

# GREEN BELT

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## Newsletter 07/2007



### Editorial

Dear Project Partners,  
Dear Friends of the Green Belt,

With this newsletter, we are looking back on the project activities of the last months.

The central event was the project meeting from 13 to 16 May 2007 in Ludwigsthal/National Park Bayerischer Wald/DE.

The meeting was followed by a number of activities including a meeting of work group 2 – “Sensitive Traffic Development” in Erfurt on 13 July 2007.

Today's partner profile will introduce one of the Czech partners: Oživení-Bohemian Greenways.

With best wishes,  
Uta Tannhäuser

### Project Meeting in Ludwigsthal/DE from 13 to 16 May 2007

The project meeting looked back on the activities of the first year of the project and served to discuss and fix the activities of the coming months.

The meeting took place in “Haus zur Wildnis”, the visitor centre of National Park Bayerischer Wald opened in August 2006 – an architecturally very impressive building.



*the meeting venue “Haus zur Wildnis”*

Work group 1 presented the **Gap Analysis** of the Green Belt Central Europe. The results of this analysis are documented in a summarising report based on all contributed country-specific reports, in country-specific reports (texts and tables) and in shape files summarised in the ppt-presentation and on posters.

Work group 2 presented the **Analysis of Accessibility** of the Green Belt by road and rail in three categories: 30 min, 60 min and 120 min. On the basis of this analysis, the work group members will identify criteria for “best practices” with regard to public transport, biking, hiking, accessibility for all and eco-tourism with special emphasis on integrated and trans-boundary solutions.

Work group 3 presented the first draft of the **Website** [www.europeangreenbelt.org](http://www.europeangreenbelt.org) which will provide map-based information for people generally or specifically interested in the Central European Green Belt. The designers also presented the **logo** and the **corporate design** as guidelines for all kinds of PR material (web printed material, exhibitions, signposting etc.)

In addition, the project partners presented a large variety of further project activities realised in their countries.



*project presentations until midnight*

The presentations, the minutes and the photos of the project meeting are documented on a CD-ROM, which is available via [greenbelt@salve-consult.de](mailto:greenbelt@salve-consult.de)

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A hiking tour through the National Park guided by the NP administrator Rainer Pöhlmann rounded off the meeting with very interesting information on the philosophy of the National Park, aspects of nature protection, education projects, tourist infrastructure and trans-boundary co-operation.



*field trip to the National Park*

### Work Group Meeting in Erfurt/DE on 13 July 2007

Following up on the meeting in Ludwigsthal, the members of work group 2 "Sensitive Traffic Development" met to define assessment criteria for the different modes, to assess good/best practices and to select samples areas for a detailed analysis.

A work sheet summarises the integrated final concept listing aims of sensitive traffic development, aims to eco-tourism and criteria for good solutions with regard to public transport, cycling and hiking.

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### Website – state of affairs

The collection and revision of information for the website is almost finished. The website integrates main results of the European Green Belt mapping project, delivering a description and species list for 68 so-called core areas of the Central European Green Belt. This information is completed by the description of Green Belt segments (e.g. German-German, Czech-German, Czech-Austrian etc.), by 10 short trip stations representing the variety,

historical and touristic aspects and by projects of the partners.

The texts for the Green Belt segments will be sent to the partners until 6 August for revision with a last detailed description of the missing information. In the next four weeks, the information will be programmed by the web designers.

The next draft will be presented at the beginning of September.

### Partner profile



The civic association **Oživení** was established in 1997. From the very beginning it focused on the promotion and development of cycle tracks and cycling paths and in general support to sustainable transportation.

Since 1999 Oživení has focused on systemic muckraking of conflict of interest and corruption in public administration and increasing of transparency of the public sector. Oživení provides free consultancy to civic initiatives focusing on the protection of the environment or fighting corruption and PR to outcome of their activities.

The vision is a functioning and self-confident civic society pursuing the principles of a sustainable way of life.



*Pavel Svoboda represents Oziveni-Bohemian Greenways*

In the framework of the Green Belt project, Oživení continues to contribute to the Iron Curtain Greenway project – a cycle-way along the former Iron Curtain. This project started in

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2002 as a study for a cycle-way network connecting protected areas in the Czech Republic. In 2004, Oživení started to signpost the cycle-way in terrain and to contact representatives of local municipalities and inform them about the project.

Oživení's activities in Green Belt project are:

- working out the Czech part of best practice examples, study in co-operation with other PPs
- signposting of the Green Belt cycle-way by cycle-tourist mark for mountain bikes
- informing representatives of local municipalities, regional associations about Green Belt project
- pilot project – signposting (direction signs, information tables) about 50 km of old service road along former Iron Curtain
- guidebook for the Czech Green Belt with maps and photos on [www.oziveni.cz/greenbelt](http://www.oziveni.cz/greenbelt)

### Project calendar

15/09/2007

Deadline for delivering short reports and expenditure lists for the **Progress Report** and **Payment Claim** to SALVE.consult (covering the period from Jan to Dec 2006)

11 to 13/10/2007

**Project Meeting** in Nove Hrad/CZ

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