

**Application for  
« Rivjèka ! »  
2 weeks of knowledge-share on river protection and environmental responsibility  
27.07.2020-11.08.2020  
J+N Pro Natura and i-platform (CH) ↔ CEM and CZSS (BiH)**

**INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS OF MINORS**

If you need more information or help for understanding, please contact [jeunes.neuchatel@pronatura.ch](mailto:jeunes.neuchatel@pronatura.ch)

## 1. Overview

Within the two weeks' exchange project "Rivjèka", we will experience common activities on the topics of river protection and environmental responsibility together with young volunteers from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

### During "Rivjèka", you will:

- experience activities and tools on the topics of environmental responsibility, nature protection and emotional binding to local natural values
- learn and try methods to analyse water quality of riversides
- get to know young people and their families from Bosnia-Herzegovina with different backgrounds and a high motivation for nature protection
- learn skills in international co-working, elaborate and implement activities within the exchange project

### Our goals during the exchange are:

- Enable personal growth for every participant
- Give support for the creation of a group "Youth for Nature" in Travnik (Bosnia-Herzegovina)
- Get inspiration and motivation through exposure to people, nature and history, by understanding of different cultures, by learning about the environmental challenges of the partner countries
- Strengthening the partner institutions CEM, CZSS, i-platform, Pro Natura Neuchâtel and the international network Friends of the earth

## Topics and program

- Workshops on the work with children in nature, organization of a children's program in nature in Switzerland and in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Excursions to riversides, studies and analysis of water quality, nature habitats and biodiversity of rivers, learn about the effects of hydropower plants and water protection strategies
- Hiking in karstic landscapes, learn about climate change and its effect on water availability, agriculture and biodiversity
- Organization of a public event to present the project *Rivjèka* and to display the film "Blue heart of Europe"

## 2. Eligibility of Participants

- Young people between 15 and 25 years of age can apply. Exception of younger or older candidates are possible.
- Priority is given to active volunteers of Youth&Nature groups of Pro Natura or similar organizations.
- The project seeks for gender mix and different backgrounds of the participants.
- Application form, motivational letter, copy of ID card or passport must be submitted.
- Total number of participants from Switzerland: 9
- Insurance: you need a health insurance that covers Bosnia-Herzegovina (no EU-member) and the repatriation back to Switzerland in case of emergency.
- The application fee covers all the costs of student participation, including bed, board and all programme activities. In the case of need, applicants can apply for a scholarship
- Applications for swiss participants starts in december 2019 and should be made no later than 31 january 2020

### 3. Accommodation

Accommodation is organised as followed:

Monday-Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020: overnight within hosting families in Neuchâtel

Tuesday-Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 1 August: accommodation in “Sur la Vau”, Val de Travers

Saturday-Sunday, 1 – 2 August: overnight within hosting families in Neuchâtel

Sunday-Monday, 2 – 3 August: night-train Zürich-Zagreb

Monday-Wednesday, 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> August: accommodation in “Visitor Centar Pecka”, near Mrkonjic Grad

Wednesday-Monday, 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> August: overnights within hosting families in Travnik

You are pleased to specify in the application form if you have the possibility to host (one/two) volunteers at yours during the days from July 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> and August 1-2. Hosting families will be found in and around Neuchâtel in order to host everybody in a secure place.

### 4. Language

The official language during the exchange project is English. If needed, translation is assured. Please contact us if you think that you need some help for understanding.

### 5. Fee and costs

Fee per person: 250 CHF. In the case of need, you can apply for a scholarship.

### 6. Organizers

The exchange project Rivjeka is organized by Pro Natura Neuchâtel, i-platform, Center for youth education CEM in Travnik and Center for ecology CZZS in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The project is supported by Movetia.

### 7. Agreement on behaviour

A common agreement on behaviour and rules will be discussed in the very beginning of the project and a common charta will be elaborated and approved on behalf of mutual respect and support, common tasks, the use of alcohol, smoking, phone, etc.

### 8. Application, Final Information and Contact Details

The exchange project Rivjeka will start for the Swiss group with 3 preparation meetings on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2020**, **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> of June** and **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> of July**. Our Bosnian friends will arrive by bus on **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> of July** in the very morning in Neuchâtel. The project will close with the official evaluation session and closing ceremony on **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> of August in Travnik**. Departure from Travnik is planned for the morning of Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2020, arrival to Switzerland at midday of **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2020**. An evaluation meeting will have place on **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2020**.

Major participants have the possibility to extend their stay in Bosnia-Herzegovina. If you think about prolonging your stay, please note this in no 16 “comments”.

### Applications should be submitted by latest end of February 2020.

You will receive a short confirmation that we received your application within 1-2 weeks after submission.

The selection of applicants will take place starting in February and the applicants will be notified about the result latest by March 15, 2020. Selected candidates will receive more information and payment instructions with the confirmation of participation.

For your application, please submit:

- Completely filled Application form, scanned and sent to [jeunes.neuchatel@pronatura.ch](mailto:jeunes.neuchatel@pronatura.ch) or sent by post to Maiann Suhner, coordinatrice J+N Pro Natura, Mont-Riant 9, 2000 Neuchâtel
- Copy of ID card or passport

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact **Maiann Suhner, 078 881 51 33, E-mail: [jeunes.nature@pronatura.ch](mailto:jeunes.nature@pronatura.ch)**

**AGREEMENT OF PARENTS FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS**

I/we \_\_\_\_\_  
(first and last name of parent(s))

read the document

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and agree that my/our child(ren)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(first and last name of child(ren))

participate to the exchange project Rivjèka, under the responsibility of

- Maiann Suhner, coordinator of the youth group J+N Pro Natura Neuchâtel
- Nikola Buric, attendant and responsible for i-platform
- Amela Mrakic, socio-educator of CEM, Travnik

O We can host O 1 / O 2 participant(s) at ours from 27-28th july and 1st -2nd of august 2020.  
The hosted volunteers can be O female (girls/women) or O male (boys/gentlemen) in/around Neuchâtel

Signature of parents:

Evtl. Comments:

**ACCORD DES PARENTS D'ENFANTS MINEUR.E.S**

Moi/nous \_\_\_\_\_  
(prénom et nom de(s) parent(s))

j'ai/nous avons lu le document

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et je donne/nous donnons l'accord que

\_\_\_\_\_  
(prénom(s) et nom(s) des/de l'enfant(s))

participe(nt) au projet "Rivjèka", sous la responsabilité des accompagnant.e.s

- Maiann Suhner, coordinatrice du groupe J+N Pro Natura Neuchâtel
- Nikola Buric, responsable de la i-platform reliant la Suisse et la Bosnie-Herzégovine
- Amela Mrakic, éducatrice sociale au Centre d'éducation pour Jeunes CEM, Travnik

O Nous avons la possibilité d'accueillir O 1 / O 2 participant.e(s) chez nous du 27 au 28 juillet et du 1 au 2 août 2020 à ou autour de Neuchâtel.

Nous préférons que le/la participant.e soit O féminin, O masculin, O sans importance

Signature du/des parent(s):

Evtl. commentaires :

**EINVERSTÄNDNIS DER ELTERN VON MINDERJÄHRIGEN TEILNEHMERINNEN**

Ich/wir \_\_\_\_\_  
(Vorname und Name der Eltern/des Elternteils)

habe(n) folgendes das Dokument

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gelesen und bin/sind einverstanden, dass mein/unser Kind

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Vorname und Name des Kindes)

am Projekt "Rivjèka" teilnehmen wird, unter der Verantwortung der folgenden Begleitpersonen

- Maiann Suhner, Koordinatorin der Jugendgruppe J+N Pro Natura Neuchâtel
- Nikola Buric, Leiter des bosnisch-schweizerischen Netzwerks i-platform
- Amela Mrakic, Jugendarbeiterin am Bildungszentrum für Jugendliche CEM in Travnik

O Wir können O 1 / O 2 TeilnehmerInnen bei uns in Neuchâtel oder Umgebung beherbergen, in den Nächten 27.-28. Juli und 1.-2. August 2020.

Wir bevorzugen eine(n) O weibliche, O männlichen TeilnehmerIn

Unterschrift der Eltern/des Elternteils:

Evtl. Bemerkungen: