

COMENIUS CONTACT SEMINAR FOR SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS:

EDUCATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The theme:

Environmental education is a learning process that increases people's knowledge and awareness about the environment and associated challenges, develops the necessary skills and expertise to address the challenges, and fosters attitudes, motivations, and commitments to make informed decisions and take responsible action (UNESCO, Tbilisi Declaration, 1978).

With the growing number, complexity, and importance of environmental problems/issues come demands to include a full range of intellectual disciplines and scholarly traditions to help define and eventually manage such problems/issues more effectively. One way to achieve such a significant change is environmental education in schools, which includes three components: curriculum, green facilities and training. Environmental education provides teachers, youngsters, families, local authorities and others with knowledge and methods, needed to produce a critical view and sustainable development, to raise awareness of situations, to analyze and take actions to preserve a healthy environment...

Seminar aims:

- To develop new project ideas and to establish new Comenius school partnerships
- To give staff, working in pre-primary and primary education, an insight of international cooperation
- To give information about Comenius programme and environmental education

Target group:

- Head teachers and teachers from pre-primary and primary educational institutions

Main topics are:

- Environmental education

Date:

Wednesday 27th of October to Sunday, 31th of October 2010

Seminar venue:

Hotel Roža, Portorož (coastal area), Slovenia

Working language:

English

Cost and participation:

The seminar fee is 550 €. It covers the programme, accommodation and meals. The participants are asked to pay the seminar before the seminar start.

The participants should apply for a Comenius preparatory visit grant from their own National Agency before mid July (in order to assure a place at the seminar)!

The list of the National agency can be found at
http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national_en.html

Registration:

Registration to the seminar and practical information will be available at <http://www.cmepius.si/en/> from 5th of May onwards.

Registration deadline: 15th of August

Draft agenda:

Wednesday 27th October:

15:00 →Arrival and registration of the participants

before 18:00 Preparation of the European fair

18:00 Welcome! Opening of the seminar

18:10 Cultural programme

18:20 Comenius fair

Buffet dinner

Ice-breaking games

Thursday 28th October:

9:00 Official opening of the seminar, director of SI NA

9:10 Introduction to seminar theme by field experts

- Expert view on education for the environment

- Expert view on environmental issues

- Introduction to workshops

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Workshops (examples of good practice, project proposals):

WASTE MANAGEMENT

FLORA and FAUNA

WATER

12:30 Lunch

13:00 Visits to local school

Town of Piran sightseeing (optional)

Dinner at hotel

Friday 29th October:

9:00 Workshops (examples of good practice, project proposals)

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10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Visit to organization – research institute

14:00 Lunch

16:00 continuation of workshops

Dinner at the local restaurant

Saturday 30th October:

9:00 Closure of the seminar

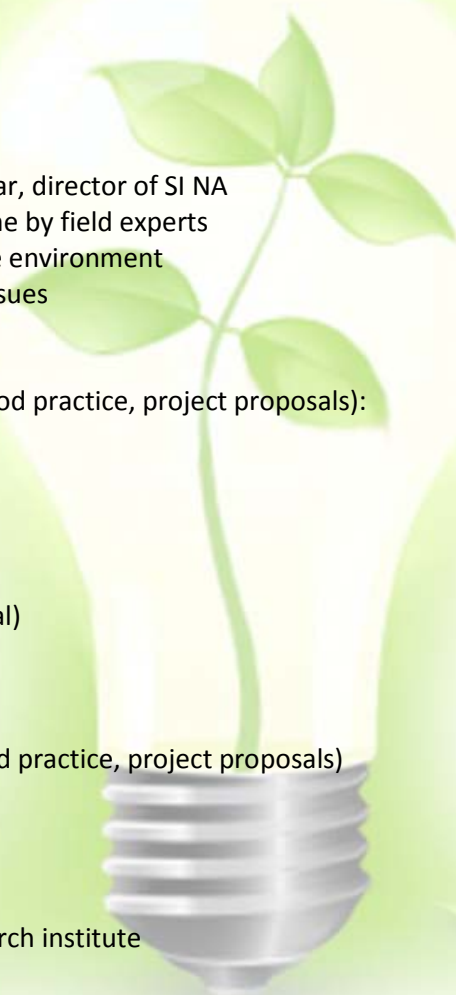
10:00 Coffee break

10:30 Visit to Sečovelje Salina Nature Park (<http://www.kpss.si/eng/park/382>)

Lunch

Sunday 31th October:

Departures



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