

**22.04.2013**

***Tentative Program: Joint Networking Excursion in Cooperation***

Soil Network of the Danube Region SONDAR: Explaining the soils of the Danube Delta, May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>

Kulturinitiative Donaudelta/Sfistofca Art Association: Cultural Days Celebration, May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

[Other organisations to be invited: BIENE? IAD?, European Countryside? Japanese Rural Planning Association? Satoyama Club? Others?]

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Morning: Meeting in Bucharest, Bogdan Mihai Vasile, consultant regional development (requested); Laura Ivanov, artist Tulcea/Bucharest (requested); Around 1 p.m. Transfer to Tulcea; Overnight in Tulcea; Tulcea, introduction to the Danube Delta by Dan Maftai, Virgil Vraimasu, State Veterinary Institute Tulcea [to be confirmed].

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Boat trip Tulcea- Crisan-Sulina, transfer to Sfistofca, or direct boat trip, Tulcea-Sfistofca; bird-watching and ornithological explanation. Orthodox Easter and traditions of Russian old believers, Lipovan people; round table on the diversity of religions (Orthodox Christian, Russian and Rumanian Ritus; Catholic Christian; Protestant Christian; Jewish and Islamic beliefs in the Danube Delta) and travelling through the history of the Danube Delta.

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Celebrating Easter with Lipovan people (Russian Old believers) from Sfistofca municipality. Horse coach riding through the landscape, impulsive statements, actions of participating artists and scientists. Visit to Rosetti (Moldovian village). Visit to Periprava (Russian village) and surroundings by horse coach.

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The Lipovan people: "where they come from – who they are – where they go to" Presentation of results of a survey from people in Sfistofca and feed back session concerning future rural development in Sfistofca municipality. Local people explain their life, "digital photo project" and explanation: "Vassili Serbov, others photographing life in Sfistofca during the year. "An outside view on Lipovan people in Sfistofca" by Camillo Breiling, Vienna University. Art workshop: Octav, Laura Ivanov, Rumanian artists teach us how to paint, presentation of Colors of the Earth from the Danube Region.

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Visit to Letea (Hohol/Ukrain village), including history of Letea forest, the first nature protection area in Romania. Architecture, cultural heritage, land use. The SONDAR network, soils of the Delta Delta, bird watching, travelling by boat through the Danube Delta. Overnight in Crisan!

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Morning Tulcea institutes, Danube Delta Institute, Danube Delta Biosphere Institute Biosphere Park Administration. Invitation to join SONDAR network and become ELSA members. Afternoon, Nufaru Municipality, first ELSA municipality in the Danube region. Presentation of SONDAR network and talking soil samples to contribute to colors of the Earth "Danube Delta". Overnight: Nufaru/Tulcea

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Constanta, Ovidius University, a guided tour by Prof. Florin Aonofriesei. Speaking with rector/decision makers at Ovidius. Joint programs for future. Overnight: Mamaia

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Summary. Reflection on the week. Constanta – Bucharest- Vienna

