Study trip
"Accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities in protected areas"

Eifel National Park and Kellerwald-Edersee National Park, Germany
25 September - 1 October, 2016

Preliminary programme

Day 1 **25 Sept** **Sunday**	Until 3pm Evening	Arrival at Cologne Main Station & train to **Eifel National Park**, approx. 1,5 hours Arrival and dinner at the National Park Guesthouse in Heimbach-Hergarten **Welcome, introduction and short presentations of participants**: experiences, projects in the field of accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities, work with volunteers
Day 2 **26 Sept** **Monday**	Morning Midday Afternoon Evening	Breakfast Transfer to the **National Park Gate "Höfen"**, a fully accessible information point with a visual and tactile floor guidance system **Welcome and introduction to the barrier-free Eifel National Park** by Tobias Wiesen, responsible for accessibility in the national park, introduction movie of the Eifel National Park and presentation of the interactive exhibition **Guided walk along the handicapped accessible "Höfener Heckenweg",** famous for its old timbered houses and its huge hedges (path length approx. 3 km) Lunch at "Wolkenschmaus", Forum Vogelsang Visit of **Forum Vogelsang, the newly opened national park centre**, a 2.000 m² barrier-free information and exhibition centre Visit of the **barrier-free wildlife observation station** for watching red deer during the rut Dinner at "Hotel Friedrichs", a national park's partner business Transfer to the guesthouse **Review of the day**: sharing impressions, lessons learned

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Day 3 **27 Sept** **Tuesday**	Morning	Breakfast
		Transfer to the **fully accessible Wild Kermeter area**, a project run by the Eifel National Park and the Nordeifel Nature Park that aims to allow everyone to experience the unique nature of the Kermeter terrain
		Guided hike along the barrier-free nature discovery trail "Der Wilde Weg" with 10 interactive stations that inform about wilderness, forest development and biodiversity
	Midday	Picnic during the hike at the **viewpoint "Hirschley"**
	Afternoon	Transfer to Gemünd with a stopover at the **barrier-free "Urftsee bird watching station"**
		Coffee and cake at Café Müller "Zum alten Rathaus" in Schleiden-Gemünd followed by a **discussion with the host of the fully accessible national park's partner business**
		Presentation of the national park's barrier-free website with discussion and workshop in the national park administration
	Evening	Transfer to the guesthouse and dinner
		Review of the day: sharing impressions, lessons learned
Day 4 **28 Sept** **Wednesday**	Morning	Breakfast
		Transfer by train to **National Park Kellerwald-Edersee**
	Afternoon	Visit of the **National Park Centre**
		Presentation of the barrier-free indoor and outdoor facilities of the national park
	Evening	Transfer to the Hotel Fünfseenblick, Edertal-Bringhausen
Day 5 **29 Sept** **Thursday**	Morning	Breakfast
	All-day	**Inclusive conservation workcamp:** joining volunteers with and without disabilities at the "Integrative Waldwoche/Inclusive Forest Week", a project of the association "Bergwaldprojekt e.V." and the Kellerwald-Edersee National Park
	Evening	Transfer to the hotel and dinner

Day 6 **30 Sept** **Friday**	Morning	Breakfast
		Discussion with staff and rangers of the Kellerwald-Edersee National Park and the Bergwaldprojekt e.V.: Inclusion of people with disabilities and accessibility in the Kellerwald-Edersee National Park
	Midday	Lunch
	Afternoon	**Workshop: Challenges and new strategies regarding accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities in my protected area**
		Review of the week
	Evening	Dinner
Day 7 **1 Oct** **Saturday**	Morning	Breakfast
		Departure to Frankfurt/M. Main Station or Cologne Main Station
	Approx. 1 pm	Arrival at Frankfurt/M. Main Station
	Approx. 2.30 pm	Arrival at Cologne Main Station

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