

Sustainability Field Trip to Graz, Austria

organised by
Environment Centre at University of Prague & RCE Graz-Styria at University of Graz

September 9-13th, 2013

Excursion programme

08 September – Departure day

- Arrival in Graz
- Accommodation: JUFA Graz, Idlhofgasse 74, 8020 Graz, Austria

09 September – Day 1: Sustainable Development in Higher Education

*Location: University of Graz, Department of Geography and Regional Science
Heinrichstrasse 36, 8010 Graz, seminar room 11.06*

09:30 – 10:30	Welcome & University of Graz campus tour - Sustainability initiatives at the University of Graz <i>(including a short systemic game about changing perspectives)</i>	Mario Diethart
10:30 – 12:30	World Café "Sustainable development" in the Czech Republic - What does sustainable development (SD) mean to you? How would you define SD? - How is SD applied in the Czech Republic? Do you know sustainability initiatives and/or challenges? (Think about food, energy, mobility, consumption, social issues, etc.) - How is SD applied at your university? What role does sustainability play in higher education in the Czech Republic (e.g. student engagement, study programs, etc.)?	Mario Diethart Marlene Mader Andrew Barton
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30 – 14:30	Sustainable development – an introduction - Discussion about core ideas and principles of sustainability - Austria and sustainability - Czech Republic and sustainability <i>(including a short systemic game about the need for collaboration)</i>	Marlene Mader Andrew Barton

14:30 – 14:45	<i>Break</i>	
14:45 – 15:30	Workshop "Monologue - Dialogue" - A systemic game about the importance of communication	<i>Marlene Mader Mario Diethart</i>
15:30 – 17:30	City tour Graz	<i>Mario Diethart Marlene Mader</i>

10 September – Day 2: Regional and Social Entrepreneurship

Excursion to the Styrian Vulkanland & Ecoregion Kaindorf

08:30	Departure from hostel to Riegersburg castle	
09:30 – 11:30	The Styrian Vulkanland - Short walk to Riegersburg castle - Introduction about the historical and regional development of the Styrian Vulkanland	<i>Mario Diethart Marlene Mader</i>
11:30 – 14:30	Zotter chocolate manufactory & edible zoo - Visit to the chocolate manufactory as an example of regional and social entrepreneurship - Free visit to the edible zoo - Lunch break at the manufactory	
14:30 – 15:00	Drive to Ecoregion Kaindorf	
15:00 – 17:00	Ecoregion Kaindorf – input and guided tour	<i>Joachim Ninaus</i>
17:00	Departure back to the hostel, Graz Approx. arrival time: 18:00	

11 September – Day 3: Waste Management and Renewable Energy

Excursion to a recycling company and energy projects in Styria

08:45	Departure from hostel to Saubermacher	
09:15 – 11:00	Visit to Saubermacher, a recycling company	<i>External input & guided tour</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Drive to the city of Mureck	
12:00 – 15:00	Visit to Mureck – a model city for renewable energies - Guided company tour - Visit to the city of Mureck	<i>Franz Wieser</i>
15:30	Departure back to the hostel, Graz Approx. arrival time: 16:30	

12 September – Day 4: Revitalisation of old mining regions

Excursion to Upper Styria – old mining city Eisenerz

09:00	Departure from hostel Graz to Eisenerz	
10:30 – 12:30	Workshop "Fisher game" - A systemic game by Dennis Meadows about fishing/ the use of resources	Marlene Mader Mario Diethart
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30 – 17:00	Workshop about the challenges of old mining regions - Input presentation about the mining city Eisenerz, its challenges and revitalisation initiatives - Comparison with the Usti mining region in the Czech Republic - Visit to the city of Eisenerz and the Erzberg ('iron mountain')	Gerfried Tiffner Andrew Barton
17:00 – 17:30	<i>Break</i>	
17:30 – 18:30	Reflection & workshop	

13 September – Day 5: Nature park and regional development

Excursion to a nature park

08:45	Departure from hostel to National park Gesäuse	
09:30 – 12:00	National park Gesäuse - Introduction about the activities of the national park (focus on environmental education activities) - Walk along a theme trail in the national park and learn how environmental topics can be communicated	External input
12:00	Departure for Brno/Prague	