

## International Workshop: Towards Climate Neutrality in European UNESCO Biosphere Reserves

29<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm,  
Germany

### Programme

<b>Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>		
	17:00-18:00	Arrival
	18:00	Dinner
	19:30	Get-together Introduction to the topic and ice-breaker with the participants
<b>Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>		
<b>Morning session</b>	9:00-9:20	<i>Welcoming to the workshop</i> Introduction & Warm up
	9:20-9:35	German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation/Federal Environment Ministry: The German Biosphere Reserve Network
	9:35-10:30	<i>Case studies in climate-friendly approaches from Biosphere Reserves</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrating approaches to net zero in North Devon Biosphere (Andrew Bell, North Devon Biosphere/UK)</li> <li>Good practices towards carbon neutrality in French Biosphere Reserves (Alice Roth, MAB France)</li> <li>Organic winemaking and Tusheti Protected Landscape Forests and Their Influence in Climate Neutrality" in 3 Alazani river BR/Georgia (Lasha Khizanishvili, proposed 3 Alazani rivers BR/Georgia)</li> </ul>
	10:30-11:00	Coffee break
	11:00-11:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Municipal engagement for E-car sharing and the LEADER funding programme in the Grafschaft Bentheim (Désirée Grandke, LAG Region Grafschaft Bentheim e.V./Germany – online presentation)</li> <li>Sustainable mobility in the Biosphere Reserve Julian Alps – Case study of Bohinj (Klemen Langus, Bohinj Tourist Board/Slovenia)</li> </ul>
	11:40-12:30	<i>Discussion in breakout groups:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current state: Under which condition are activities supporting climate neutrality in the respective biosphere reserves currently?</li> <li>Approaches, best practices &amp; experiences: Which approaches and methods are applied in the BRs (regarding climate neutrality)?</li> <li>Gaps &amp; needs: What has to be done regarding climate neutrality in the BRs? What are needs, open questions and project ideas?</li> </ul>

Afternoon session	12:30-13:00	Lunch break
	13:00-14:30	<i>Excursion on the Isle of Vilm</i>
	14:30-15:00	<p><i>Case studies in climate-friendly approaches from Biosphere Reserves</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential and examples of agroforestry systems in biosphere reserves in Germany (Philipp Gerhardt, baumfeldwirtschaft.de/Germany – online presentation)</li> </ul>
	15:00-15:30	Coffee break
	15:30-17:00	<i>Peer-to-peer consulting session: Group discussions on recommended actions for case studies in European Biosphere Reserves</i>
	17:00-17:15	Side event: One mother of the UNESCO MAB Programme: Dr Magda Staudinger, 25 years after her decease (Lutz Möller, German commission for UNESCO – online presentation)
	18:00	Dinner
<b>Thursday, 31<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>		
Morning session	9:00 – 9:10	<i>Wrap up, outlook to the 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop day</i>
	9:10-10:40	<p><i>Case studies in climate-friendly approaches from Biosphere Reserves</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biosphere Reserves Landscapes – with or without renewable energies? (Prof. Erik Aschenbrand, Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development/Germany)</li> <li>Promoting climate-neutrality by involving volunteers into participatory monitoring of climate change impacts, promoting ecotourism and fining car transport into the protected area (Dr. Claudiu Iusan, Rodna Mountains BR/Romania)</li> <li>Involving the future decision-makers of the Biosphere Reserve Julian Alps to raise the responsible attitude towards climate, nature and people (Majda Odar, LIFE NATURAVIVA: Biodiversity – Art of Life, Julian Alps Biosphere Reserve/Slovenia)</li> <li>Management and calculation of CO<sub>2</sub> fixation potential of alpine peatlands in Val Müstair BR/Switzerland (Sylvia Holzträger, Weihenstephan University &amp; Bigna Abderhalden, TU München/Germany)</li> </ul>
	10:40-11:00	Coffee break
Afternoon session	11:30-18:00	<p><i>Excursion to the island of Rügen by e-bikes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Im Jaich”, Lauterbach partners with BR – getting introduced to climate-friendly tourism concept</li> <li>Journey by ferry to Baabe Bollwerk, introduction to alternatives to car travel for tourists in the BR</li> <li>Presentation of climate and biodiversity-friendly agriculture by FINC Foundation</li> <li>Climate-friendly forest management in Goor forest by Michael Succow Foundation</li> </ul>
	19:00	Dinner invitation by BMUV

<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022</b>		
<b>Morning session</b>	9:00-09:10	<i>Wrap up, outlook to the 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop day</i>
	9:10-9:50	<i>Case studies in climate-friendly approaches from Biosphere Reserves</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case study of Triglav national Park Quality Certificate representing high standards for preserving a unique heritage made of small local productions and a respectful attitude towards traditions, environment and climate in the BR Julian Alps (Renata Cerkovnik, BR Lulian Alps/Slovenia)</li> <li>• Towards Climate Neutrality in BRs of the Two Major Greek Islands: Crete and Euvoia (Prof. Michael Scoullou, Hellenic National Committee of MAB/UNESCO/Greece – online presentation)</li> </ul>
	9:50-10:30	<i>Group discussion with discussion tables</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BRs with “unique selling points” – What are the possibilities and chances of the respective BRs for climate neutrality (strengths and weaknesses of the “tool”/institution biosphere reserve)?</li> <li>• Participatory approaches, civil society &amp; municipal engagement: How to integrate the local population into climate neutrality efforts? Which approaches motivate the people to take part?</li> <li>• Possibility to discuss other issues in depth that came up during the workshop</li> </ul>
	10:30-11:00	Coffee break
	11:00-11:20	<i>Group discussion with discussion tables continued</i>
	11:20-12:15	<i>Joint final conclusion</i> Summary and feedback
	12:15	<i>Departure</i>

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