



ELCA - Empowering Local Climate Action

Climate protection is a long-term, cross-cutting task for municipalities. Effective climate protection can only be achieved if the know-how available in the municipality is bundled and used in a targeted manner.

This is where climate protection management comes in. Climate protection management coordinates and integrates all climate-relevant activities and decisions in the municipality with proven strategies, instruments and methods. The climate protection manager is responsible for planning, implementing and monitoring the measures of climate action with several adaptation and mitigation strategies in a regional development concept. The objective of the ELCA project is to increase the capacity and collaboration between actors in climate protection management, leading to sustainable development strategies and effective climate policies. The project will involve local actors in sustainable land management through the following measures:

- Training programme in Climate Protection Management
- Establishment of two Community Support Centers
- Development of Climate Action Plans

The project will be carried out in the municipalities Hodonín, Dolní Bojanovice, Hrušky, Mikulčice, Moravská Nová Ves & Lužice in the region South Moravia, Czech Republic and the municipalities Timișoara & Sanandrei in the region Timisoara, Romania.



ELCA is being implemented by the three partner organisations: People in Need (PIN) from the Czech Republic, the University of Timișoara (UPT) from Romania and the Association for Sustainable Development (ASD) from Germany. The project is financed by the European Climate Initiative (EUKI), an initiative by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action. The overarching goal of EUKI is to foster climate cooperation within the European Union (EU) to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

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Climate Protection Management in municipalities Future specialist and management qualification programme

The capacity building of the ELCA project is designed to provide comprehensive knowledge, concepts and instruments of climate protection management at a local level.

All work packages of the training programme are practice-oriented and provide insights into the definition and management of concrete measures for the achievement of climate change targets. Best practice examples from Germany, the EU but also from Romania and the Czech Republic will be presented by trainers, international experts from academia and practice.

The study trip to Germany (Witzenhausen, Hesse) is the practical part and the core of the training qualification. A group of trainees from both countries, the Czech Republic and Romania, will be invited to acquire in-depth knowledge and expert exchange on the cross-cutting issues of municipal climate protection management. In addition, there will be sufficient space for the presentation of relevant organisations and institutions to ask specific questions and to share own experiences.



Structure of the training programme

- **6-month training programme** in cooperation with the training institute Society for Sustainable Development in Witzenhausen, Germany
- **Training 1:** Introduction to basic concepts, methods and instruments of climate protection management using online training sessions, training handbook and a networking platform with helpful material and links
- **Training 2:** Review and development of climate action plans and transfer of mitigation strategies and management instruments, adaptation to framework conditions in Czech Republic and Romania
- **Final Week:** crowning finale of the training programme in Witzenhausen



Who can take part in the programme?

- Czech or Romanian citizenship;
- As places and scholarships are limited, preference will be given to people who show a clear motivation to work in Romania or the Czech Republic in areas relevant to municipal climate protection in the future;
- All seminars and training sessions will be conducted entirely in English. Applicants must therefore have or acquire advanced knowledge of English (CEFR Level B2).
- **Application period: 27.02. - 31.03. 2024**

For further information on the EUKI visit: www.euki.de
 For more information on the local ELCA - projekt and the training application details, please contact the e-mail addresses above.