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Organizer

InfoEck – Jugendinfo Tirol, Research Focus »Alpine Space - Man and Environment« University of Innsbruck

Funding

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Participants

28 participants (4 from each participating country) above 18 years from Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Poland, Romania, Spain and Austria

Motivation

Supporting and strengthen cohesion of European regions is an up-to-date issue to further develop the European Union. One main factor for European cohesion is adequate knowledge about regional peculiarities and challenges that yields toward a better understanding for particular claims and desires. The training course aims to increase the participants' abilities to recognize regional similarities/differences and to exchange information on environment (geology, climate, vegetation), development (society, economy, tourism, agriculture) and challenges like natural hazards and climate change between the participating organizations.

Excursions and non-formal learning methods are used to transfer basic scientific knowledge (e.g. geology, weather and climate, natural hazards), social and civic competences (e.g. requirements for labour market, risk management, sustainable tourism), amongst other skills (e.g. communication in foreign languages, tolerance, cultural awareness).

Discussions and workshops serve to commonly draw new conclusions on current and future challenges and needs on a regional scale and to develop ideas for improved regional cooperation as well as plans for ongoing and enhanced information exchange.

Venue

The Training Course will take place in Obergurgl, a small village in the heart of the Alps. Obergurgl is located in the Ötztal ("valley of Ötz", www.oetztal.com/en), which is not far away from Innsbruck, the capital of the region of Tirol.

The participants will be accommodated in the University Center of Obergurgl (www.uz-obergurgl.at/english/).