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Progress Report – WG Biodiversity
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12th Meeting of the Working Group on Biodiversity (19 – 20 May 2021, online)

- Terms of Reference for the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity – [Final draft](#)
- Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity – Work Plan 2021 – 2023 – [Final draft](#)
- Large Carnivores and ecological connectivity
- Cooperation with other organizations and bodies
- next meeting: back to back Centralparks project final conference (Poland, 03/2022, TBC)



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Cooperation with other organizations and bodies: CBD & Post – 2020 GBF

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- new framework to be developed under the CBD and adopted at COP 15 in 2022
- active engagement of the Secretariat in raising the importance of mountain biodiversity and promoting the Carpathian Convention
- possible Carpathian Commitments

Role and contribution of the Carpathian Convention

- CC as regional mechanism for the implementation, an example of unique regional cooperation
- advocating for mountain biodiversity (insights, policy briefs, indicators, side-events)
- enhancing synergies among different biodiversity-related conventions + review of implementation and reporting (DaRT)
- contributing to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

Memorandum of Cooperation

- trilateral MoC between the CBD, the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention
- updated and undergoing consultation, to be signed after COP 15
- instrument for enhancing synergies and supporting common activities on topic of mutual interest

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International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity

- priority actions: harmonization of large carnivores monitoring in the Carpathians
- [Report on population status of large carnivores and monitoring methods in the Carpathians](#) (CIC/BOKU)
- new project idea: Supporting the Carpathian Large Carnivore Comeback – LECA (Interreg Central Europe)



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Projects supporting the WG Biodiversity work

- **ConnectGREEN** (Restoring and managing ecological corridors in mountains as the green infrastructure in the Danube basin) + **SaveGREEN** (Safeguarding the functionality of transnationally important ecological corridors in the Danube basin), Interreg Danube Transnational Programme
- **Centralparks** (Building management capacities of Carpathian protected areas for the integration and harmonization of biodiversity protection and local socio-economic development), Interreg Central Europe / CNPA
- Successful Wildlife Crime Prosecution in Europe (**SWIPE**), EU LIFE Project
- **Citizen Science in the Carpathians**, Visegrad project

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Ecological Connectivity



- International Conference “Protected Areas – Cornerstones of Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians and Beyond“: closing of the Carpathian Convention flagship project – ConnectGREEN + 3rd Conference of the Carpathian Network of the Protected Areas (28–30 September 2021, Visegrad/online)
 - Conference Declaration calling for efficient management of ecological corridors
- EUSDR PA6 (Biodiversity and Landscapes, Quality of Air and Soils), 16th Steering Group Meeting (11 November 2021, online): **Ecological Connectivity in the Danube Region**
 - poss. Joint Declaration on ecological connectivity by the project, EUSDR, the Carpathian Convention and ICPDR