



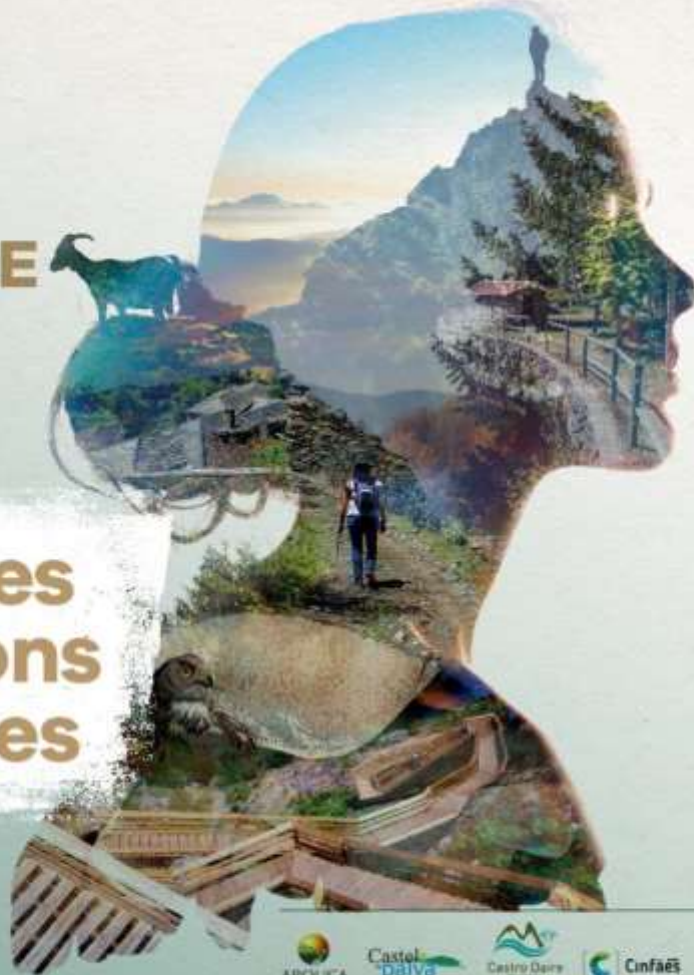
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Modern Park Rangers – improving skills for effective Ranger teams

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Case Study 1: Ranger Training in Germany

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Part 1: Ranger Training

“Governmental Approved Manager for Nature” (since 1998)

- The first non-academic profession in nature conservation
- Established in 1998 as a governmental recognized profession based on further training

Institutions: Governmental approved provincial academies for nature and land management/ for agriculture/ for forestry and private agencies

Duration: 640 hours; 9 – 18 months (extra-occupational)

Fee: approx. 1.000,- € + teaching material + accommodation

Required qualifications:

- Professional qualification in a “Green Profession” (woodsman, gardener, farmer,...but also Biologist, Geographer,...) + 3 years of working experience
- **Or** a comparable qualification (e.g. many years of voluntary activities in nature conservation, many years working as Ranger,...)

Training topics:

1. Basis of nature conservation and land management
2. Visitor information and visitor management
3. Nature conservation and land management measures
4. Economy, law and social topics

Part 2: Bachelor´s degree course in “Land management and nature conservation”, Advanced training: „Management of protected areas“

- Established in 2014
- Qualification: Bachelor of Science

Institution: University for sustainable development in
Eberswalde/ Germany

Duration: 3 years

Tuition fees: yes, depends on university

Required qualifications:

- Entrance requirement for higher education (grammar school, high school)
- **Or** a professional qualification in a profession which is similar to the study + 2 years of working experience
- **Or** a qualification which furthers the study (e.g. master craftsman´s diploma,...)
- **Or** a similar qualification which was received in a foreign country
- A work placement is recommended

Curriculum:

- Compulsory subjects of the study (e.g. ecology, land management,...)
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- Management of protected areas
- Education for sustainable development/ environmental education
- Project elaboration (project has to be linked to the duties of rangers)
- Final assignment (has to be linked to the management of protected areas)



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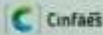
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