

## RAISING AWARENESS AND PUBLICITY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FOREST FUNCTIONS IN THE LANDSCAPE AND NEAR-NATURAL WATERCOURSES IN URBAN AREAS AS A PART OF BASIN ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

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**Content of the project:** The project aims to educate general public on the value of selected parts of basin ecosystem services. Using generally comprehensible form the result and outcomes of the project present recreational significance of near-natural and revitalised riverbeds in urban area, adding to their water management and ecosystem effect. Within the open landscape it popularises social functions of forests and forestry. The professional results of the project will be field research based country-wide overviews of A) parts of water courses in urban areas and suburban recreation zones with significant synergistic water management, ecology and recreology effects; B) examples of forest stand with high social and country-forming significance.

### Rivers in the city

The first one is field mapping of condition of recreation potential of rivers in 30 cities in the Czech Republic. The professional results of the project will be field research based country-wide overviews of parts of water courses in urban areas and suburban recreation zones with significant synergistic water management, ecology and recreology effects.



#### Project outputs:

- A popular non-fiction book and DVD
- International scientific conference
- Scholarly seminar
- Themed photography exhibition
- Expert lecture



### Functions of forests

The functions of forest and their promotion is demonstrated on eight working plan areas representing a wide range of natural and production conditions of forest in the Czech Republic and social demands on them.



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### Functional integrated production in the forests of Training Forest Enterprise Masaryk Forest Křtiny

The third part focuses on *functional integrated production in the forests of Training Forest Enterprise Masaryk Forest Křtiny and presentation of its role in regional development*. TFE MF Křtiny is not only a significant forestry production unit, but also a natural part of the entire region -- it is an important economic element, it increases the recreation potential of suburban recreation areas of Brno, Blansko, Adamov, it takes care of forests in the Protected Landscape Area Moravský kras and last but not least it participates on regional development of active cooperation with MAS Moravský kras (local action group)



#### Project outputs:

- A popular non-fiction book and DVD
- Scholarly excursion



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