

EASY-ECO Krakow Training

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The **EASY-ECO Krakow Training** is the fourth in the **EASY-ECO 2005-2007** series of trainings and conferences, providing possibility for young researchers to enhance their knowledge and competences in different forms of evaluation and impact assessment of sustainability, and to collect practical experiences from case studies. The overall effect of EASY-ECO will be to strengthen European sustainability at all levels and to provide a stimulating educational programme for young people working in the sustainability evaluation field.

The training venue will be the **Polish Academy of Sciences Conference Centre in Mogilany** (only 15 km from the major city of Krakow). The Conference Centre is located in a noble antique manor house from the 18th century, which is surrounded by the extensive park. The perfect location, beautiful interior and surroundings together with great atmosphere provided by the excellent service have additional virtues, not to mention delicious cooking.

Theme

Participants - apply in May 2007!

The training is designed for a specific target group of **young researchers** (less than ten years experience) with a strong interest in the areas of evaluation and/or sustainable development. Participants may be studying for their doctorates, working in a government department, in public administration, in NGOs or for international organisations in the sustainability/evaluation field.

Importantly, **EU-Grants are available to cover all costs** (travel expenses, participation fees, accommodation and living allowance) for participants of this target group. Young researchers are highly encouraged to visit a conference, and then attend one of the EASY-ECO Trainings, all of which can be covered by an EU-Grant. Ideally, participants will submit a paper on an aspect of evaluation of sustainability for one of the conferences following their training. Full details on eligibility for grants is given on the EASY-ECO website at www.easy-eco.eu.



Evaluation and impact assessment are playing increasingly important role in all European member states. Most governments have introduced regulatory impact assessment procedures for their own policy-making processes and candidate countries are being encouraged to do the same. Local Agenda 21 initiatives, and private sector corporations' sustainability reporting and environmental management systems are also increasingly widely used. Many development assistance programmes, as well as the EU's agricultural and structural funds, are subject to impact assessment or evaluation procedures which can support sector integration, institutional change, reforms, good governance, planning and implementation of sustainable development.

The training in Krakow is intended to enable young researchers to conduct actual evaluation projects in the future, to develop their skills and build their own capacity in the evaluation of sustainability.

Deadline for application for (one of up to 35) EU-Grants is on the 30th May 2007!



Structure of the training

The training starts with a **three month virtual pre-training phase** via the EASY-ECO website. The participants will have access to the core training materials to prepare themselves for the local training.

The **local training, 5th–14th September 2007, Krakow**, combines morning core-modules with afternoon case-study practical sessions. The core modules comprise a series of high-quality lectures given by experienced international trainers. Each afternoon the course shifts its focus to practical case-study sessions, during which participants have the opportunity to work hands-on alongside case-owners and apply the content of core-course materials. Participants are given the choice of working on evaluation/impact assessment case-studies focusing on international and EU policies and programmes; national policies for sustainable development; and regional and local activities for sustainable development (LA 21 etc). In groups of 10-15, participants will be supported by a scientific tutor throughout the duration of the training.

During the **three-month virtual follow-up phase**, participants can work on their own papers towards submission at the EASY-ECO Vienna Conference, with the full support of case-owners and scientific tutors.



Further Information and Bookings

The training itself runs for ten consecutive days starting on the 5th and finishing on the 14th of September 2007. In order to book your participation at the training, please follow the application guidelines “How to apply” at www.easy-eco.eu. Should you not have access to the Internet, or you require any assistance not available on the website, please do not hesitate to contact Tomasz Bergier at the Sendzimir Foundation at tbergier@agh.edu.pl.

The Host of the Training

The Sendzimir Foundation seeks to support inquiry, communication and practice that deepens understanding of and helps to improve the interactions between Poland’s environment and society. The Foundation supports efforts to study and protect the Polish environment and to help Polish society to become one that values and protects ecological balance for future generations; and promotes human well-being by fostering communities’ capacity to sustain

their integrity in the face of an uncertain social and environmental future. The Foundation seeks to work with partners in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

For more information please take a look at the Sendzimir Foundation’s website: www.sendzimir.org.pl

Date	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Core courses morning class	Understanding sustainable development and fields of application Trainers: Peter Hardi (Can) & André Martinuzzi (A)	Types and standards of evaluations Trainer: Thomas Widmer (CH)	Stakeholder involvement and participation Trainer: Clive George (UK)	Market situation of sustainability evaluation in CEE Trainers: Expert from the Host country	Individual support Informal activities of trainers and young researchers
Case training afternoon class	Analysing call for evaluation	Developing quality checklists for case analysis	Stakeholder analysis and involvement strategy	Developing an evaluation design	
Training Objectives	<i>Paradigmatic orientation, market overview</i>	<i>Professional ethics, paradigmatic orientation</i>	<i>Complementary skills, political sensitivity</i>	<i>Market overview, political sensitivity</i>	<i>Networking, individual scientific support</i>

Date	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
Core courses morning class	Theory-based evaluation and policy analysis Trainer: Frans Leeuw (NL)	Evaluation design and data collection Trainer: Wolfgang Meyer (D)	Data analysis, integration and valuation methods Trainer: Mario Giampetro (I)	Communication of evaluation results Trainer: Karolina Mikova (SK)	Get-together with local commissioning agents and evaluation professionals
Case training afternoon class	Making an offer (including budgets) Analysis of actual offer	Handling of quantitative and qualitative data	Aggregating and analysing the data provided and discussion of possible judgements	Deriving recommendations and communicating results to other groups	
Training Objectives	<i>Theoretical and methodological knowledge</i>	<i>Theoretical and methodological knowledge</i>	<i>Theoretical and methodological knowledge</i>	<i>Communication skills and political sensitivity</i>	<i>Networking</i>

