



Feb 5 -20 **Practical conservation work in La Brenne, France ***
 Mar 2-19 **Practical conservation work in Aggtelek, Hungary +**
 July 10-29 **Recording Butterflies and Moths in Hungary ****
 Aug 2-18 **Practical conservation work in eastern Poland +**
 Aug 19-Sept 7 **Practical management and recording in Ždánice in the Czech Republic +**

October tbc **Orchard management in Najac, southern France+**
 October tbc **Conservation work in the Barycz Valley, W. Poland +**
Travel by: * ferry and minibus. + train both ways ** minibus and camping on outward journey, train back.

Travel, subsistence and insurance costs during the placements are 100% subsidised but participants will be asked to pay a deposit of £100 on booking, returnable on completion of the end-of-placement reports and evaluation questionnaires and of two conservation tasks or presentations.

Accommodation is in comfortable shared 4-6 bed rooms in local hostels or gîtes in small villages close to where we will be working. Limited accommodation is available for couples, but no single rooms. Normal group size is 15, with a balanced gender and age composition where possible.

Food We aim to eat the local food as far as possible. Partly catered for in the guest houses, partly in the local bars and restaurants and partly by doing our own cooking as a group.

Preparation weekends at The Kingcombe Centre

Participants will be expected to attend a free preparation weekend at The Kingcombe Centre in west Dorset before the placement. These will be training weekends in conservation, wildlife monitoring and in the ecology, history, language and culture of the partner countries, and will be held:

January 8th—10th, January 22nd-24th and April 9-11th,
 with opportunities for power-tools training during the weekends.

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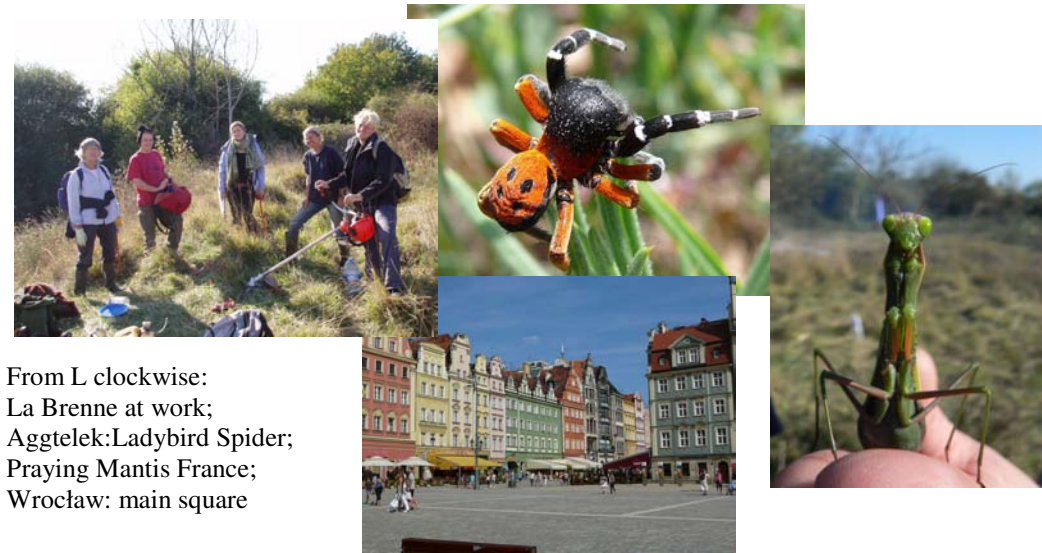
EUROPEAN CONSERVATION ACTION NETWORK

EuCAN 2010

Leonardo da Vinci funding for two week placements in Poland, Hungary, France and the Czech Republic

This exciting project was set up in 2007 by The Kingcombe Trust in association with the Dorset Branch of Butterfly Conservation and several partners in Europe. It is 100% funded until 2011 by the Leonardo da Vinci section of the European Union's Lifelong Learning Programme and with a potential lifespan until 2013. So far it has enabled nearly 200 people to take part in 14 different placements with 8 host partners.

If you would like to become more involved with wildlife conservation in the UK, here is a great opportunity for you to widen your experience by joining an enthusiastic team of like-minded people working with one of our European partners!



From L clockwise:
 La Brenne at work;
 Aggtelek: Ladybird Spider;
 Praying Mantis France;
 Wrocław: main square

OUR AIMS

We have established partnerships with wildlife and orchard conservation organisations in five countries of the EU, to enable groups from the UK to travel by train, minibus or boat (this is a no-fly operation!) to work with these partners to carry out practical management tasks or species monitoring and to attract local people to join them as volunteers.

We hope this will lead to a productive exchange of ideas, expertise and resources with the accompanying social, cultural and political benefits at the community level. Not only is this project helping all the partners to share the challenge of environmental management; it also gives our participants a much better understanding of nature conservation on a European scale and training in identification and the use of power tools and handtools.

OUR PARTNERS IN THE UK

The Kingcombe Trust (reg. Charity no. 1054758, Company Limited by guarantee no.3153413) is based in west Dorset in the UK and is dedicated to environmental education and conservation. www.kingcombecentre.org.uk

Butterfly Conservation (Dorset Branch) works in the southern UK county of Dorset to conserve butterflies and moths and their habitats.

www.dorsetbutterflies.com

OUR PARTNERS IN EUROPE

La Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux (LPO) is the RSPB's Birdlife International partner in France which owns and manages a number of important wildlife sites and is directly involved in the management of Chérine national nature reserve in La Brenne.

Aggtelek Nemzeti Park is a small national park in northern Hungary, on the Slovak border. It consists largely of extensive, very rich deciduous forest and grassland habitats in a limestone 'karst' landscape, and is world famous for its cave systems.

Žďánice Town Council in south Moravia in the Czech Republic owns common land known locally as 'butterfly valley', which contains some of the last remaining unimproved grasslands in the area.

Poland: ETNA is an NGO which is involved in the management of wetlands in the Barycz valley north of Wrocław in the western part of the country.

CMok is an NGO based in the Warsaw area and in Podlasie near the Lithuanian border; it is dedicated to promoting research and management of valuable fen habitats in eastern Poland.

NBS is a Belgian NGO which manages over 100ha of orchards and works to conserve old fruit tree cultivars, mainly in Flanders.

SOLAGRO is an NGO established in the Toulouse region of France in 1981 to promote sustainable energy and agriculture .



Clockwise- Wrocław, Katyn memorial. Augustow, Queen of Spain Fritillary. Kampinowski National Park; La Brenne workparty; ICE train Munich.

So are you eligible for this exciting programme?

- * If you are resident in the UK, fit and prepared to do practical work for perhaps 9 days in the fortnight and 3-4 days cultural and ecological training. (and you do not need any previous experience in conservation)
- * if you would like to contribute to the conservation effort of our EU partners,
- * if you enjoy living and working in a team of likeminded people in beautiful places
- * and learning about the history, culture, languages and ecology of other nations,
- * if you are over 18, not in fulltime education, but are in employment, retired or out of work..

you are just the sort of person we are looking for!

Check out our photos on the EuCAN Flickr site:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/20427639@N06/>

And our new website: www.eucan.org.uk