STUDY TOUR TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC
12 to 20 October 2024

Study tour is organized in frame of the project "Green restoration of Ukraine: Sustainable recovery of war-affected regions" supported by the Transition Promotion Program of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. The participants will be representatives of communities (hromadas), municipalities and local civic initiatives. The program will be focused on practical examples of sustainable development of municipalities, specific ecological measures and projects, sharing the experiences of local action groups, financing projects and creating new partnerships between municipalities in the Czech Republic and Ukraine.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The study tour is jointly organized by Arnika and the team of the Clean Air for Ukraine programme. Travel expenses as well as accommodation, diet and secure travel insurance is covered by these organizations. Accommodation will be rather modest and in shared rooms.
During the study tour we will spend a lot of time outside, please be prepared for different weather (the agenda might change in case of extremely bad weather conditions). Recommended equipment: outdoor clothes including rainproof shoes and jacket/raincoat, water bottle, a small backpack for shorter trips, an umbrella.
The excursions will be in Czech or English always with interpretation to Ukrainian. Participants will arrive by train; within the Czech Republic we will travel by rented bus.

AGENDA

The route framework: https://mapy.cz/s/fenosacucu

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13 / ARRIVAL TO BRNO, ACCOMODATION

Arrival to Brno main train station cca at **8 am**.
Accomodation: Hostel Eleven, adress: Dominikánská 19, Brno
Free time, joint dinner.

MONDAY OCTOBER 14 / CZECH HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL INSTITUTE, HOSTĚTÍN VILLAGE

8:00 Breakfast
8:45 Transfer via public transport to CHI
9:30-11:30 Excursion to the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute (CHI)
We will discuss air quality monitoring in the Czech Republic and the way how the CHI communicates with municipalities and with public. We will see the monitoring station located within the Institute building.
12-13 Lunch
13-15 Transfer to Hostětín by rented bus.
15-18 Excursion in Hostětín village
Hostětín is a small village with an unusual concentration of model ecological projects - a biomass heating plant with heat distribution system for 80% of households, a wastewater root (vegetation)

sewage treatment plant, two photovoltaic plants, a passive house of the community centre, a cider house with organic production, a historic fruit drying plant and sample natural garden and orchard.

18:00 Dinner

Transfer to Bojkovice (15m) and accomodation: Penzion Hvězda

TUESDAY OCTOBER 15 / LECTURE IN KYJOV, EXCURSION IN ŠUMICE

7:30 Breakfast

8:30-9:30 Transfer to Kyjov

9:30-11:30 Lectures with the local action group from the Kyjov city

In the city of Kyjov there is one of the best functioning local action groups in the Czech Republic. It is called Kyjovské Slovácko in motion. We will discuss their approach, projects, fundraising etc.

12:00 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Transfer to Šumice

15-18:00 Excursion in the Šumice village

In Šumice we will see an example of transformation of 75 hectares of intensively used agricultural landscape into floodplain forest, flowery meadow, ponds and wetlands. We will talk about the impact of this measure to biodiversity, soil quality, drought and flood protection but also recreation and the financial potential.

18:30 Dinner

Transfer to Dolní Kounice (15m) and accomodation in Pension Porta Coeli

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16 / EXCURIONS IN OŘECHOV AND KNĚŽICE

8-8:30 Breakfast

8:30-9:00 Transfer to Ořechov

9-12 Excursion in the Ořechov village

In Ořechov we will focus on systemic approach to the landscape revitalisation and rainwater management. Concretely we will discuss restoration of field roads, planting tree rows and alleys, flood protection, drainage reinforced surfaces, use of rainwater to irrigate the municipal greenery and wetland restoration.

12-13:30 Lunch

14-15:30 Transfer to Kněžice

15:30-17:30 Excursion in the Kněžice village

In Kněžice we will discuss an energy self-sufficient possibilities for municipalities. In the Kněžice village they operate a central heating plant and a biogas station. This source covers 95% of the total heat consumption in the municipality.

Transfer to Brtnice (15m) and accomodation in the municipal hostel

19:00 Dinner

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17 / EXCURSIONS IN NOVÁ VES

8:00 Breakfast

9-10 Transfer to Nová Ves

10-16 Excursion in the Nová Ves village (Lunch will be provided as part of the program)

In **Nová Ves** village we will focus on a pond revitalization project of which a decontamination was a key part. High concentration of petroleum substances and zinc there occurred as a result of the activities of a machine tractor station in the 1950s. In the afternoon we will talk also about cooperation between the municipality and Local action group. ***Lunch*** will be provided as part of the excursion.

Transfer to Nové Město na Moravě (15m) and accomodation in Penzion Vrchovina

18:30 Dinner

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18 / EXCURSIONS IN KLOKOČNÁ

8:00 Breakfast

9-11 Transfer to Klokočná

11-14 Excursion in the Klokočná forest

In Klokočná forest we will be presented with a sustainable approach to wood production. State enterprise there sustainably manage 400 hectares of productive forest.

14:30 Lunch

16-18 Excursion in the Klokočná village

In the village we will see a root cleaning plant which operation is provided by a company that is 100% owned by a voluntary association of municipalities. We will also present the municipality strategic plan.

Transfer to Prague (30m).

Accomodation in Toulcuv dvur

Dinner 19:30

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 / FEEDBACK, excursion in Toulcuv dvur (according to interest), DEPARTURE

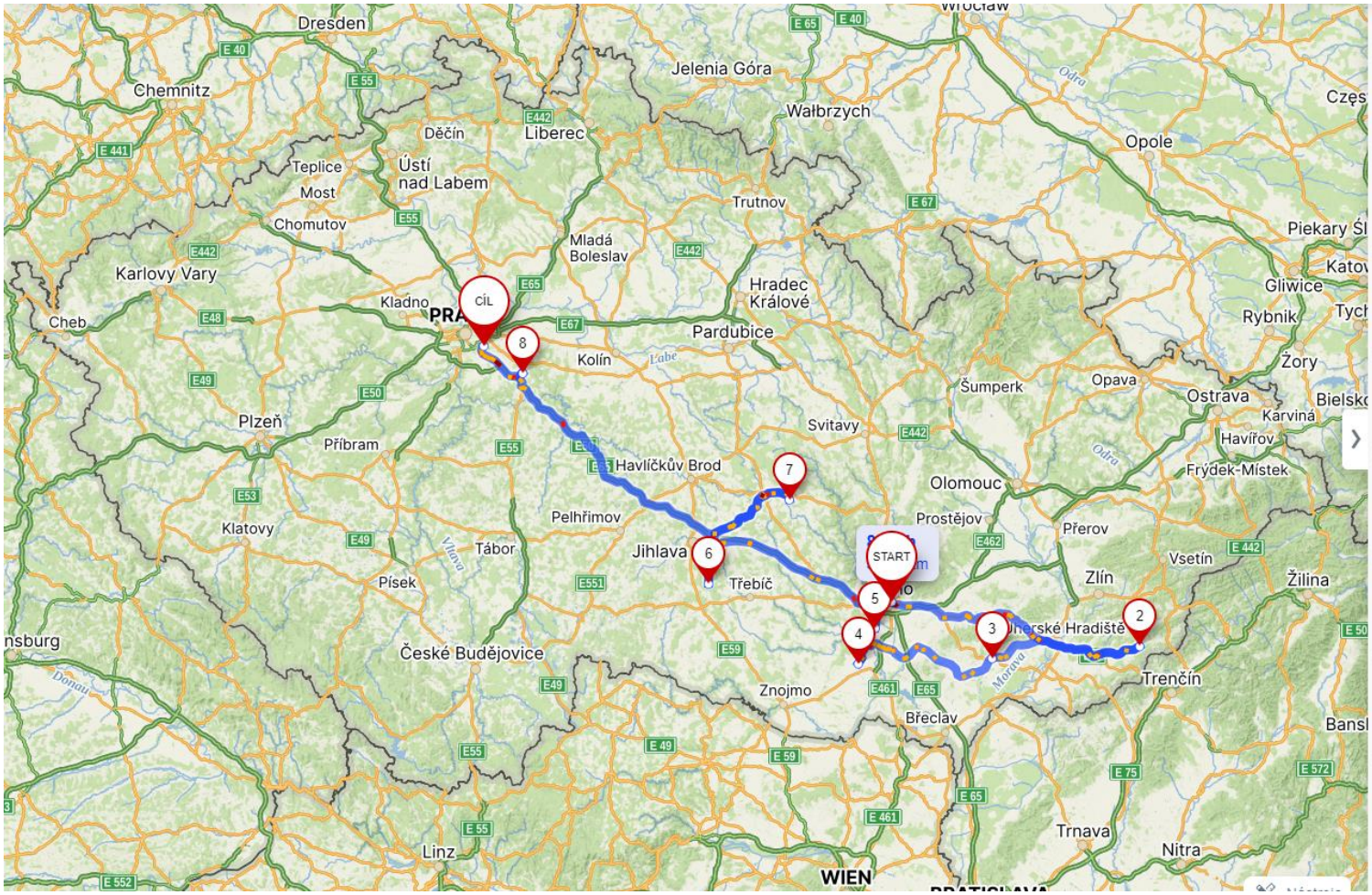
8:00 Breakfast and feedback

10:00 Excursion in Toulcuv dvur (according to the interest)

Toulcuv dvur, z.s. is an ecological education center operating as an organization under the administration of the capital city of Prague. It consists of a complex of heritage-protected buildings and a 10-hectare natural area including an orchard, fields, meadows, a floodplain forest and a wetland. It deals with environmental education and organizing cultural events.

Free day in Prague

Departure: 21:56 Prague, Main train station



Start
Brno
Česko

109,5 km za 1:45 h

Bod 2
Centrum Veronica Hostětín
Hostětín 86, Hostětín, Česko

67 km za 1:06 h

Bod 3
Kyjov
Jihomoravský kraj, Česko

70,2 km za 1:11 h

Bod 4
Šumice
Jihomoravský kraj, Česko

19 km za 21 min

Bod 5
Ořechov
Jihomoravský kraj, Česko

93,2 km za 1:13 h

Bod 6
Kněžice 206
Kněžice, Kraj Vysočina, Česko

61,5 km za 59 min

Bod 7
Nová Ves u Nového Města ...
Česko

148,1 km za 1:36 h

Bod 8
Klokočná
Česko

26 km za 32 min

Cíl
Toulcův dvůr
Praha, Česko

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