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EUROPEAN  
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FOR A  
LIVING  
PLANET

SCHOOLS TAKING ACTION  
FOR EUROPE'S ENVIRONMENT

# JOIN AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS WHO ARE TAKING ACTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

**Are you a teacher of 13 - 16 year olds in Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia or Ukraine?**

We cordially invite you and one of your students to participate in the Academy of WWF and ERSTE Foundation from September 27 – October 2, 2013!

**At the Academy you and your student will be trained on how to lead a collaborative process to create and manage your own nature and environmental project!**

After the Academy, using the newly acquired “know-how”, you will mentor your students through the process of brainstorming a topic, developing a plan, forming teams and implementing their own local environmental projects. At the end of the school-year you and a student will travel to Romania to share your stories and celebrate successes as a large group.

Our program focuses on three topics:

- Ecological Footprint - lifestyle and impact on the environment and nature
- Active citizenship – getting active and motivating others
- Danube – Europe’s lifeline

**If you are accepted to participate, you will ...**

... be invited with one of your students to participate in the Academy from September 27 – October 2, 2013 in Austria.

... receive 230,- Euro to support the implementation of your project.

... be invited to attend the final event in Romania, in June 2014.

... meet colleagues and students from ten other European countries!

**Important additional information:**

- Language of the Academy, the project documentation and the final event is English, therefore knowledge of English at a level B1+, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages<sup>1</sup>, is required.
- Travel costs, accommodation and the participation are covered by WWF.
- As “new experts” in active citizenship for the environment and being part of an international network, during the final event, the group will have the opportunity to organize a common (international) action for the environment to take place the following autumn (2014).



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## THREE FOCUS TOPICS

### **Ecological Footprint - lifestyle and impact on the environment and nature**

We, as Europeans, have the chance to make lifestyle decisions that instead of exploiting nature and impacting our environment lead to sustainable development and responsible use of natural resources. We want to explore possibilities for how to make positive changes and to motivate people to create a future for Europe, with a high quality of life for humans and a healthy environment.

### **Danube – Europe’s lifeline**

The Danube connects Europe like a blue belt. It crosses borders, not only transporting freight and passengers, but also tradition and history. In order to keep this natural treasure alive, we have the responsibility to protect it!

### **Active Citizenship - getting active and motivating others**

It is important that young people recognize the important role they can play in society in order to create a fair and sustainable world. Through Active Citizenship, students gain the knowledge, skills and experience to engage in a democratic society. The goal of education for sustainable development is to give young people competencies and illustrate possibilities that enable them to contribute actively and in a responsible way to a future worth living.

<sup>1</sup> <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr/cef-ell-document.pdf>



# OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMY

- **WWF and ERSTE Foundation Academy at Nationalpark Neusiedlersee/Seewinkel:** September 27<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>rd</sup> 2013

<b>Friday</b>	Welcome in the afternoon
<b>Saturday</b>	Lifestyle and global effects on the environment and nature
<b>Sunday</b>	Active Citizenship and outdoor activities
<b>Monday</b>	Excursion to the Danube Wetlands
<b>Tuesday</b>	Project management
<b>Wednesday</b>	Departure

The Academy includes presentations, workshops and indoor and outdoor-activities.

- **Implement your class project** – October 2013 – May 2014
- **Final Event in a Nature Park in Romania** – June 2014
- **Collaborative, international action for the environment** – Autumn 2014



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Out of all applicants, WWF and ERSTE Foundation will select 33 teachers, who then will bring one student to the Academy in September 2013. Afterward, together with your class at home, you will implement an environmental-based project. In June 2014, you can look forward to meeting the international group again and exchanging experiences with your fellow colleagues at the Final Event. If you are interested in participating, please fill in the form below and attach a cover letter (one page) that explains why you and students in your school want to participate in this project. We welcome you to this dynamic and growing international network!

**Please send your application and a cover letter in English not later than 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 to:**

You will receive an answer not later than 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

## WWF DCP Romania

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# APPLICATION FORM



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First Name	
Family Name	
Name of School	
School Address	
Country	Telephone
E-mail	
Date	Signature

I will participate in the academy and will implement an environmental project with my school class between Oct. 2013 and May 2014.

# WORKING TOGETHER FOR A FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

With its projects, ERSTE Foundation intends to contribute to mutual understanding and the consolidation of European values within Central and South Eastern Europe.

The WWF education programme intends to train and motivate children and teenagers to take action for sustainable development.

With “European Schools for a Living Planet – taking action together for Europe’s environment” WWF and ERSTE Foundation want to add important environmental aspects to cross border school projects. Since 2008 our program has contributed to mobilizing 150 schools and communities from 11 countries to become active for a sustainable future for Europe. We welcome you to our 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the program!

**Doraja Eberle**  
Chairwoman of the Board,  
ERSTE Foundation

**Magor Csibi**  
Country Manager,  
WWF DCP Romania

“This program has changed my view of the world.”  
*ESFALP 5 student*

“From this program I take home positive thinking, energy. New friendships, new skills, new outdoor activities, new ideas and solutions.”  
*ESFALP 4 teacher*

“Give the students a voice – because they have ideas that we can’t even imagine. They just need sometimes a little push.”  
*ESFALP 4 teacher*

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