

"Discovering and appreciating wild herbs together"

A project initiated and coordinated by ILEU e.V. in the context of the international educational network Danube Networkers, in cooperation with the Botanical Garden of the University of Ulm, and partner groups in other Danube countries.

It takes place with the active support of the ViMA danube volunteers from different countries who support the idea of ViMA danube.

Why a project about nature?

- ▶ holds many different treasures like wild herbs
- ▶ connects us as a community
- ▶ such a big diversity we don't even know
- ▶ part of our everyday life

→do we remember to appreciate them?

The project wants to:

- explore the diversity of wild herbs locally with many nature lovers in the Danube countries and in other European countries
- show how they are used and what significance they have in the respective countries
- research with you, exchange information, compare and learn a lot of new things!
- Remind us to appreciate what nature gives to us

How can we do this?

Connecting two different online platforms:

- ▶ use the online platform **iNaturalist** to research wild herbs and where they occur (*iNaturalist names the respective plant with its Latin name and the one commonly used in the respective country, so that we speak of the same plant*)
- ▶ exchange information on our online platform **ViMA danube** about their history, forms of appearance, types of use and significance for ourselves (*ViMA danube accessible in 6 languages, each person can write / read comments in own language*)

This can be done under different aspects:

- ▶ Places of origin/history
- ▶ Food & drink (various recipes: as spice ingredients, tea, liqueur, soups, etc.)
- ▶ Health (e.g. syrup, herbal mixture for healing, incense)
- ▶ Tradition (e.g. parsley wedding 12.5 years)
- ▶ Art (e.g. making paint)
- ▶ Literature & music (e.g. poems and songs with herbs in them, e.g. nettle, unrecognized herb by Dr. Heinrich Hoffmann)
- ▶ Useful things in everyday life (e.g. scents / aroma)

Next steps, important dates:

- ▶ Project starts on 01.08.2023 and runs until 30.11.2023. If successful, it can be continued with this or another topic. Participation is free of charge.
- ▶ For successful implementation, we offer training for the use of the two online platforms iNaturalist as well as ViMA danube

→ First date: **18.7.23, 7 pm**, online on Zoom!

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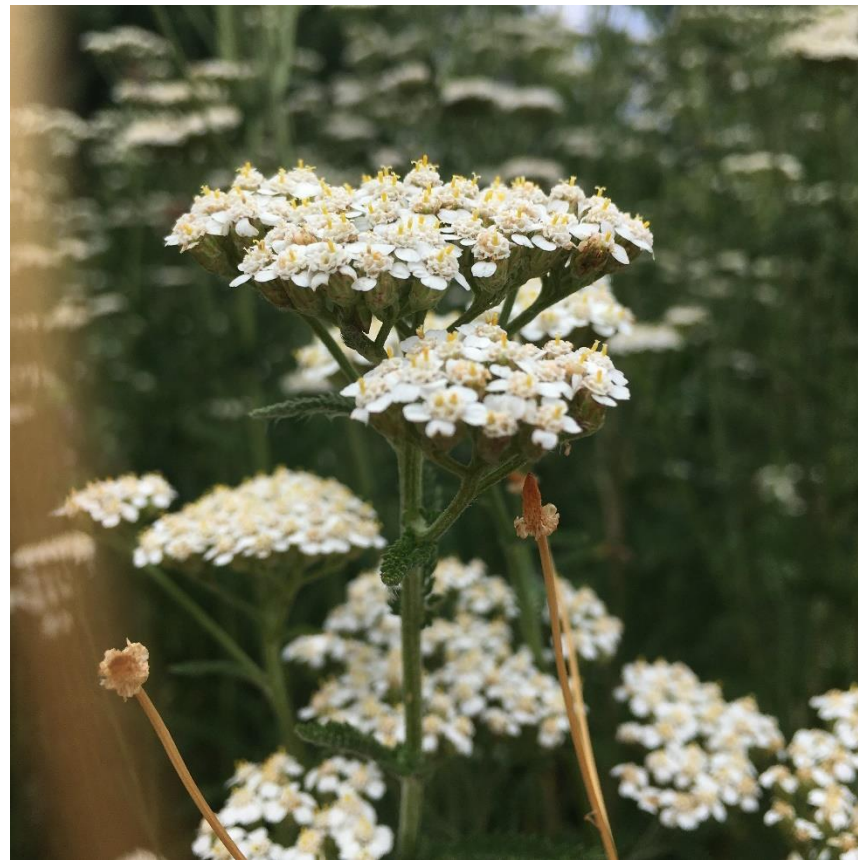


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