







Mid-Term Conference

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WP-5: Connectivity & Continuum

- Progress & Activities
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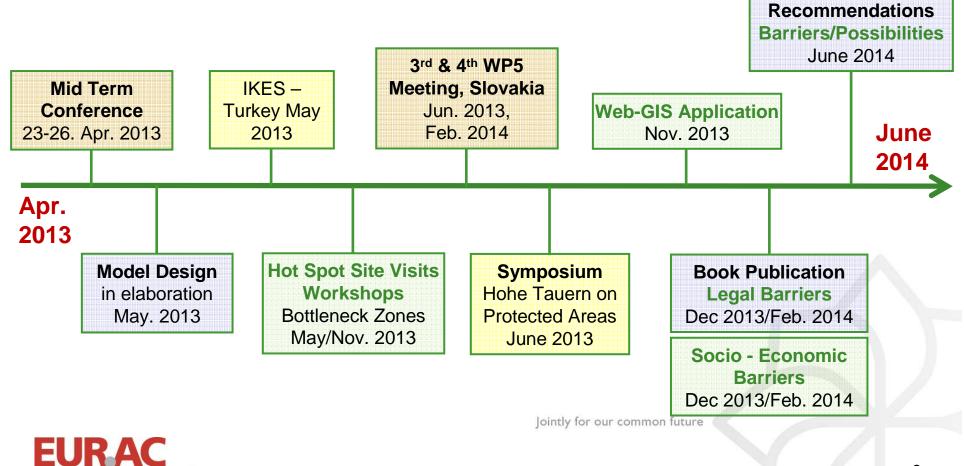








Progress of WP5 – Activities in RP4/5



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WP5 Preliminary Results







Activities

Progress

GIS Corridor Model continued (Corridor-Design, Linkage Mapper)

 Detected and selected core areas and most probable Least-Cost paths for lynx, bear, wolf and chamois in the Carpathians

 Main potential occurrence areas for low-mobility species - hare, capercaillie, otter in the Carpathians & Pilot areas.

Problems & Opportunities

Considered Barriers: settlements and roads for the LCP

- Additional useful data:
- •Wildlife Road kills \rightarrow clusters of road kills can validate passage sites and LCPs

Fenced areas, - dams, - over head power lines, - hydro-electric power plants, - oil pipelines, - touristic infrastructures









Hot Spots for lynx, bear & Wolf

Technical Approach

- Intersecting the population patches = minimum occurrence area
- Summing the main core areas = maximal area of possible occurrence
- Intersection of all corridors of these three species = area of migration & dispersal

Experience based selection

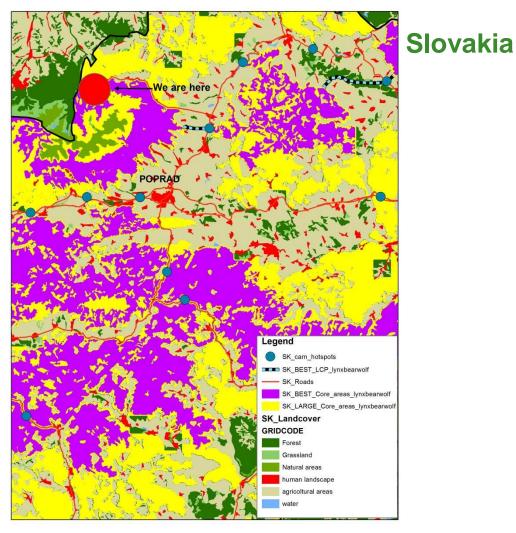
- Most reliable LCPs were selected according to ecological needs and to landcover
- Gaps interrupting LCPs are indicated as hot spots
- Partners should determine one very interesting hot spot zone for each country from the pre-selection
- Road kills data received from SK and CZ (waiting for HU)





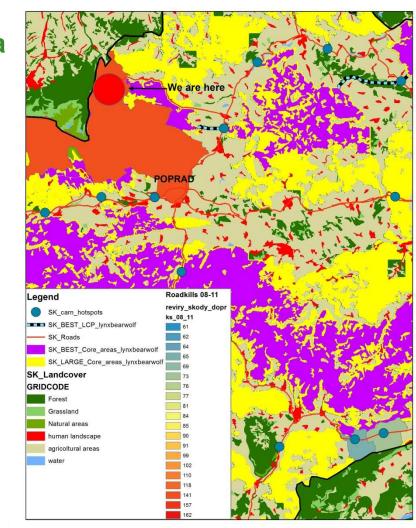








Model alone



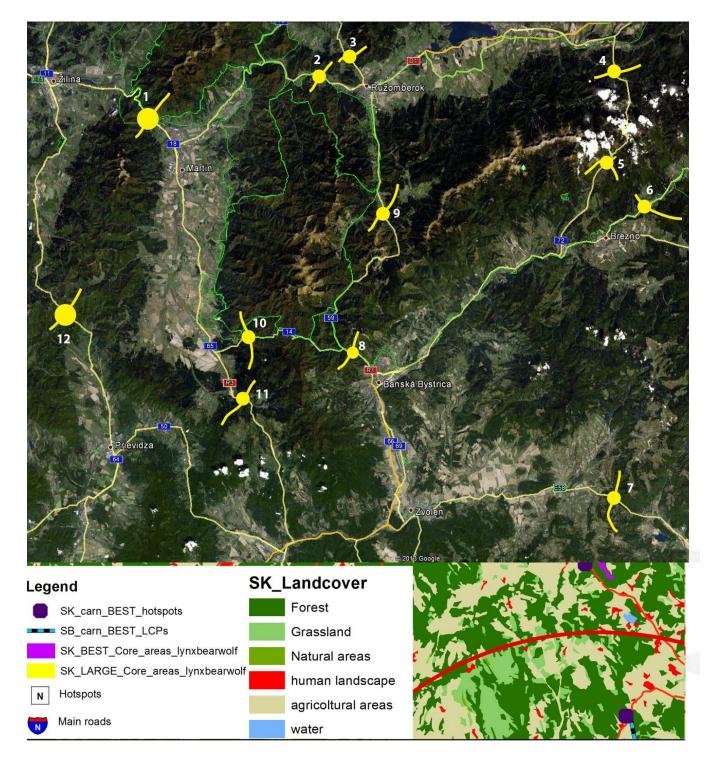
Model + Road kill data





Hot Spots Slovakia Z1

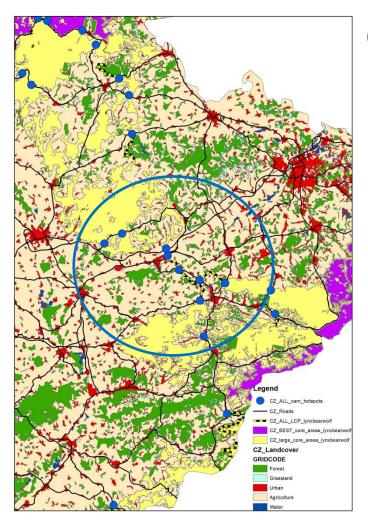
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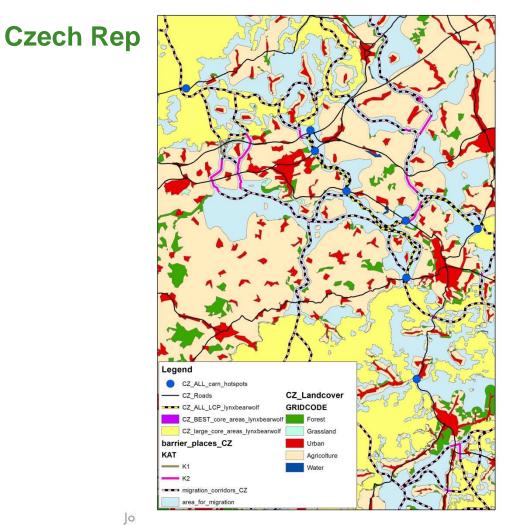










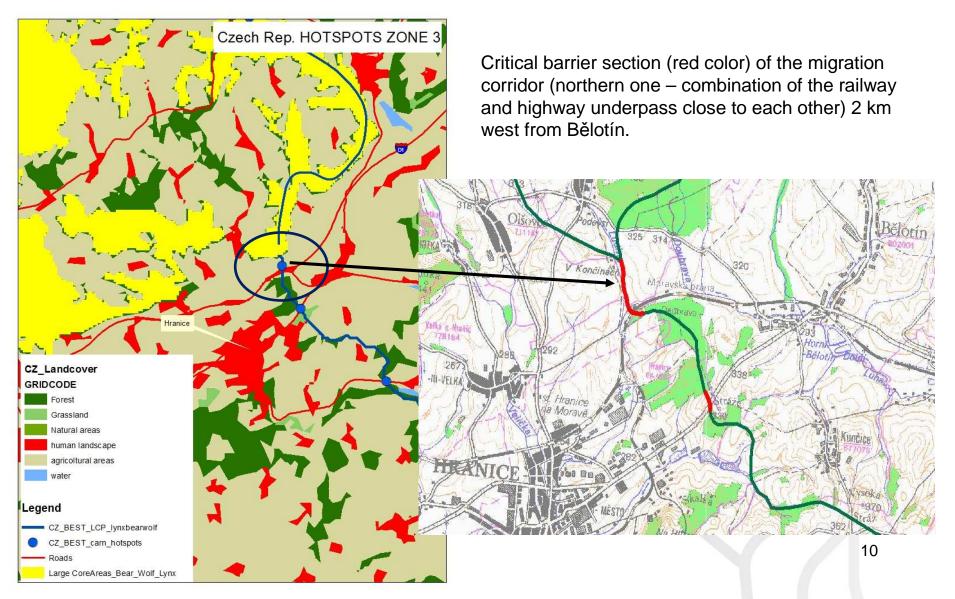


Model + Migration corridors₉ + barriers data

















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Photo: Railway corridor leading east to the city Bělotín.

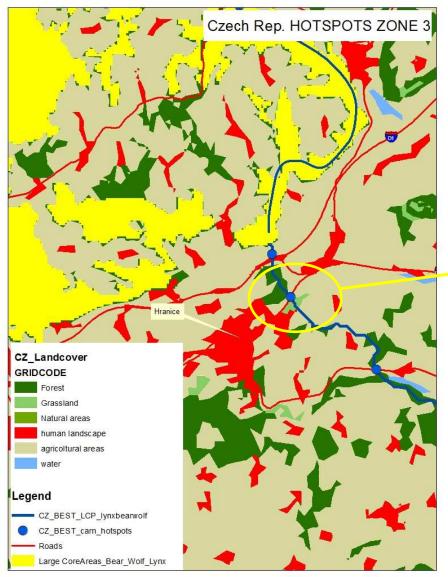
Photo: Elevated highway (underpass on the highway D47 - view to the north). There is riparian vegetation obvious along the stream Ludina behind the underpass.



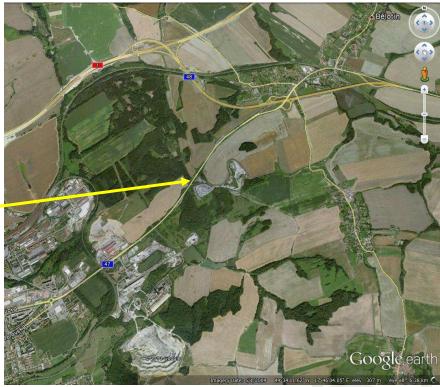








From the south - problematic is the road I/47, where the traffic flow is over 10 000 car/day









Web-GIS

Potential of the Web-GIS

Instrument to distribute geographic information which become available to a large audience

Information from the web-GIS are easy accessible for the users on their computers/tablets without having GIS installed

Combine and integrate different types of information, either raster of vector, in an open platform.









Structure of the Web-GIS

Info

Project description and period

Layer

Session where a real time maps and a spatial data catalog are provided in order to show general information on the lansdcape character and on ecological connectivity

Legend

Session that explain the information contained into the layers

About

Session that give main information about the datasets used, method and tools

Search engine

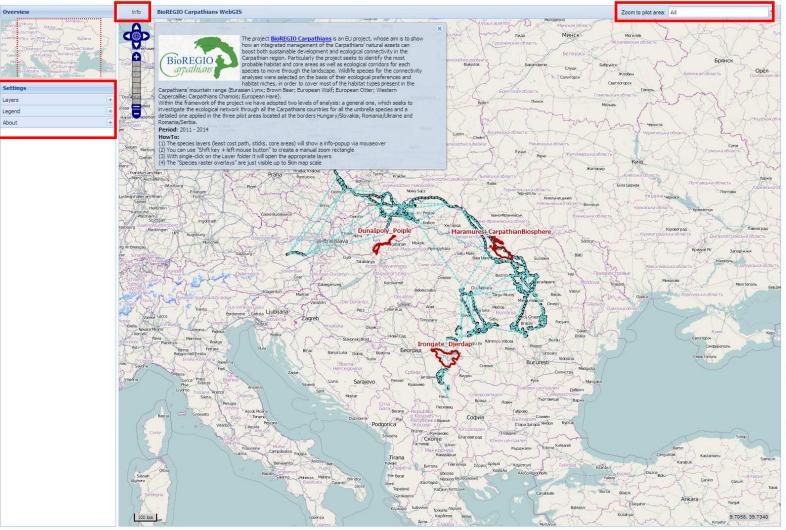
Offers the possibility to zoom into the pilot areas













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Web-GIS application is in the developing phase

http://webgis.eurac.edu/bioregio/

Main components of the Web-GIS

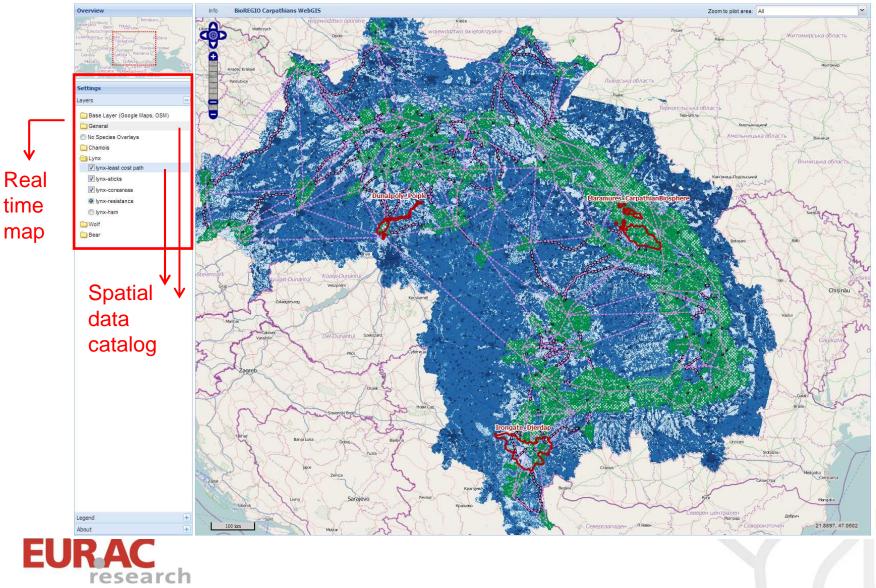
- Real time map browser with different Base layers: Google Map (Physical, Street, Satellite, Hybrid)
- Spatial Data catalog: cities, roads, rivers, lakes, NUTS3 Carpathians, Countries, Land Cover
- Spatial Data catalog of Species: Lynx, Bear, Wolf, Chamois
- Species overlay only for vectorial information, NOT on raster data
- Data on Ecological Connectivity for each species: LCPs, Sticks, Core Areas, Resistance, HSM

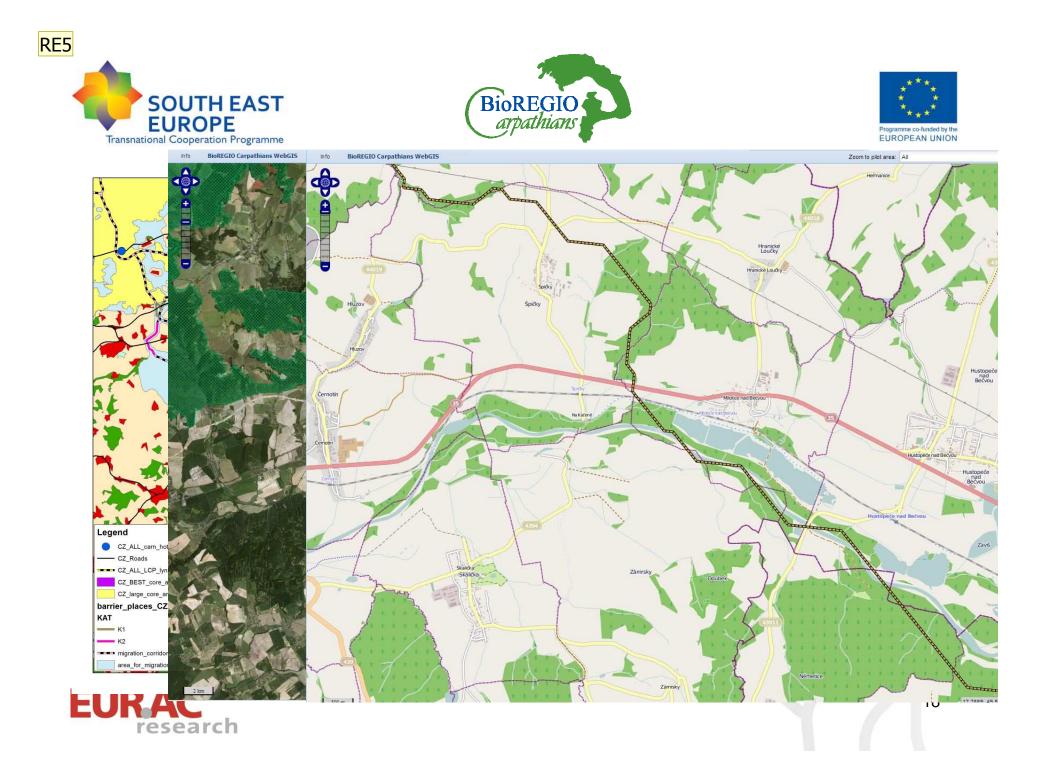












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Outlook: Additional Tasks

- Road kills data → can be added to the Web-GIS or just used to validate the LCPs (as in Slovakia and Czech Republic)
- In the popup of the web-GIS, there are units missing for core areas :euc_dist, cw_dist, from_core, to_core. LCPs popus provide all the
- Species' presence data \rightarrow validate the core and occurrence areas
- Geographic features for low-mobility species → virgin forests for Capercaillie
- Planned infrastructures → i.e., Lugoj-Deva Motorway in Romania; planned transportation infrastructures in Czech Republic
- LANDSAT classified land-cover and high-resolution images for Pilot Areas
- Synthesis Report and book on legal barriers
- Recommendation on Socio-economic barriers^{r our common future}
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