

# Ulrich Eichelmann's Professional Background

- 1984-1991** **Studies of Landscape Architecture** in Höxter/North Rhine-Westphalia
- 1987** **Internship**, national park planning association for the Danube floodplains east of Vienna
- 1991 - 2007** **WWF Austria**
- 1992 – 1996** Leadership of various Danube-campaigns (including “Save the Danube floodplains” and “The countdown has begun”), with the aim to establish a national park and prevent more hydropower plants in the area.
- 1997-1999** Leadership of the campaign „Living rivers“. The first masterplan for rivers in Austria is being developed, 74 river stretches of national importance and which are not to be dammed are defined.
- 1999-2000** Leadership of „Let them live“, a WWF campaign for the protection of species at the turn of the millennium. Part of the campaign were activities against the illegal poisoning of birds of prey in Austria, particularly the white-tailed eagle (“Caution Poison”)
- 2000/2002** Paternal leave over 17 month
- 2002-2006** Leadership of the WWF water teams, with particular commitment to the Danube from Austria to its delta
- 4/2007** Leaving the WWF
- 2007-2010** **Stop Ilisu:** Leadership of the international “Stop Ilisu“ campaign against the dam project at the Tigris river in Turkey. In 2009, Germany, Austria and Switzerland withdrew their financial guarantee of over EUR 450 million. Turkey continues construction on their own (with the help of Austrian company Andritz). The flooding of the region is foreseen in 2015.
- 2010-2012** **Climate Crimes:** Film production of the documentary about the abuse of climate protection and the consequences of so-called “green” energies. The film was aired on ORF (AT) and 3SAT (DE) and was showed and discussed at numerous evening events.
- 2012** **Formation of „Riverwatch – a society for the protection of rivers“**
- 2013-present** **Balkan Rivers:** The ecologically most valuable rivers of Europe are located between Slovenia and Albania. However, over 570 projected hydro dams are putting this natural treasure at risk. In cooperation with the NGO EuroNatur and other local organisations, Riverwatch is trying to preserve the best stretches. John Zablocki, scientist at Trout Unlimited (USA), the biggest fishing association in the world, speaks to the value of the campaign: „In my opinion, this is probably the single most important issue in the world right now for native trout and healthy rivers.”