



Carpathian Wetland Initiative updates on activities

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Objective 1 Mainstreaming



Wetlands and their services and benefits integrated in relevant documents of the Carpathian Convention

- CWI recognized by the CC COP6 and in the Programme of Work of the CC 2021-2023
- 8th meeting of the WG on Climate Change (online 6 May 2021)
 - CWI presentation on wetlands as nature-based solution for climate change mitigation and updates on relevant projects
 - Involvement in Work Plan 2021-2023
- 12th meeting of the WG on Biodiversity (online 19-20 May 2021)
 - Updates on CWI activities
 - Involved in Work plan 2021 – 2023



Objective 4 Ecological Networks and Management of Sites



Cooperation in the development of the ecological networks in the Carpathians, contribution to relevant projects on continuity and connectivity

- CNPA meetings
- International Conference Protected Areas – Cornerstones of Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians and Beyond (Visegrád, HU, 28-30 September 2021)
 - Side event (Connectivity Academy) – CWI workshop (30 September 2021) - wetlands in the global, European and regional strategies and plans and implications for the CWI future plans of activities
- Contribution/involvement in Interreg projects



Objectives 6, 7, 8 Wetland Inventories



Wetlands conservation, restoration and maintenance Climate change

Project proposals

Cooperation with partner organisations (DAPHNE, WI, UNEP GRID Warsaw, S4C), CC Parties and secretariats of the Carpathian Convention, Ramsar Convention in preparation of relevant projects

- **CARPWET** - Carpathian wetlands as the nature-based solution for climate change mitigation
- Development of the project outline for European Climate Initiative (EUKI) funding, which included
 - wetlands inventory in the Carpathian region
 - common actions for carbon-rich soil and wetland restoration
 - integration into climate mitigation and adaptation policies and strategies

to enhance CO₂ sequestration and storage; enhancing the knowledge and awareness of wetlands as nature-based solutions for climate change mitigation and promote the inclusion of wetland management, protection and restoration in national climate policies.

- **WE.PEAT** – Green New Deal for Peatlands - H2020 project proposal – PL, RO, SK involved, submission supported by CWI, CC Secretariat



Objective 10

Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness



Development of a project for training

- Preparation of training course on wetlands restoration in cooperation with Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic (originally planned for October 2020, postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions)
- Held between 18-22 October 2021 (organized by MoE CZ, Czech Ramsar Committee and CWI) in Šumava NP, Slavkovský les PLA, Krušné hory - testing of the format with CZ and SK participants (15), more flexible in the COVID development situation; certificates provided
- Next year also for other Carpathian countries





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- **Communication with CWI Board members**
- Consultations within the **WG on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives (RRIs)** - Consultancy for development of draft Operational Guidelines for RRIs; ToR for Consultancy; Survey (questionnaire) on RRIs + RRIs Assessment 2016-2019; ToR of the WG on RRIs; draft revised Operational Guidelines for RRIs including new reporting format; draft Report of the RRIs WG for Ramsar SC59; draft resolution on Operational Guidelines; meeting of the WG on RRIs...
- Existing CWI ToR will be revised accordingly after approval of the Operational Guidelines.



Objective 11

Capacities and Financing



Regular contributions, providing relevant capacities to activities and governance

- **CWI - Coordinated by the Slovak State Nature Conservancy** – annual budget and workplan
- **Voluntary contributions**
 - Ministry of Agriculture HU – 2021 - 1000 EUR
 - Ministry of Environment SK – 2021 – 2000 EUR
 - Ministry of Environment CZ – 2021 – training course co-financing



Global and regional priorities



- biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning
 - effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures; widening the network of PAs
 - ecological corridors, investments in green and blue infrastructure and cooperation across borders
 - restoration; at least 25,000 km of free-flowing rivers restored in EU
 - manage pathways for the introduction of invasive alien species, preventing, or reducing their rate of introduction and establishment ..., and control or eradicate invasive alien species to eliminate or reduce their impacts, focusing on priority species and priority sites
 - minimize the impact of climate change on biodiversity, contribute to mitigation and adaptation through ecosystem-based approaches
 - better management and investment in water resources must protect freshwater biodiversity and at the same time, manage water resources for equitable access for people and broader human needs and well-being; nature-based solutions
- *Will be reflected in the new work plan for 2022 – propose priorities*



Thank you!

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