

Stakeholders' Consultation

Establishing the Trans-European Nature Network: Strengthening collaboration within the Carpathian Convention for building a transboundary functional ecological network and integrating ecological corridors across relevant sectors

7th Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP7)

Overview

The session explores ecological connectivity in the Carpathians, emphasizing its importance at the policy-science interface and finding mechanisms for cross-sectoral collaboration in the future necessary for its implementation. We invite participants to interact actively!

Agenda

Date	11 October, 13.30-15.00, Belgrade, Serbia
Introduction (15 min)	<p>What is ecological connectivity and conservation planning? Why it is important? – Cristian-Remus Papp, WWF Romania</p> <p>The role of ecological connectivity in the Carpathian Convention – Harald Egerer, Head of UNEP Vienna Programme Office – Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention</p>
Moderated Breakout Groups (25 min)	<p>Participants are invited to talk in small groups of approximately 8-10 people about the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What are the needs of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention to foster the development of a functional ecological network in the regional context? – How can we use the Carpathian Convention cooperation mechanisms such as working groups to contribute to filling in the gaps?
Feedback from Breakout Groups (15 min)	<p>Moderators of breakout groups briefly share what was discussed. Moderated by Hildegard Meyer, WWF Central and Eastern Europe</p>
Panel Discussion & Questions from Participants (20 min)	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Martin Jung – IIASA, Lead Partner of NaturaConnect, Researcher – Hildegard Meyer – WWF Central and Eastern Europe – Representative of the Carpathian Convention – Andreas Beckmann, CEO of WWF-CEE <p>Moderated by Mila Sirychenko, WWF-CEE Participants are invited to contribute with questions or interventions.</p>
Conclusions & Further Steps (10 min)	Hildegard Meyer , WWF-CEE



**Funded by
the European Union**

NaturaConnect receives funding under the **European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme** under grant agreement number 101060429.