

APPLY  
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European Natural  
**FORESTSCHOOL**

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30.8.–10.9.2021, Monday to Friday,  
9 a.m.–5 p.m.

**WHERE**

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Lübeck, Germany



**RESEARCH** on the ecology of natural and old growth forests and their conservation in Europe is lacking. In addition, especially in Germany and other Western/Central European countries, the knowledge about larger scale natural or primary forest ecosystems with the full or near to full range of adjacent fauna and flora is increasingly diminishing. On the other hand, Eastern European colleagues working in areas which still hold large, intact tracts of natural forests, lack experience in modern forest research and the transformation from non-natural monocultural forests to mixed-tree natural or near to natural forests. Therefore, the concept of the European Natural Forest Conservation Spring School has been developed, which aims to share knowledge and lessons learnt among European next generation forestry and forest conservation experts.

## MAIN TEACHING MODULES

1. **Basic and advanced studies in natural forest ecology** (Characteristics and potentials of natural forests, state of European forests and the size of remaining natural forests and its implications, resilience and benefits of natural forests ecosystems)
2. **Natural forests and biodiversity**
3. **Conservation of larger scale natural and old-growth or primary forest protected areas** (Challenges and solutions, conflicts and their management in the context of forest protected areas, disturbance ecology)
4. **Close-to-nature forest management** (common forest management practices, the Lübeck model)
5. **The value of wilderness** (ethical responsibilities, perception of wilderness, international dimension)

## COMPLEMENTARY TEACHING MODULES AND ACTIVITIES

- Excursions to Heilige Hallen, Müritz National Park and Treuenbrietzen
- Social activities
- Final graded examination



## TUITION COSTS

200 Euro includes the cost of the excursions.

All other costs associated with attendance of the Natural European Forest School are covered by the candidate directly.

Participants are responsible for their own insurance.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

- Master student (min. 2nd semester) of forestry, natural resource management or a closely related field at a university in Europe (EU) OR early career professional in forestry conservation in Europe (EU)
- good to very good English proficiency (min. B2)
- strong interest in European natural forestry conservation

## APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

In order to become one of 20 participants submit

- a CV (max. two pages in English)
  - motivation letter (max. two pages in English)
  - transcript of records of your Master studies
- as one pdf file by e-mail to [application@naturalforest.de](mailto:application@naturalforest.de) until 15th April 2021!

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