



KESSA DIMITRA, Greece

The Centre of Strategic Planning and Development aims to find long term and dynamic, practical and humane solutions, aiming to reduce human suffering through providing humanitarian assistance and the institution of strategies for the creation of infrastructures.



<http://kessa.dimitra.gr/profile/default.en.asp>

Elix - Conservation Volunteers, Greece

Co-operating with many communities, local cultural and environmental organizations and governmental institutions Elix promotes creative teamwork among young people from all over the world.



www.elix.org.gr

Hólar University College, Iceland

Hólar University College is a scientific educational and research institution whose objective is to train students to carry out expert work and research in the school's fields of specialisation. The University is a centre for education and research in horsemanship and horse breeding, aquaculture, aquatic biology, and tourism studies.



www.holar.is/english/

UST - Umhverfisstofnun, Iceland

The Ministry of Environment has been running environmental volunteering and wardening for over 20 years and is the main organisation in Iceland for delivery on conservation management and environmental volunteering.



<http://english.ust.is/>

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Environments for Learning Validation and Accreditation

Providing quality assured recognition of Knowledge, Skills and Competences to raise the profile of environmental volunteering across Europe .



A European Project run and co-ordinated by BTCV in co-operation with partners in Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece and Iceland



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Our aim ...

... Is to reward people who are volunteering and gaining skills in the environmental sector by giving them the opportunity to have their work officially validated, recognised and accredited for professional purposes. We want to create a system that is effective, flexible and credible, providing user accessibility and relevance on European basis and bring quality into the experience people have in volunteering.

Who is our target group?

Our target sector is environmental organisations involved in training.. Our target groups are

- young people taking part in environmental activities, volunteering or providing civil society work
- people excluded from mainstream education or training, who are demotivated but through environmental projects find motivation and learn new skill
- young people and adults being motivated by environmental issues and wanting to make a difference

How are we achieving our aims?

We researched existing practices, pulled this together and identified good practice. Then we put together a framework of learning outcomes and assessment criteria for 5 pilot learning areas. This is being tested by partners, will be made available to other organisations.

How do you get involved?

- Request information about our work and our accreditation scheme.
- See our website and learn more about Environments for Learning.
- When volunteering, request recognition and accreditation on basis of the European Qualification Framework (EQF) .
- As an organisation, link the EQF to your work and training and seek accreditation for your volunteers.

Five pilot Learning Areas

Trail Management - Development and maintenance of existing paths and the establishment of new ones

Project Management and Planning - Two focuses: Planning and managing practical outdoor work and theoretical project management from the idea into running a funded project.

Leadership - Knowledge about guidance for and working with groups on a task, including work's preparation and dealing with project partner.

Introduction to Nature Management - Gaining insight into conservation and maintenance work in nature reserves and how it is carried out.

Volunteering/Citizenship/Community Learning - Involving, motivating and encouraging communities and volunteers, raising and maintaining interest in local projects and working with the media, stakeholders and general public.

The partnership

BTCV - United Kingdom

The charity has a successful history of environmental conservation volunteering throughout the UK and around the world. It offers volunteering opportunities and provides training and support. BTCV works together with communities and other organisations, aiming for a sustainable development and future of places and people living there.

www.btcv.org



Green Balkans, Bulgaria

Work of the largest Bulgarian nature-conservation NGO involves a number of conservation activities including restoration of habitats of rare and threatened species, nature conservation legislation, sustainable development and various kinds of trainings

www.greenbalkans.org



ELF, Estonia

ELF's main objective is to preserve the natural diversity in Estonia. Their three main work areas are Nature Conservation, Sustainable Development and Involvement of the public and Learning and Education programmes.

www.elfond.ee/eng



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