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Joint Post-Graduate Study Programme in Ecotourism and Nature Guiding

NATOUR CURRICULUM

In the last months, the project team has been intensively working on developing the learning materials of the NATOUR Joint Programme Curriculum. The structure of the content is based on the preliminary needs analysis and consists of four modules:

-  Module 1. Introduction to ecotourism and nature-based tourism
-  Module 2. Creation and management of ecotourism products, partnerships and companies
-  Module 3. The profession of nature guide
-  Module 4. Interpretation of the natural environment

Once the learning content is finalized, the NATOUR programme will be validated by internal and external stakeholders and launched through its pilot implementation.

Open access to the NATOUR learning content in a form of an Open educational resources will be provided through the NATOUR Virtual Learning Gateway and Resource Library. VLG and RL will offer a nonformal learning experience for any interested user in the field of (eco)tourism.

Stay tuned! VLG and RL will be available on the project website <https://natour-project.eu/vlg/>

The newsletters of the project will inform you of the project's process, results and events on a regular basis.

Enjoy the reading!

For more information about the project, visit www.natour-project.eu



INTENSIVE TRAINING WORKSHOP IN BARCELONA

The first face-to-face meeting and Intensive Training Workshop of the NATOUR project took place on April 4-8, 2022 in Barcelona, Spain. 24 representatives from all partner institutions met and exchanged experiences in teaching Ecotourism and Interpretive nature guiding in their countries.



Participants took part in field trips to different ecotourism destinations and interpretive nature guiding activities in Catalonia, such as Mongri, Medes Islands, Baix Ter Natural Park, La Garrotxa Volcanic Zone Natural Park, and La Fageda d'en Jordà forest.



The meeting was a starting point for the development of NATOUR Training Programme. Partners agreed on the methodology, responsibilities and the distribution of work for the preparation of NATOUR learning materials.



FIRST ECOTOURISM TRAINING CAMP

In the period 18-22 July, 2022 project partners and PC HEIs' teachers guiding took part in a one-week Ecotourism Training Camp on the Azores islands, Portugal. The camp's objective was to provide a forum for discussion and learning about the most recent developments in the field of ecotourism in the Azores, as well as to give another opportunity for professional development of PC HEIs' academic staff.

The NATOUR delegation took part in a series of field trips to Natural reserves and protected areas including Ilhéu da Vila, Lagoa do Fogo, Azorian Pineapple plantation, the Gorreana Tea factory, Terra Nostra Garden, Furnas crater lake, Terras do Priolo and more. Participants met local nature guides and together interpreted the marine biodiversity, the volcanic nature of the island, geomorphology and origins of the native vegetation cover, the anthropogenic change, tourism potential and environmental consequences.

During the First Ecotourism Training camp, the team worked on finalising the NATOUR learning materials, where experts made important decisions on shaping the structure, content and dissemination strategy of the NATOUR programme.



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