



Leonardo da Vinci  
European Training for the UK



## EcoTrain 3

A European Perspective of Ecology and Environmental Conservation

### **Lifelong Learning Programme Leonardo da Vinci**

**Funded volunteer positions 2010 in Spain, Hungary and Poland**

*Are you interested in spending 9 weeks in Spain, Hungary or Poland,  
Volunteering for an environmental organisation, all expenses paid?*

This innovative project was set up in 2007 by Ambios, along with several partner organisations in other European countries. It offers volunteers the chance to join a small team of like-minded people working with one of our European partners on ecology and environmental conservation projects in Spain, Hungary and Poland.

This project is seeking active, enthusiastic individuals who can work as part of a small team and who are willing to support environmental projects with a wide range of themes. Placements and accommodation are provided at European host organisations specialising in environmental conservation and research. Your tasks may include; barn owl, bison or wild boar radio tracking, dung sampling, bird census and ringing, water quality monitoring, dormouse monitoring, hospital aviary work, erecting nest boxes, bat surveys, practical habitat management, etc, depending on the specific placement. Flexibility and self-motivation are key attributes for successful selection to a project. You need to be willing to learn and practice new tasks and skills while also being able to fill any additional time with your own, project focused work (e.g. updating diaries, writing your placement report, researching information, etc).

We are looking for people in the labour market (employed, in work-based training, graduates or people out of work) who would like to join our European Leonardo Mobility funded project to visit one of the following destinations at the following times. Unfortunately you are not eligible if you are in full time education, under 18 or reside outside the UK.

The placements are fully funded but we ask for a deposit of £100 once you have committed to a placement. This will be returned to you after completion of the placement and once you have fulfilled all the requirements of the contract. This includes completing a final report describing experiences during the placement which will then be posted on the project website, completing two questionnaires about the placement and supplying all used travel tickets. The project will cover travel to host countries by train, accommodation (in shared rooms), food costs, health and personal insurance and provides a small weekly allowance which will be paid to you in-country. You will need to take some pocket money of your own for any extras.

Having applied for your desired placement you may then be asked to attend a short interview in South Devon at your own cost. Successful applicants will also be expected to attend an induction and preparation event based at the Sharpham Estate, South Devon. These events are free of charge but travel is at your own cost. The day will involve an introduction to the practical, survey and conservation work and other tasks you will undertake in-country. This is also an opportunity to meet other participants and receive information relating to the culture, language and ecology of the host countries. You will also be briefed on specific project details, health and safety and other project requirements.



**Visit Spain; Host– SEO/Birdlife, Ebro Delta, Catalonia, Eastern Spain**

[www.rietvell.org](http://www.rietvell.org)

Cohort 1: Mon 5 April to Mon 7 June 2010 (2 places)

Cohort 2: Mon 24 May to Mon 26 July 2010 (2 places)

Cohort 3: Mon 13 Sep to Fri 15 Nov 2010 (2 places)

*Themes:* Wetland management, water quality analysis, bird surveys (including assisting with mist-netting, bird ringing), assisting with public events, estate work, habitat management, scientific monitoring of the fauna, flora and physical parameters.

**Visit Hungary; Host – Barn Owl Foundation, Orosztony, South West Hungary,**

[www.gyongybagoly.hu](http://www.gyongybagoly.hu)

Cohort 1: Mon 17 May to Mon 19 July 2010 (3 places)

Cohort 2: Mon 20 Sept to Mon 22 Nov 2010 (3 places)

*Themes:* Radio tracking barn owls, maintaining aviaries for rescued barn owls, installation of nest boxes, contributing to educational talks on owl conservation (in English), dormouse monitoring, invertebrate monitoring, bat surveys, botanical surveys and practical habitat management.

**Visit Poland; Host– Mammal Research Institute, Bialowieza, East Poland**

[www.zbs.bialowieza.pl](http://www.zbs.bialowieza.pl)

Cohort 1: Mon 3 May to Mon 5 July 2010 (2 places)

Cohort 2: Mon 12 July to Mon 13 Sept 2010 (2 places)

Cohort 3: Mon 20 Sept to Mon 22 Nov 2010 (2 places)

*Themes:* Locating roe deer, Bison and wild boar using radio-tracking equipment. Collecting dung samples, analysing location data, Ungulate surveys and biomass recording at the Bialowieza Forest, World Heritage Site.

*Don't wait until the closing date even if your chosen placement period is well in advance, apply now!*  
Final closing date for receipt of applications is **Thursday 4th March 2010**

Interviews will be held on **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010** at The Sharpham estate, Ashprington, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 7UT

The induction day for Hungary placements will follow immediately on the 13<sup>th</sup> March (accommodation provided). Induction for Poland and Spain placements will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010.

Please e-mail your application (with 'EcoTrain Application' in the subject field) to [adammartin@ambios.net](mailto:adammartin@ambios.net) as well as posting a signed and dated hard copy to the address below.

Further Information on this project and the placements can be found on our website;  
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