

Carpathian Convention COP7

Carpathian Wetland Initiative 2021 - 2023

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Carpathian Wetland Initiative

- Regional Initiative of the Ramsar Convention (RRI), launched in 2004, endorsed by Ramsar SC in 2009, one of 20 currently operating RRIs in the world (4 in Europe)
- RRIs are a regional mechanism to support implementation of the Convention on Wetlands and its Strategic Plan
- Memorandum of Cooperation between secretariats of the Ramsar and Carpathian Conventions (2006)
- Partnership of governments of 7 Carpathian countries, Secretariats of both Conventions, intergovernmental organisations, international partner organizations, NGOs and other entities with an interest in the Carpathian wetlands



Cooperation with the Carpathian Convention and its working groups



- Meetings of WGs - WG on Biodiversity (Apr. 2022; May 2023); WG on Sustainable Forest Management (Oct. 2022); Meeting on the GBF implementation in the Carpathian Region (March 2023) - Comments and proposals to the draft Carpathian Biodiversity Framework;
- Commenting draft decisions for the CC COP7;
- 14th CCIC Meeting (June 2023)
- Regular communication and consultations with the SCC



Cooperation with the Ramsar Convention

- European regional meetings, EU experts meetings, Standing Committee meetings (2022)
- Commenting draft resolutions, RRI Operational Guidelines and active participation at COP14 of the Ramsar Convention (Wuhan, China and Geneva, CH, Nov. 2022)
- CWI (re)endorsed as operating in the framework of the Convention on Wetlands for the intersessional period of COP14 – COP15 (Res. XIV.7)



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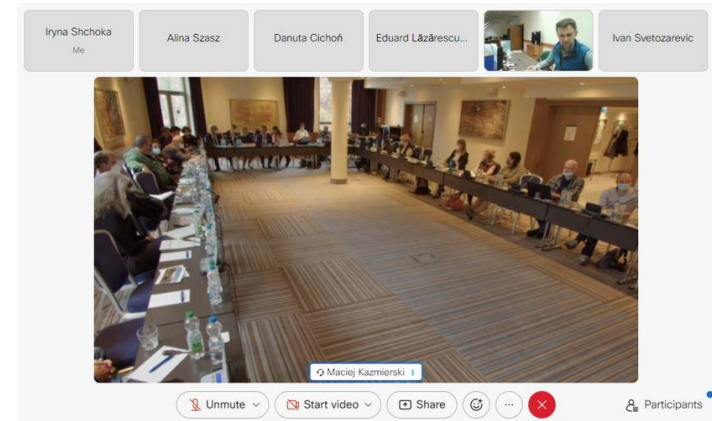
Cooperation with other RRI and bodies

- Support for new Danube WILDislands RRI – joint side events during Ramsar COP14, General Assembly of the DANUBEPARKS Association (Oct. 2023);
- Meetings of European RRI - Coalition of European RRI (2022);
- RRI Annual Planning Meeting (Jan. 2023)
- Trilateral Ramsar Platform (AT, June 2022); Event in Vienna (AT, Sept. 2023)



Cooperation with other networks and partners

- Workshop on strengthening networks within the Carpathian Convention (Krakow, PL, Nov. 2021) - discussion about strengthening and better connection of networks under the Carpathian Convention (including CWI);
- DANUBEPARKS – projects development
- ALPARC, CNPA – promotion of the Youth at the Top 2022 event under the theme „Water in all its forms“ ;
- Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, CNPA, DANUBEPARKS, ALPARC, Parc Dinarides - Round Table – „The significance of PA networks for effective PAs management and nature-based sustainable development in the Carpathians and beyond“ (Wieliczka, PL, March 2022)



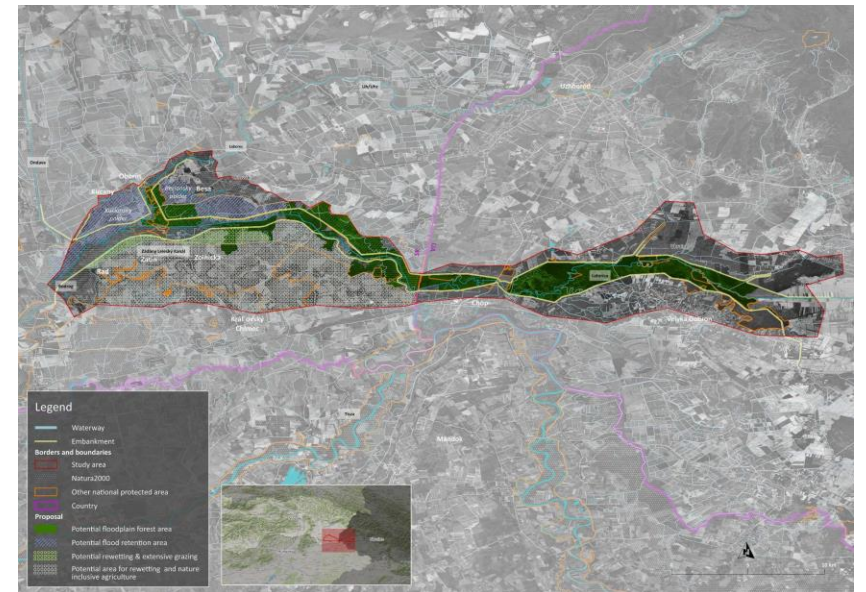
Cooperation with other networks and partners

- Wetlands International – support for participation in Paludiculture study trip (Germany, Sept. 2022); projects preparation;
- Eurosite – workshops, webinars;
- GEO Wetlands Initiative – online workshop and consultations (May 2022);
- IUCN – support for participation in the River Restoration Study Trip (Vienna, Donau-Auen NP, May 2023);
- EUSDR 3 Priority Areas, SCC, ICPDR, WWF CEE, etc. – participation in development of the Joint Declaration Achieving Functional Biodiversity in the Danube-Carpathian Region by Mainstreaming Ecological Connectivity; side event of the EUSDR 11th Annual Forum presenting the Declaration (Oct. 2022);
- EUSDR PA6 - invitation to the PA6 to become a partner to the CWI Board, application of the CWI to become Observer to the PA6 Steering Group approved (2023);
- Czech Ramsar Committee / Slovak Ramsar Committee – meeting of the CZRC (Nov./Dec. 2021); meeting and excursion to wetland sites in Slovakia (May/June 2023)

Involvement in projects

Development of new project proposals

- Centralparks project (*Interreg Central Europe*) 2019-2022 – expert inputs
- Project proposals – cooperation in development
 - Management and restoration of tiny areas of conservation importance - MARTI; TINY-ties: Tiny Areas for European Biodiversity (*Interreg Central Europe*);
 - Reconnecting the Latorica River floodplain landscape in a transboundary context (*Endangered Landscape Programme*); „Sponges“
 - with Wetlands International Europe and other partners in SK and UA



Communication, Education, Participation, Capacity Building and Awareness

- CWI as a platform for sharing and exchange of information on events – distribution of invitation for international webinars, conferences, study trips... of other organizations, institutions, and partners; support for participation;
- International training courses and study tours on wetland restoration in CZ in cooperation with MoE CZ (Sept. 2021, Oct. 2023);
- Co-organizing the 16th edition of the International triennial exhibition and contest of posters on the topics of nature conservation and environment EKOPLAGÁT '23 (Považská Gallery of Arts, Žilina, SK, 28 Sept. – 11 Nov. 2023); CWI award for the best poster on water/wetlands





Thank you for your attention!

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