



## **Education curriculum for nature travel guides (short summary)**

Learning period 1,5 years

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### **1.1. The aim of the curriculum**

The training curricula develops a bases:

- To carry out nature education trainings;
- To arrange and carry out excursion in nature
- To carry out thematic excursions
- To carry out team trainings in nature
- To design nature trails

The Curriculum enables to elaborate social skills and create a basis for further education.

### **1.2. Goals for the curriculum**

1.2.1. The training is elaborated to create a study environment suitable for the development of a student and to development skills as follows:

- Psychology and pedagogics, methodics of nature guiding; pedagogic and andragogics; client service
- Skills that are essential for nature travel guide: Knowledge of species and ecology, heritage; history and languages; nature and environmental protection, law; nature and recreation trails,
- Technical skills: equipment, realization of the excursion; thematic excursions, out door catering; medical first aid, rescue training

1.2.2. For successful competing in labour market, the curriculum is directed towards guiding student to continuous learning, to foster initiative, and to elaborate skills as follows:

- Teamwork
- Problem solution and decision-making
- Creative-critical thinking
- Analyse and synthesis
- Communication and self-indulgence
- Verbal abilities
- Empathy

- Behaviour in situation of crisis

### **3.1.Vocational profile:**

Nature travels guide is a specialist on local nature who is able to disseminate his/her professional knowledge and skills among clients. Additional knowledge is on history, contemporary culture and heritage. In organising the trip, the guide is able to take into account the age, abilities, performance of the human organism, interest of the participants, according to what the guide is able to plan physical load, rehabilitation and nurturing the group. The guide is skilled in different techniques of moving in different landscapes using different tools, is able to orient in nature, solve critical situations and provide first medical aid.

As the job is connected with client service, the personal abilities of the guide include communication skills, friendliness, cheeriness, cooperation, correctitude, courtesy, responsibility, empathy and charisma.

There are necessary some skills and understanding on pedagogy, foreign languages and cultures.

Nature guides would be employed by employers of tourist and nature tourist firms, nature education centres and schools, youth study circles, hobby education and schools.

Additional personal abilities are connected to irregular work schedule and job situations that require adaptability and strength, readiness to work outdoors and flexibility in planning personal work and vacations.

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