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Follow-up-Platform

The Carpathian Convention is an international framework agreement for the protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians. The Convention was open for signature in 2003 and all seven Carpathian countries are parties to the Convention, five of which are members of the European Union. The EU, some other EU Member States and UNEP closely followed and actively accompanied the process leading to the signature of the Convention, as well as its first steps and cooperation activities.

The Carpathian Convention process greatly benefited from these efforts and from the support of the EU INTERREG IIB CADSES “Carpathian Project” both at the scientific and institutional level. The Carpathian Project contributed to the organization of the first Conference of the Parties, held in December 2006 in Kiev, Ukraine, and to the setting up of thematic Working Groups in the field of biodiversity and natural heritage, cultural heritage, sustainable rural development, agriculture and forestry, sustainable transport, infrastructure, industry and energy, sustainable tourism and spatial development. These thematic Working Groups contribute to the tasks of the Implementation Committee of the Carpathian Convention¹.

UNEP Vienna acted as both Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and Lead Partner of the Carpathian Project, ensuring “a continuous exchange and inter-linkage between the work and activities under the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee and the work and activities contained in the EU INTERREG IIB CADSES Carpathian Project”².

In the frame of the INTERREG IIB Carpathian Project a **Follow-up Platform** with the following aim was established:

To be a standing follow-up platform for regions, local authorities and NGOs for which the Carpathian Convention Interim-Secretariat provides the platform for the the co-ordinated identification and drafting of possible spin-off and follow-up projects. Within this task the Secretariat also prepares lists of project ideas, assesses the future funding potential and gives recommendations for further action to be taken.

Furthermore the Secretariat supports project development and clarifies with Programmes on funding and participation possibilities.

This follow-up platform shall be further active also after finalisation of the Carpathian Project in autumn 2008. It shall be an open platform, facilitate by ISCC for consultation of project ideas and giving input on other topics or project ideas considered to be of importance for a sustainable development of the Carpathian Space. It thus shall strengthen common

¹ See Decision COP1/3(4).

² See Decision COP1/3(6).



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Carpathian Space-focussed project idea development, idea-coordination and cooperation for and between Carpathian countries on this topic.

As the former CADSES-Programme Area was divided into two parts in the new programming period (2007-2013) and as several topics have to be tackled the platform shall act as an independent platform for the support of the development and implementation of Carpathian-related projects with the most suited funding sources also with a view to the possible future establishment of an EU-Carpathian Space Programme.

This supports the Final Declaration, in which the Carpathian countries, noted “that the experiences of cooperation of the ‘Alpine Space’ reveal the need for long-lasting commitment and structural support by the European Union, to fully benefit of the considerable potential of the mountains for regional development” and expressed the conviction that “cooperation with and support from the European Community and its Member States will be crucial to the development of the ‘Carpathian Space’, as an area of economic, social and environmental progress and sustainability in the heart of Europe, building on the region’s advantages and potentials, and addressing the challenges of mountain regions in an innovative and coordinated manner”³.

Furthermore, the Carpathian countries invited “the European Community and its Member States to join the transnational platform of the Carpathian countries, and to continue to support the protection and sustainable development of the ‘Carpathian Space’ through relevant instruments and programmes”⁴.

It is in this spirit and in that of the Kick-Off Forum, held in Vienna on 2-3 July 2006, that these follow-up project ideas to the EU INTERREG IIIB CADSES “Carpathian Project” are presented for consideration to the CENTRAL EUROPE and SOUTH EAST EUROPE Programme as well as other funding Programmes, with special attention to the protection and sustainable development of the ‘Carpathian Space’ in the framework of the efforts, works and activities of the Carpathian Convention.

³ See Carpathian Declaration and Decision COP1/13(1-6).

⁴ See *ibid.*



Introduction to the Project ideas and proposals

This paper gives an overview on projects ideas developed in cooperation with ministries, regional authorities and NGOs in the different fields of the the Carpathian Convention activities (given along the Working Groups and other core activities – overlappings are often due to cross-sectoral character of the project, thus it is named under main focus-topic):

Working Group Topics/ Other Activity Topics	Name of Project idea	Possible funding
Process of the implementation of a mountain convention	European Mountain ABC – Alpine Experience, Balkan Future, Carpathian Opportunity – Multi-Level Governance and Conservation Economy	INTERREG IVC
Education and dissemination	Move4Nature	Company funded (OMV)
Science for the Carpathian Space	Science for the Carpathians (S4C)	COST
Sustainable industry, energy, transport and infrastructure	Bioenergy CC	CIP – SubProgramme “Intelligent Energy Europe
	Soft Tourism and Sustainable Mobility – Accessibility in the Alps and the Carpathians	Territorial Cooperation CENTRAL EUROPE and/or SOUTH EAST EUROPE
	Development of transportation infrastructure and conservation of nature heritage in Carpathians	Territorial Cooperation CENTRAL EUROPE and/or SOUTH EAST EUROPE
	Alpine-Carpathian “Green-bridge” – eco-corridor connecting Alps and Carpathians	EU-Cross-border cooperation Austria – Slovak Republic
Spatial planning	Identifying future potential in European mountain Areas	ESPON
Sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry	Network Mountain Forest II	INTERREG IVC
Cultural heritage and	Carpathian Heritage Inventory	INTERREG, Objective 1,



traditional knowledge		others
Sustainable tourism	VIA CARPATICA	Territorial Cooperation CENTRAL EUROPE and/or SOUTH EAST EUROPE
Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity	Ecological Continuum for the Carpathians	Territorial cooperation – CENTRAL EUROPE
	Carpathian Wetland Initiative – 4 platforms for the Future	Objective 3 Territorial Cooperation, Life+, others

In a second chapter blank templates for further project ideas are provided



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Chapter 1

PROJECT IDEA 1

Title	European Mountain ABC
Launcher of the project idea	Interim Secretariat for the Carpathian Convention, WWF DCP
Institution	UNEP Vienna, WWF
Country	International
General aim of the Project	Know-How Exchange and best-practice transfer, pilot demonstration – between Alps, Carpathians and Balkans on sustainable mountain development on following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-Level Governance - Conservation economy
Expected results (either quantifiable or tangible)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved regional policies and implementation through gained know-how, pilot-implementations and new networks - Improved exchange on mountain development in Europe between 3 major mountain ranges - Contribution to EU-Policy Processes and Convention – development and implementation
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	2-4 million (within INTERREG IVC max. 5 mill. – but only in very exceptional cases)
Estimated project duration (in months)	36 months
Partners involved at this stage and further partners requested (partly yet to be confirmed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNEP - Alpine Convention Secretariat - Ministry Slovenia - ARE, Switzerland - Region Maramures - Region Rzeszow - Region in Ukraine - Region in Bulgaria - Montenegro - Veneto-Region - Region Vorarlberg - Region Serres, Greece
Benefits of the partners	Gain of knowledge and tools for implementation
What is innovative	First big cooperation between mountain ranges in Europe on specific



	topics
Follow-up project of	INTERREG IIIB CADSES «Carpathian Project »
Funding Programme	INTERREG IVC



PROJECT IDEA 2

Title	Move4Nature
Launcher of the project idea	Günther Franz Pfaffenwimmer ISCC
Institution	Ministry for Education, UNEP
Country	Austria, International
General aim of the Project	<p>To mainstream environmental issues/environmental education into educational practice in the Carpathian schools through transnational cooperation – beginning with Romania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To create tools/education materials which can be spread to schools <p>To establish environmental awareness and better connectivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To facilitate environmental interaction throughout the Carpathian region <p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nature protection and protected areas (including sustainable marketing) ○ PET/Waste ○ Mobility, energy and climate change
Expected results (either quantifiable or tangible)	<p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Internet platform for cooperation ○ Informative and interactive training tour ○ Carpathian environmental tool <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A strategy for interactive Carpathians eco-ed programme, better communication and coordination among the Carpathian countries on eco-ed. ○ Schools equipped with eco-educational materials and teachers trained in using them ○ Better awareness of the mobility-related environmental issues ○ Better awareness in the countries about the Carpathian environmental/mountain issues
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	n.n.
Estimated project duration (in months)	22 months
Partners involved and/or foreseen	UNEP, ENSI Educational NGOs Ministries of Education
Benefits of the partners	Mainstreamed eco-education, schools equipped with eco-ed materials and teachers trained in using them, better awareness in the countries



What is innovative	Transnational cooperation and integrated measures for environmental education in the framework of the Carpathians mountains and ecosystems.
Follow-up project of	Carpathian Project
Funding Programme	OMV



PROJECT IDEA 3

Title	Science for the Carpathians (S4C)
Launcher of the project idea	UNEP, Alpine Convention, EURAC and Joanneum Research
Institution	International organisations, Research institutions
Country	
General aim of the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of a scientific forum on science for the Carpathians - Identification of gaps and topics for Carpathian related research - Development of common research projects and support in getting funds approved <p>→ Support of the Carpathian convention by providing the scientific backstopping to decision makers</p>
Expected results (either quantifiable or tangible)	Established platform of different groups (National academies, universities, research institutes, stakeholder interest groups, NGOs) Focus topics: Natural resource management
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	
Estimated project duration (in months)	
Partners involved at this stage	EURAC, JR, UNEP Vienna
Further partners requested	Partners from the Carpathian Space
Benefits of the partners	Structure development and implementation for coordinated and joint research in the Carpathian space
What is innovative	New structures, cooperation platform and possibility of common approaches and implementations
Follow-up project of	INTERREG IIIB CADSES Carpathian Project
Funding Programme	COST, ETC



PROJECT IDEA 4

Title	Bioenergy CC
Launcher of the project idea	UNEP, Blue!, FAO
Institution	UNEP, Blue!, FAO
Country	
General aim of the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribute to an improved overview on existing bioenergy related policies as well as the status-quo of use and supply of biomass for energetic use in the multinational Carpathian region - Anchor Policy recommendations for the use of bioenergy in the Carpathian region – above all implementation scenarios for the new EU-Directive - within binding agreements to be designed in the framework of the Carpathian Convention - Improve the potential for successful local policy implementation by creating realistic regional case scenarios “on site”.
Expected results (either quantifiable or tangible)	
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	2-3 MIO EURO
Estimated project duration (in months)	3 years
Partners involved at this stage or requested	<p>FAO – Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe</p> <p>UNEP-ISCC</p> <p>UNIDO</p> <p>National Ministries of the Carpathian Countries</p> <p>At least 5 regional stakeholders</p> <p>Umbrella association in the field of bioenergy</p>
Benefits of the partners	Local/regional benefits through pilot implementations, support of national and transnational policy processes
What is innovative	Integration of results in policy processes and cooperation with transnational organisations
Follow-up project of	“Carpathian Space” Programmes
Funding Programme	CIP – SubProgramme “Intelligent Energy Europe, co-funding rate 50 %



PROJECT IDEA 5

Title	Soft Tourism and Sustainable Mobility – Accessibility in the Alps and Carpathians
Launcher of the project idea	Veronika Holzer, UNEP
Institution	Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, UNEP
Country	Austria, International
General aim of the Project	Sustainable mobility in tourism in the Alps and the Carpathians
Expected results (either quantifiable or tangible)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Innovative resp. improved offers, capacities and partly infrastructure in regions with intensive touristic development, integrated offers for regions under development pressure „hard“ infrastructure as well as in regions that focus on sustainable tourism development b) Pilot activities and –investments in lacking or declining infrastructure, equipment and product development c) Strengthened or new cooperation structures within and between tourism regions and between tourism- and their source regions for further activities and implementation after project end. d) Professional communication and marketing in the course of project implementation and and securing of funding beyond project end. e) Pre-investment: Feasibility studies for bigger infrastructure investment, strategic linking with possible sources of funding (e.g. objective 1)
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	2-3 million
Estimated project duration (in months)	36 months
Partners involved at this stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria - UNEP - FEDECRAIL – regions: Bieszczady Railway (Podkarpatskie Voivod, Poland), Cierny Balog Railway (Central Region, Slovakia), Borzhava Railway (Zakarpatskie Oblast, Ukraine), Vyhoda Railway (Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Ukraine), Viseu de Sus (Maramures Judetul, Romania); →2-3 of them - Alpine convention secretariat
Further partners requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members of the Working Group on Sustainable Tourism of the Carpathian Convention, - Possible regions and authorities to be addressed (Carpathians and Austria) – touristically differently used - Alpine convention secretariat to be addressed - Proposed: - Train initiative to the Tatra in Slovak Republic



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ski development region in the Ukraine - Carpathian Project region in the Ukraine - Zakopane, Poland - Fogaras mountains with sustainable tourism development and Brasov for more intense tourism development - National park Region
Benefits of the partners	New offers and strategies for their regions and between them, Exchange with other regions in the same situation, pilot investments and feasibility studies
What is innovative	<p>Implementation oriented project on an issue that will gain further importance not really dealt with in the Carpathians yet and only partly in the the Alps.</p> <p>Strategic cooperation between the Alps and the Carpathians</p>
Follow-up project of	INTERREG IIIB CADSES Carpathian Project, Activities in the frame of the Alpine Convention (esp. Working Group « Transport »)
Funding Programme	<p>ETC Transnational Cooperation</p> <p>CENTRAL EUROPE</p> <p>SOUTH EAST EUROPE</p>



PROJECT IDEA 6

Title	Development of transportation infrastructure and conservation of nature heritage in Carpathians
Launcher of the project idea	Ing. Vaclav Hlavac
Institution	Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection of the Czech Republic
Country	Czech Republic
General aim of the Project	<p>Acknowledging the fact, that the development of traffic infrastructure is a crucial precondition for the economic integraton of Carpathian countries into European structures, it is considered necessary and is envisaged to find proposals of solution for minimising negative impacts of transport corridors on the environment, especially in mountainous areas.</p> <p>The specific objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to identify, on the basis of Strategic Environmental Assessments carried out for the corridors and additional regional investigations, ecologically sensitive areas and conflicts - in terms of loss of habitat, fragmentation of landscape, habitats and populations, mortality of fauna on the road, pollution of surroundings of traffic roads and disturbance caused by traffic. It shall also be examined how in the light of increasing traffic and new infrastructures (also those "secondary networks leading to the corridors) some problems might develop in the future - to discuss results with project partners and other important decision makers in the sectors transport, environment and spatial planning on transnational level as well as on national and regional level and elaborate together proposals for solving or mitigating adverse impacts of major transport infrastructure on the environment and spatial planning. - to formulate policy recommendations for transport infrastructure in the planning stage as well as for infrastructure already built and to integrate them in planning programmes in constant exchange of project partners as well as with other important decisions makers. - to formulate concrete investment proposals. - to carry out of feasibility studies for selected investment proposals. - Clarification of follow-up financing of recommended infrastructere investment. - A constant network of regional and national authorities and NGOs in the Carpathian Space working together on transport in connection with environme
Expected results (either quantifiable or tangible)	
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	3-4 Million
Estimated project duration (in months)	36



Partners involved at this stage	Czech partner, Polish, Slovak, Austrian partner, Hungary (ministries and regional authorities)
Further partners requested	
Benefits of the partners	
What is innovative	Innovative is the process of transnational cooperation of the Carpathian countries in a cross-sectoral way, taking on boards decision makers and policy level for environment and transport as well as considering the economic development need of Carpathian areas as well as other regions in Central and Eastern Europe. The innovative goal is the common transnational definition of sensitive areas in the Carpathians and common approaches for mitigation of negative impacts or the input for avoiding them already in the planning stage. Concrete investment proposals are given, feasibility studies carried out and connections to follow-up financing built.
Follow-up project of	INTERREG IIIB CADSES Carpathian Project
Possible funding	CENTRAL Europe Programme



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PROJECT IDEA 7

Title	ALPINE-CARPATHIAN “GREEN BRIDGE”
Launcher of the project idea	Gerhard Egger
Institution	WWF Austria
Country	Austria
General aim of the Project	To connect the Alps and the Carpathians with a "green bridge" to allow for animals to migrate freely between those 2 major ecosystems
Activities and outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Basics – Ecology and geoinformatic, integration into authorities and spatial planning ○ Action Plan ○ Implementation – Green bridges in 3 areas and model projects ○ Information and Publicity ○ International policy
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	7-8 Million
Estimated project duration (in months)	48 months
Partners involved at this stage	Asfinag, Regional authorities n.n.
Benefits of the partners	Strategies and implementation of actions including infrastructure investment
What is innovative	Matching of two ecosystems, implementation oriented, infrastructure built by responsible bodies, cross-sectoral cooperation (ecology and spatial planning) Broad communication and cooperation with policy level
Follow-up project of	INTERREG III B CADSES Carpathian Project
Funding Programme	ETC/CBC Austria-Slovak Republic



PROJECT IDEA 8

Title	Identifying future potentials in European mountain areas
Launcher of the project idea	ARE-Switzerland, SAB, Euromontana Silvia Jost, Thomas Egger
Institution	ARE-Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland Swiss Working Community for mountain areas, Switzerland Euromontana (European multisectoral association for co-operation and development of mountain territories), Bruxelles.
Country	Switzerland, Belgium
General aim of the Project and expected results	<p>Delimitation of mountain areas on European Level –harmonized approach</p> <p>Analysis of the current economic structure in mountain areas and of its change over the last 20 years</p> <p>Identification of key driving forces for the development in mountain areas over the next 20 years</p> <p>Identification of potentials for mountain areas</p> <p>Elaboration of a typology of different mountain areas based on their potentials</p> <p>Comparative analysis of existing policy measures</p> <p>Formulation of recommendations for policy makers</p> <p>→ Linkage to Territorial Agenda</p>
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	n.n.
Estimated project duration (in months)	n.n.
Partners involved at this stage or requested	<p>UNEP-ISCC and Alpine Convention Secretariat acting as « Stakeholders »</p> <p>SAB</p> <p>Euromontana</p> <p>Balkan Foundation for Sustainable Mountain Development</p> <p>Stakeholders from :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - France - UK - Slovenia - Romania - Spain - Austria - Czech Republic - Norway



What is innovative	Implementation of Territorial Agenda, harmonization of « mountain data », Typology, Analysis of policy measures and policy level integration
Funding envisaged	ESPON



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PROJECT IDEA 9

Title	Network Mountain Forest II
Launcher of the project idea	Fritz Singer
Institution	Lebensministerium, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Division IV/4 – Forest Area Planning
Country	Austria
Aims and results of the Project	<p><u>Establishment of a mountain forum</u></p> <p>The mountain forest forum is intended as a European institution which, tightly interlinked with the Standing Forest Committee, raises and addresses mountain forest concerns in European (agriculture, forestry, environment, tourism, etc.) politics, promotes their implementation and offers advisory services to the respective decision-makers on national level and on EU level.</p> <p><u>Preparation of a Mountain Forest Campaign</u></p> <p>The topics climate change, natural hazards, water budget, biodiversity, and forest management with all their very specific impacts on mountain forests and rural development are to be prepared for media presentation to a wide public. The awareness of the population and of decision-makers about all the positive effects forests have on the living environment in mountain areas, but also on adjacent regions, has to be raised. By means of high-publicity actions a wide understanding has to be created for mountain forest concerns.</p> <p><u>Recommendations concerning the creation of a specific EU subsidisation programme for mountain forests</u></p> <p>Especially the mountain forest has numerous functions of social importance which are not, or only under certain conditions, marketable (protective effect, protection of the resource water, regional climate, soil and biodiversity, and the recreational effect) at present. For specific measures which aim at improving and safeguarding those effects of mountain forests that serve the public interest a transparent subsidisation instrument for the compensation within the framework of the Structural Fund for rural areas is to be created and provided with the necessary funds.</p> <p><u>Development and initiation of a European exchange programme for ongoing education and training in the field of mountain forests</u></p> <p>On technical level it will be of importance to exchange the experiences the individual countries have made in the treatment and tending of mountain forests and to implement them in the practice.</p>



	The exchange of best-practice examples is to take place at different levels and always jointly with local and regional stakeholders. For this purpose, prior to the project start those best-practice projects that have proved particularly successful in the applicant country and that might be of interest to other Partner countries are to be collected. As a basis for the education and ongoing education in mountain forest matters special regional knowledge is to be mutually offered and entered into an existing, generally accessible forest database (e.g. "Forest-Knowledge").
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	1,5 – 1,7 mill
Estimated project duration (in months)	36 months
Partners involved at this stage	Bavaria, Bulgaria, Italy (South Tyrol), Austria, Switzerland, Slovenia, Slovakia, as well as the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention.
Further partners will be addressed	Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, France, FYROM, Greece, Croatia, Liechtenstein, Norway, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spain, the Czech Republic, and Ukraine.
Benefits of the partners	European wide exchange, platform, Contribution towards a subsidy programme on mountain forest
What is innovative	European Wide Platform on Mountain Forest, Exchange, Proposed Subsidy Programme and campaign
Follow-up project of	INTERREG III C Network – Mountain – Forest, Carpathian Project
Funding Programme	INTERREG IVC



PROJECT IDEA 10

Title	Carpathian Heritage Inventory
Launcher of the project idea	ANPED
Institution	NGO
Country	Poland
General aim of the Project	Protect and Promote the wide diversity of Carpathian Heritage
Type of actions and output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elaboration of an 'Inventory of Carpathian Heritage' ○ Strategies for management, marketing, education/training and cross-sectoral cooperation (especially with environment, tourism and agriculture) ○ Exchange with other mountain regions in Europe on strategic management, marketing, training and cross-sectoral governance ○ Pilot Activities/Investment and feasibility studies in selected regions. Securing of follow-up financing ○ Recommendations to and integration of policy level
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	n.n.
Estimated project duration (in months)	36 months
Partners to be integrated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ANPED - UNEP-ISCC - UNESCO - National/regional authorities (from sectors culture, environment, rural development) - Regions or communities - Other partners and stakeholders from ANPED (not necessarily all partners, but also «Advisory board »)
Benefits of the partners	Cross-Carpathian cooperation on cultural and natural heritage, common learning and training process, pilot investments
What is innovative	First integrated cooperation in the Carpathians on this topic
Follow-up project of	Carpathian Project, ANPED activities
Funding Programme	<p>ETC – Transnational cooperation programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CENTRAL EUROPE - SOUTH EAST EUROPE <p>Cross-border cooperation</p> <p>Objective 1 Programmes (follow-up financing)</p> <p>LEADER – for purely regional approach</p>



PROJECT IDEA 11

Title	VIA CARPATICA
Launcher of the project idea	Jaudas, Meier, Palenberg
Institution	Czech Ministry of Environment
Country	Czech Republic
General aim of the Project	To develop a touristic regional development backbone along the multinational Carpathian Mountain range within the framework of the Carpathian Convention.
Expected results (either quantifiable or tangible)	To establish Via Carpatica as a sustainable regional development route; to elaborate a network of tourist trails and corresponding sustainable tourism product chains throughout the Carpathians; to boost sustainable tourism with the bottom up approach coming from the Carpathian communities; to prepare the ground for full-scale implementation of Via Carpatica; to support the implementation of the sustainable tourism strategy of the Carpathians under the Carpathian Convention; to enhance cooperation of tourism stakeholders on all levels in seven countries for implementing the Carpathian Convention.
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	2-3 mils
Estimated project duration (in months)	36
Partners involved at this stage	CEEWEB, Ecopolis, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Slovak Ministry of Economy (Dept. of Tourism), UNEP Vienna ISCC
Further partners requested	A Regional Development Agency from Slovakia or Romania, Xellum Ltd
Benefits of the partners	Transnational links and exchange, sustainable tourism development and common information and marketing
What is innovative	First transnational integrated tourism development and hiking trail
Follow-up project of	INTERREG IIIB CADSES Carpathian Project
Funding Programme	ETC Transnational cooperation - CENTRAL EUROPE – 2 nd Call



PROJECT IDEA 12

Title	Ecological Continuum for the Carpathians
Launcher of the project idea	UNEP, WWF
Institution	International Organisation, NGO
Country	International
General aim of the Project	This project aims to achieve an ecological continuum in the Carpathians for biological exchange and migration corridors. It will strengthen and enhance biological diversity of the Carpathians by finding solutions to conflicting interest.
Type of actions and output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information and awareness raising of decision makers on different levels as well as of the broader public. Output: communication strategy and implementation - Joint Carpathian approach with recommendations on priorities (where ecological networks are most needed), on the methodology (most appropriate methods regarding the goals) and on the procedure (how to implement recommendations) together with a catalogue on proposed measures in different sectors (environment, spatial planning, economic development) is elaborated, - Implementation in the Carpathians in selected relevant pilot regions. Activities can include zoning measures, protected area enlargement, creation of ecological corridors, sustainable use agreements with farmers, foresters, hunters or tourism operators as well as pilot investments for mitigation measures or feasibility studies for follow-up financing in e.g. Objective 1. - Intergration of follow-up users and ongoing knowledge management.
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	2-3 Million
Estimated project duration (in months)	36 months
Partners involved at this stage	n.n.
Further partners requested	Environmental, economic (tourism..) and spatial planning departments National parks, their regional authorities
Benefits of the partners	Integrated planning and implementation
What is innovative	First time transnational cooperation for an ecological network in the Carpathian mountain range and integration of integrated spatial planning and economic interests.
Follow-up project of	Carpathian Project, Working Group Activities
Funding Programme	ETC – Transnational cooperation programmes:



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PROJECT IDEA 13

Title	Carpathian Wetland Initiative – 4 Platforms for the Future
Launcher of the project idea	Jan Kadlecik
Institution	State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic
Country	Slovak Republic
General aim of the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Designation of additional Wetlands of International Importance, species and habitats monitoring ○ Integrating wetlands into river basin management ○ Wetland restoration ○ Capacity building
Type of actions and output	<p><u>Platform for wetland assessment and monitoring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of potential sites of international importance fulfilling criteria for designation - Guidelines for harmonised wetland habitats and species monitoring published and placed on the web; Guidelines on wetland restoration and sustainable use translated into national languages published and placed on the web <p><u>Platform for integrated river basin management, especially in shared catchments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documents, agreements on participation in relevant projects - Series of workshops or seminars for relevant stakeholders on wetland management and water allocation to wetlands when developing river basin management plans; Principles of the Ramsar and WFD guidance translated into the national languages and published - Meetings of experts and relevant stakeholders on integrating wetlands into river basin management in shared wetlands and catchments, bilateral agreements - Handbooks, brochures, leaflets, interactive CD on river morphology - Development of a follow-up project on “best practice in retention of water resources in the uplands of catchment basins” <p><u>Platform for wetland restoration activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop wetland restoration strategies/policies for montane/submontane wetlands in a number of Carpathian countries. - Identify priority sites for restoration - Pilot implementation <p><u>Platform for capacity building and public awareness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training needs, courses, - webpage, Information, dissemination and publicity - Establishment and support for regional Wetland Centre and its activities



Estimated total cost (€ if known)	n.n.
Estimated project duration (in months)	36 – 48 months
Partners to be involved for the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- National Focal Points of the CWI (Ministries and State agencies)- WWF-DCP- UNEP-ISCC- Regional authorities for pilot implementations
Benefits of the partners	Common platforms for elaboration of inventory, strategies, pilot implementation and capacity building
What is innovative	First transnational cooperation and implementation on Wetlands in the Carpathians
Follow-up project of	Carpathian Project, Working Group Activities
Funding Programme	ETC – Transnational cooperation programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Central Europe○ South East Europe Swiss Enlargement Funds Life+



Chapter 2 – New Project ideas or Proposals

Title	
Launcher of the project idea	
Institution	
Country	
General aim of the Project	
Type of actions and output	
Estimated total cost (€ if known)	
Estimated project duration (in months)	
Partners involved at this stage	
Further partners requested	
Benefits of the partners	
What is innovative	
Follow-up project of	
Funding Programme	