



PROJECT INFORMATION

Klaus Töpfer Fellowship-Programme (KTF) for future leaders in Nature Conservation from the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

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Joint learning and exchange of knowledge.

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Background

Young professionals in the nature conservation sector in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia are partly faced with insufficient methodological and technical training opportunities. As a result, these countries cannot always adequately reach their goals in protecting biological diversity and in implementing multilaterally agreed measures in nature conservation.

Project details

The aim of the programme is to develop technical skills and management capacities in the nature conservation sector of the target countries. For this purpose, young professionals from the above-mentioned countries, employed in institutions with relevance for the protection and sustainable use of natural resources, will receive extra-occupational training. The programme consists of four 12-day course programmes online or at the International Academy of Nature Conservation on the Island of Vilm, Germany. In connection with these course modules, and with the help of mentors, the participants also develop practical so-called transfer projects in their countries. Excursions to German-based institutions with relevance for nature conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and the recruitment of recognised experts for trainings and as mentors shall contribute to establish long-term contacts and networks to and between internationally based decision-makers and German institutions. Former fellows of the programme now hold responsible positions in sectors with relevance for nature conservation in their home countries and are actively using the KTF-network.

Region: Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

Duration: 2012 (KTF1) – 2025 (KTF6)

Beneficiaries: Young professionals with leadership potential in state and non-governmental institutions with relevance for the protection and sustainable use of natural resources and their institutions in the target regions

Implementing organisations: International Academy for Nature Conservation on the Island of Vilm, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation

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