

INVITATION

SONDAR Meeting and 11th International Annual Meeting

Soil and Land Alliance of European Cities and Towns / European Land and Soil Alliance ELSA e.V.

Soil for Grasping

Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region

Thursday, May 31, 2012
at the Landhaus St. Poelten (Lower Austria)

Friday, June 1st, 2012
at Záhorská Ves (Slovakia)



May 31, Arrival in St. Poelten:

Lower Austrian Government
Landhausplatz 1, House 1b, conference hall of provincial parliament, 3109 St. Poelten, Austria

from **St. Pölten main station (South)**
Bus no. 4 (direction of Unterradlberg Gewerbestraße)
Bus no. 9 (direction of St. Poelten Arbeitergasse)
Bus no. 6 (direction of St. Poelten Traisenpark)
to „**Tor zum Landhaus**“



June 1st, Arrival at Záhorská Ves:

Obecný úrad Záhorská Ves
Hlavná 29
90065 Záhorská Ves, Slovakia

Northern Railway (regional railway route 930) from Wien Nord to Angern
Ferry from Angern to Záhorská Ves



Information stands of Partner Organizations:

- Working Community of Danube Countries
- Working Group of Compost and Biogas Lower Austria and Austria
- SENEK Soil and Energy Network of European Countries
- Bio Research Austria
- Emmaus Social Project & ELPIDA Positive Art Support/SK
- Energy and Environment Agency Lower Austria eNu
- ENSA European Network on Soil Awareness
- Forum Land
- ICPDR International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
- Climate Alliance Austria
- Agricultural Coordination Office LAKO
- Leader Region Bucklige Welt
- Region of White Carpathians
- Environmental Associations of Lilienfeld and Tulln
- VermiGrand, earthworm farm
- Vodohospodárska vystavba (Bratislava water engineering institute)



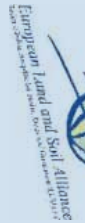
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Naša pôda
potrebujeme ju!
A mi földünk
ragaszkodunk hozzá!
Нашата земя
ние стъпваме върху нея!
Pământul nostru,
cel pe care stăm!
Pământul nostru,
cel pe care stăm!
Наше земљиште
нам је јако важно!
наша земља
— на ній ми стоїмо!



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Soil for Grasping

Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region

Conference languages: German, Slovakian & English

SONDAR (= Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region) is a network of soil protection in the Danube region, and currently covers three cross-border projects subsidized by the ETC with the neighbouring countries Slovakia, Hungary, and the Czech Republic.

This conference takes place within the framework of SONDAR SK-AT and in cooperation with the European Land and Soil Alliance, and it is integrated into the Working Community of Danube Countries and a project of implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region.

The aims thereof are to make cross-border partnerships noticeable, as well as an exchange of experience between municipalities and regions for strengthening soil awareness in the Danube region. Target groups are multipliers within the Working Community of Danube Countries, all members of the European Land and Soil Alliance (more than 150 members in eight countries), and any parties interested in soil protection.

Source: Atlas of Danube countries, Austrian Institute of East and Southeast European Studies, Vienna, 1984



Thursday, May 31, 2012:

Landhaus St. Poelten, House 1b, conference hall of provincial parliament

- 9:00 a.m. Arrival and coffee**
- 9:30 a.m. Patronage Lower Austria/patronage SK**
- 9:45 a.m. „11 Years of Soil and Land Alliance in Europe“**
Detlef Gerds, proxy Chairman of the Board of ELSA e.V., Osnabrueck/DE
- 10:00 a.m. SONDAR Awarding of Prizes Lower Austria**
“Painting with the Colours of the Earth” - MPP Mayor Franz Rennhofer/AT and Mayor Michael Singraber/AT, Soil and Energy Network of European Countries – SENEK Association
- 10:50 a.m. Partnerships in the Danube Region**
- Francois-Edouard Pailleron/AT “Working Community of Danube Countries and EU Strategy for the Danube Region” (enquired) and Phil Weller/AT „ICPDR” (enquired)
 - Boris Simkovic, Mayor of Zahorska Ves/SK & Robert Meissl, Mayor of Angern at the Morava River/AT
 - Antonín Okenka, Mayor of the municipality of Nova Lhotka/CZ and Vit Hrdoušek, Mayor of Tvarozna Lhota/CZ & Ján Tupý, Mayor of municipality of Kosovce/SK & Mayor Alfred Riedl (municipal association of Tulln/AT, enquired), municipality of Vidin/Mayor
 - Christian Steiner, European Land and Soil Alliance & Peter Molnar, Climate Alliance Austria/AT
- 11:20 a.m. “The All-Rounder Soil and its Importance for Sustainability”**
Walter Wenzel/AT and Beata Houskova/SK
- 11:50 a.m. “Soil as an Indicator of Flood Occurrences”**
Jaroslava Sobocká/SK, Maroš Nikolaj/SK and Eduard Klaghofer/AT
- 12:20 noon Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. Exposition “Pebble & Tassel, Variety and Treasures from Lower Austrian Soils”, and Soil Plates**
in the Lower Austrian Provincial Museum: Michael Pollak/AT and knowledge transferors
- 3:00 p.m. 3 Workshops (Nature-Culture-Planning)***
Conflicts, approaches and open questions; coffee
- 5:00 p.m. Summarizing of Workshops** and presentation of St. Poelten Declaration on the Danube Region
- 6:00 p.m. Soil Partnerships in the Danube Region**
Get together at the international presentation of ideas and products of „Soil for Grasping”
Regional evening buffet in cooperation with “Tastes like Lower Austria” at the Lower Austrian House of Government

Friday, June 1st, 2012:

Záhorská Ves/SK, Angern at the Morava River/AT

- 8:00 a.m. Departure** from St. Poelten
- 9:30 a.m. Opening, welcome**
Robert Meissl, Mayor of Angern at the Morava River/AT, Boris Simkovic, Mayor of Zahorska Ves/SK
- 9:50 a.m. SONDAR Awarding of Prizes SK**
“Painting with the Colours of the Earth”
- 10:50 a.m. Private View “with the Colours of the Earth”**
Presentation of Slovakian soil colour paintings by Prof. Irena Racek/AT
- 11:20 a.m. Virtual Soil Tour**
- 12:30 noon Lunch**
- 2:00 p.m. ELSA General Meeting**
- 2:00 p.m. “Soil and Water for Grasping”**
Information stands and sustainable football match in a football cage within the framework of the international Danube Day



* Workshop 1 – Nature for Grasping

Examples for knowledge transfer of the topic of soil as an environmental medium

- Zoltan Füzfa/HU “Experience Education in the Natural Park of the Small Rye Island”
- Wilfried Hartl/AT “Improvement of Composting Biogenic Resources in the Regions of West Hungary, Vienna, and the Burgenland”
- Alfred Grand/AT “Worm Composting and Humus as the Key to Soil Fertility and Protection against Flooding”

Moderation: Hartmut Escher/DE, Christian Steiner/AT

* Workshop 2 – Culture for Grasping

Cross-links between the environmental medium of soil and cultural activities

- Norbert Niedernostheide/DE: “Soil Museum under.worlds (“unter.Welten”) in Osnabrueck”
- Franz Rybaczek/AT, Emmaus (Lower Austria) and ELPIDA (SK): „Social Production using the Example of Soil Colours”
- Erwin Slezczak/AT: “Our Soil and Soil Art”

Moderation: Reinhard Gierse/DE, Renate Leitinger/AT

* Workshop 3 – Planning for Grasping

Consideration of soils in various planning processes

- Petra Blümllein/DE, Jaroslava Sobocka/SK: „ETC Project of Urban SMS”
- Claus Hensold/DE: “Saving Areas in Bavaria”
- Peter Santner/AT & Thomas Knoll/AT: “Criteria for Soil-Saving and Sustainable Settlements”

Moderation: Wilfried Hager/AT, Klaus Köppel/DE

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I will participate in:
(mark where applicable)

- Conference on May 31
- Visit to the Exposition of “Pebble & Tassel” at the Lower Austrian Provincial Museum **(in German)**
- Visit to the Exposition of “Pebble & Tassel” at the Lower Austrian Provincial Museum **(in English)**
- Workshops 1 2 3
- Evening reception
- Excursion on June 1st to Záhorská Ves

This conference will take place within the framework of the ETC project of SONDAR SK-AT with subsidies by the European Union.

Possibilities of staying overnight in St. Poelten (for personal booking):

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