but also policy makers, business men and consumers with environmental concerns.

Objectives

The main objective of this course is to provide participants with practical skills and innovative methodologies to raise awareness amongst European citizens on environmental protection. In adopting "eco-friendly" behaviours European citizens can become both learners and trainers on environmental protection. Particular attention will be given to the economic benefits of environmental protection with reference to the tourism sector.

At the end of the course, learners will be able to organise similar training and raising awareness activities in the organisation they work for. Moreover, during the training sessions, participants will be involved in networking activities in order to evaluate possible cooperation with other European colleagues and stakeholders.

Methodologies

These subjects will be analyzed by the means of comparison and sharing of experiences and knowledge amongst participants, transfer of basic technical and scientific competences, working groups, visits on the territory, discussion.

The Course will be soon available on the Comenius-Grundtvig course database managed by the European Commission
<http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingqdatabase/>

Dates and location of the training events

1st Session

Location: Cavallino - Venice (IT) Camping Union Lido Park&Resort
Dates: 24 - 28 May 2010

2nd Session

Location: Rome (IT)
Dates: 21- 25 June 2010

3rd Session

Location: Brussels (BE)
European Academy Network
Dates: 5 -9 July 2010

Deadline for the grant request: 15 January 2010

1st Session

Location: Cavallino - Venice (IT) Camping Union Lido Park&Resort
Dates: 20 -24 September 2010

2nd Session

Location: Brussels (BE)
European Academy Network
Dates: 18-22 October 2010

3rd Session

Location: Brussels (BE)
European Academy Network
Dates: 22-26 November 2010

Deadline for the grant request: 30 April 2010

1st Session

Location: Rome (IT)
Dates: 07 - 11 February 2011

2nd Session

Location: Brussels (BE)
European Academy Network
Dates: 21- 25 March 2011

Deadline for the grant request: 15 September 2010



MODULES

DAY 1

WELCOMING SESSION

Introduction to Fondazione Systema Naturae, its associates, scopes and initiatives. Presentation of the course's main aims and contents. Participants will be present themselves and the organisation they work for in order to know each other.

DAY 2

SESSION 2 – EU Institutions functioning

FRONT LESSON: Analysis of the European Union and its institutional structure. Participants will be provided with the basis concepts on EU policies and programmes.

SESSION 3 – THE CONCEPT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

Analysis of the concept of sustainable development with a focus on the environmental protection aspects. Particular attention will be paid to biodiversity and its strategic importance in the context of nature safeguarding.

MODULE 2 - CASE-STUDIES AND EXAMPLES

(through ICT and audiovisual materials)

Aim: give concrete examples on how creative and innovative forms of social communication can be used as efficacious instrument of informal education on sustainable development and sustainable tourism. Examples brought by organizers and participants.

DAY 3

SESSION 4 – EU POLICIES

Analysis of the several EU policies and actions on sustainable development and environment protection in different contexts (i.e. tourism sector). Participants will be provided with also an overview on European strategies (i.e. Sixth Environment Action Plan, EU Biodiversity Action Plan) implemented through specific funding instruments (i.e. 7th FP for Research, LIFE +, European Agriculture Fund for Rural Development, LifeLong Learning Programmes).

SESSION 5 – TEACHING METHODOLOGIES

Analysis of non formal learning methodologies to encourage European adult citizens in understanding the importance of environment protection and in particular of eco-friendly behaviours. Analysis of innovative visual and ICT instruments.

DAY 4

SESSION 6 – VISIT ON THE TERRITORY

Italy: visit to naturalistic sites where training activities on environment protection and carried on by local actors.
Brussels: visit to the EU Parliament.

DAY 5

SESSION 7 – BEST PRACTICES

Analysis of the information campaigns and training programmes promoted by Fondazione Systema Naturae (techniques, contents, target groups).

Participation fee : 750€

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