

# Carpathian Expo Carpathian Convention COP7

Integration of biodiversity protection with  
environmental and sustainability education in and  
around Carpathian Protected Areas

The Centralparks project experience.  
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# Organizations Introduction



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Our research addresses the greatest challenges of the future: keeping societies healthy, fostering intact environments, promoting sustainable energy and developing well-functioning political and social systems.

We continually strive to open new paths with science and innovation, by responding to society's complex questions with answers geared to the needs of people.



CNPA strives to facilitate cross-border cooperation for a greater ecological connectivity and environmental protection in the entire region

Centralparks aims to support knowledge exchange and synergy activities within the CNPA



# Project Introduction



Improving integrated environmental management capacities of protected areas administrations and public sector dealing with safeguard and sustainable use of natural resources



Reconciling and linking the conservation of biological and landscape diversity to sustainable local socio-economic development



Promoting the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas as the framework and tool for transnational collaboration between the protected areas





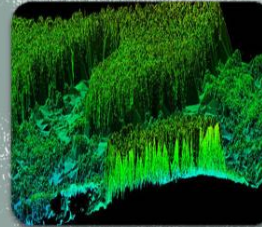
# Project Outcomes

A supporting tool for completing and using ESS assessment for decision making for PAs managers and public authorities

A guide and resource for evidence-based decision-making and management practices, in and outside the Carpathian region

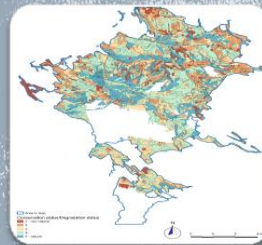
CEST is related to area-based planning, regulatory decision analysis, environmental damages assessment and management

CEST will be published on the official website of PPs, SCC and other relevant institutions both in English and Central Europe languages



## LiDAR - light detection and ranging tool

- Presentation Workshop
- Testing on 2 habitats
- Evaluation of LiDAR results



## Habitat mapping guidelines

- Several good methods for mapping habitats
- Innovative and usable procedures
- Better nature conservation management planning



## Pilot action in Börzsöny

- Implementation of the habitat mapping
- Forest state evaluation
- Grasslands state evaluation

# Project Outcomes



Work in progress activities to renew the CNPA website and detailed newsletter sent to all PAs involved



CNPA strives to facilitate cross-border cooperation to achieve greater ecological connectivity throughout the mountain range and enhance environmental protection in the entire biogeographical region



CNPA national roundtable session will be organized during the 5th official PPs meeting to gather relevant stakeholders, re-evaluate results and findings, strengthen cooperation project approach



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# Project Outcomes

**Carpathian strategy for enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation outside and inside PAs**



Raise capacities of PA managers, integrate PAs into broader landscapes and improve ecological connectivity in surrounding areas

Mitigate tourism pressure, socio economic disparities and ensure economic stability



**Strategy for local sustainable tourism development based on natural and cultural heritage of the Carpathians**

**Guidelines on communication between protected areas and local communities in the Carpathians**



Conciliate and integrate nature protection with local socio-economic development involving PA Managers, Local Communities and Local authorities

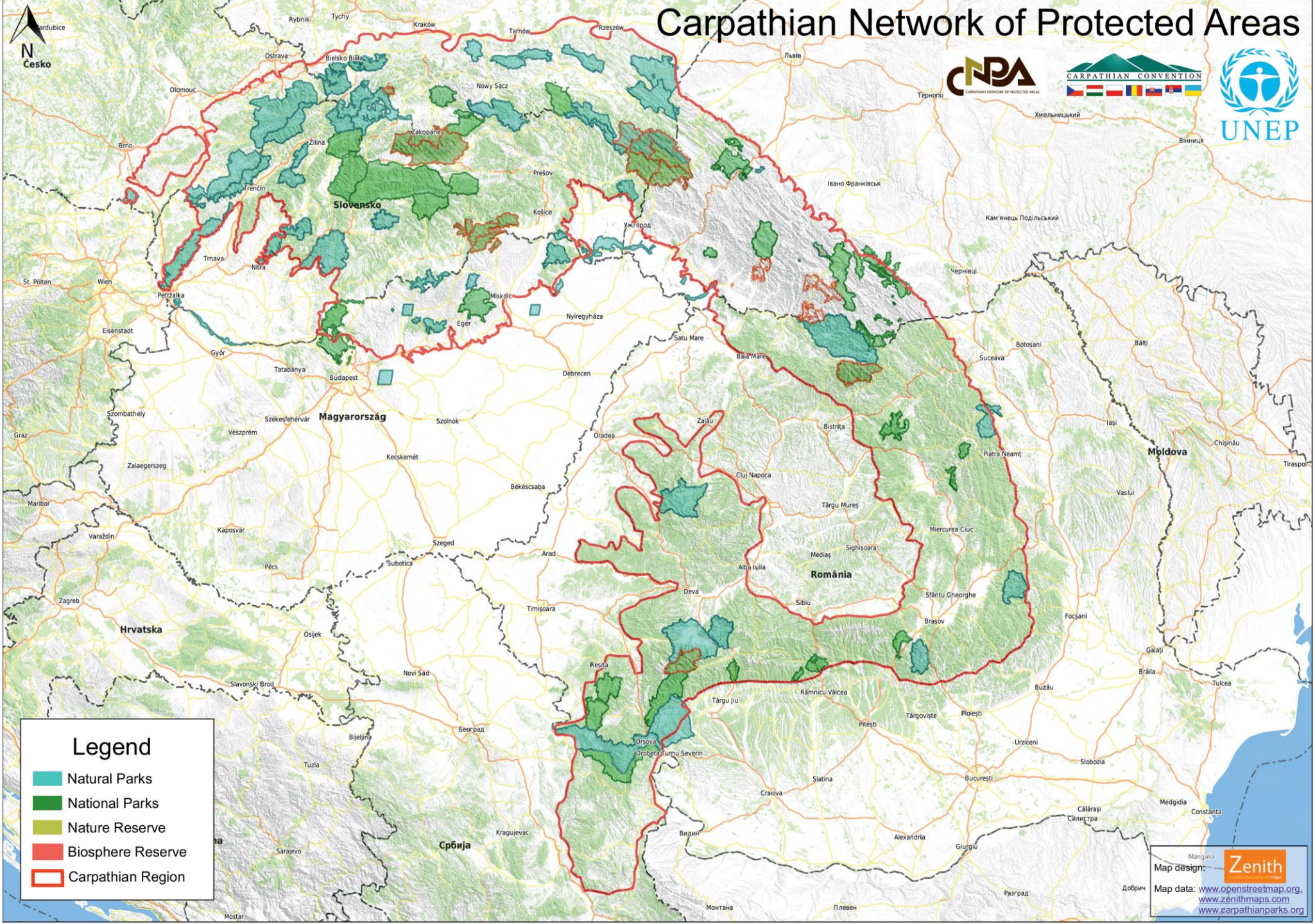
# Carpathian Network of Protected Areas - CNPA

- Article 4.5.
- “The parties shall cooperate in developing an ecological network in the Carpathians, as an continent part of the Pan-European Ecological Network, in establishing and supporting a Carpathian Network of Protected Areas, as well as enhancing conservation and sustainable management in the areas outside of protected areas.”





# Carpathian Network of Protected Areas



**Legend**

- Natural Parks
- National Parks
- Nature Reserve
- Biosphere Reserve
- Carpathian Region

Map design: **Zenith**  
Map data: [www.openstreetmap.org](http://www.openstreetmap.org),  
[www.zenithmaps.com](http://www.zenithmaps.com),  
[www.carpathianparks.org](http://www.carpathianparks.org)



# Objectives

- Support the relevant work and activities from the Biodiversity Protocol of the Carpathian Convention
- Development of a thematic network - various fields for cooperation
- Support for the creation of an ecological network
- Creating and running a communication network







# PROJECTS last decade

- BIOREGIO:
  - ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY, RED LISTS, 2ND CNPA CONFERENCE - SLOVAKIA
- CONNECTGREEN:
  - ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY, 3RD CNPA CONFERENCE - HUNGARY
- CENTRALPARKS:
  - SUPPORT FOR CNPA ACTIVITIES, TOURISM, PAS MANAGEMENT, COMMUNITY OUTREACH
  - CNPA SC MEETINGS



# Central parks final conference Wieliczka - march 2022 Panel discussion PAs networks

- Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (represented by Mircea Verghet, Director of Piatra Craiului National Park and Chair of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Steering Committee)
- Alparc (represented by Guido Plasmann, Director of Alparc, Alpine Network of Protected Areas)
- DANUBEPARKS (represented by Georg Frank, Secretary General of DANUBEPARKS, Danube Network of Protected Areas)
- Parks Dinarides (represented by Vladana Vojinović - Programme manager in Parks Dinarides)
- Carpathian Wetland Initiative (represented by Ján Kadlečík, Coordinator of the Carpathian Wetland Initiative)





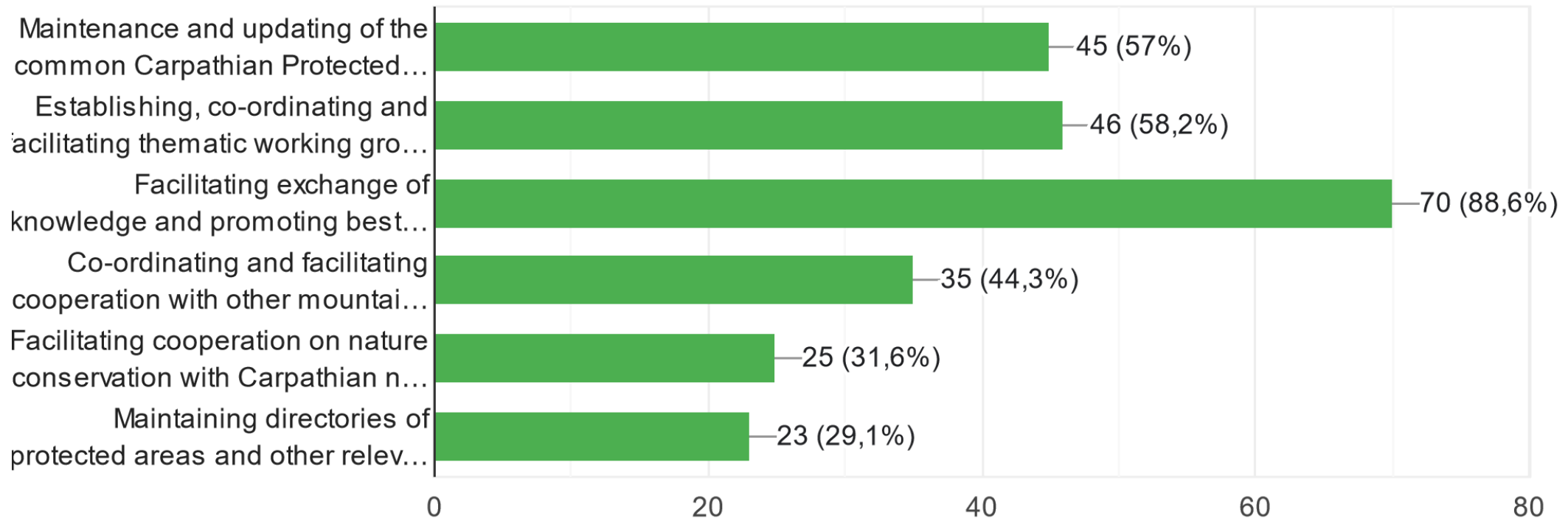
# Cooperation

- MOC between Alparc, Danubeparks and CNPA (ADCnet - One River Two Mountains)
- MOC between CC Secretariat and the Association of PAs in Romania



Question 2. Which activities do you perceive as the most important tasks for the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas with regard to cooperation:

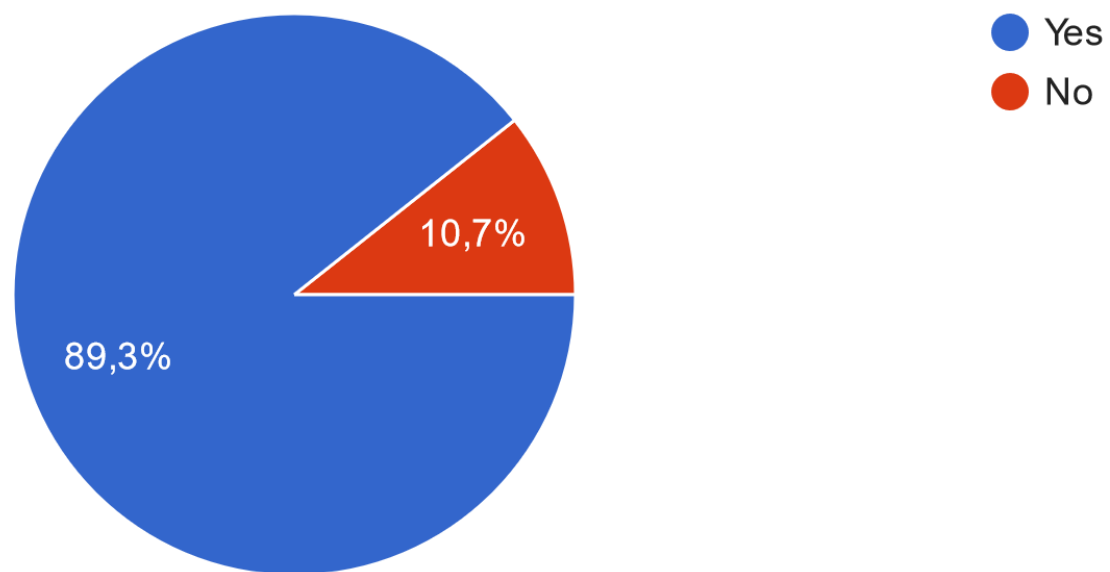
79 responses





Question 8. The idea of the association. Should an association (with legal personality), that would undertake activities of CNPA, be established?

75 responses



Thank you

