

PROJECT INFORMATION

Feasibility study for the establishment of a centre for ecological education and research in Kosovo



Summer School in Kosovo

Source: University of Konstanz

Background

Kosovo is characterised by a high level of biodiversity, special topography, heterogeneous geology and traditional land use. At the same time, the country faces many challenges in the environmental sector. Inadequate basic environmental education and a lack of specialists in the field of nature conservation make it difficult to tackle these problems efficiently. So far, Kosovo has no officially established species register, no nature research organisations and no natural history museum. However, for around 10 years now, young people have been becoming increasingly involved in environmental issues. This valuable resource must now be safeguarded.

Project details

The project determined whether the establishment of an environmental centre for awareness-raising, training, research and knowledge exchange would be possible and viable. A feasibility study elaborated who could be responsible for such a centre, which collaborations would be possible, how the administrative and decision-making structure could be set up and how the centre could be financed in the longer term. The project team closely involved governmental and academic partners, NGOs and civil society in order to build a network that can promote the idea of the centre. Through extensive public relations work and courses for schools and universities, the idea of the centre was presented in order to achieve the broadest possible support. Educational activities tailored to different interest groups, such as field trips, animal and plant identification or laboratory work, were intended to demonstrate the centres potential. An established environmental centre could be very valuable for the nature sector in Kosovo and simplify adaptation in alignment to current EU standards.

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