

Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic
and
**Center for Theoretical Study, a joint workplace of Charles University and
Czech Academy of Sciences**

**In cooperation with
Czech Ramsar Committee
Carpathian Wetland Initiative**

and
Elbe River Water Authority

Organise

**International Course on River and Wetland Restoration
(Czech Republic 7-11 October 2024)**

A 5-day international course will take place in the Czech Republic in the Elbe River Basin wetland systems. The fifth of a series of such courses organized within the Carpathian Wetland Initiative region, this course is based on the good practice of courses organized on both national and international levels, for the promotion of understanding and establishment of communication and cooperation among various sectors - land-users, nature conservation, water resource management, agriculture and forestry.

Target group:

Experts, scientists, biologists, project managers, project designers, technicians, foresters, farmers, those who are involved in wetland and especially river wetlands restoration, as well as the personnel employed in state administration responsible for protection of nature, environment and sustainable use of natural resources associated with wetlands and shallow water bodies, and other relevant stakeholders.

Participants: About 16 representatives of the target group **from Europe**

Main topics of the course will be as follows:

- Wetland restoration (goals, measures and techniques, monitoring and evaluation)
- Experience with project planning and implementation
- Public awareness and public involvement

Programme:

The programme includes a thematic study tour to the sites with river and wetland restoration projects implemented within the River Elbe Basin. Participants will have the opportunity to see successful projects in situ and discuss phases of the projects preparation and implementation as well as evaluation and suitable financial resources. The course participants will also have an opportunity to present in brief wetland restoration projects they are involved in.

The working language of the course will be English.

Location: Hradec Králové and surrounding, Czech Republic

Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

The course will be financially supported by the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic, the participants are responsible for covering their travel expenses (to the Czech Republic and back) and accommodation (ca. 300,- EUR for the whole duration of the course). The accommodation during the course is arranged by the organisers.

Organisers:

Ms Libuše Vlasáková, National Focal Point of the Ramsar Convention, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic (libuse.vlasakova@mzp.cz)

Mrs Martina Eiseltoová, National Representative of the Czech Republic in the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention and the Czech Ramsar Committee member, Center for Theoretical Study, Charles University (eiseltova@cts.cuni.cz)

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Deadline for application (please use the application form attached): **16 August 2024**

Please send your application to Ms. Libuše Vlasáková (libuse.vlasakova@mzp.cz)
(application form attached)