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**COOPERATION**  
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 **2<sup>ND</sup> CNPA STEERING COMMITTEE ONLINE MEETING**

On-line meeting | 19th July 2021, 10.00 am

 **UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERREG CENTRAL EUROPE PROJECT  
“CENTRALPARKS”**

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- ✓ *The draft strategy for local sustainable tourism development based on natural and cultural heritage of the Carpathians* (D.T1.2.3/O.T1.2) presented by LP to CC WG on Sustainable Tourism (15.04.), officially submitted by SCC to CC Parties on 10.06. (with deadline for comments by 22.06., later PL requested extension by 2 weeks, until 06.07.) together with a brief factsheet
- ✓ *The draft Carpathian strategy for enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation outside and inside protected areas* (D.T1.1.3/O.T1.1) delivered to SCC together with a brief factsheet (on 07.05), presented by LP to CC WG Biodiversity (20.05.), but not yet officially submitted by SCC to CC Parties



- ✓ **2 pilot actions in PL** (A.T1.4 in Pieniny NP, A.T1.5 in Magurski NP) launched, first physical meetings in 2 national parks held in June 2021
- ✓ **3rd pilot action in PL** (A.T1.6 communication training for PA administrations) scheduled for 22-24.09.2021. in Muszyna, PL
- ✓ The pilot action in PL under A.T1.5 in **Magurski NP - physical meeting with national park staff and representatives of local communities and authorities (30 partic.) 21-23.06.2021**, Krempna, PL, preparing 4 thematic workshops involving local communities (planned for Sept.-Oct. 2021) towards the development of the local LSTD strategy 2 outcomes





Several community mayors expressed the willingness to conclude an agreement with the NP concerning the local strategy implementation



Central governments: 7 (CC Parties to which 2 draft strategies were submitted) Regional gov. authorities: 3 (Marshall Offices of 3 „Carpathian” admin. provinces of PL involved by the central Govt. in the consultation of the draft LSTD Strategy) Local authorities / community representatives: 15 (participants of pilot action meeting in Magurski NP) 3 NGOs & 1 local private enterprise (participating in meeting in Magurski NP) Protected Area administrations: 2 national park directorates, 1 Board of Landscape Parks (Magurski NP 8 reps., Pieniny NP 13 reps., Małopolskie Landscape Parks Complex Board, 2 reps.) Regional env./nat. authorities: 1 (Reg.Env.Protect.Directorates Kraków, 2 reps.) Universities/Research instit.: 2 (participating in meeting in Magurski NP)



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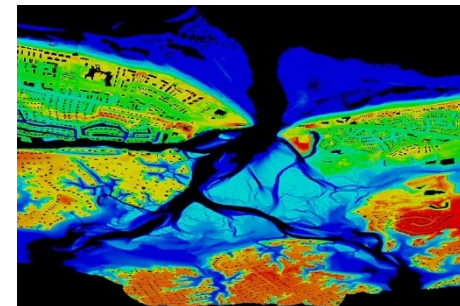
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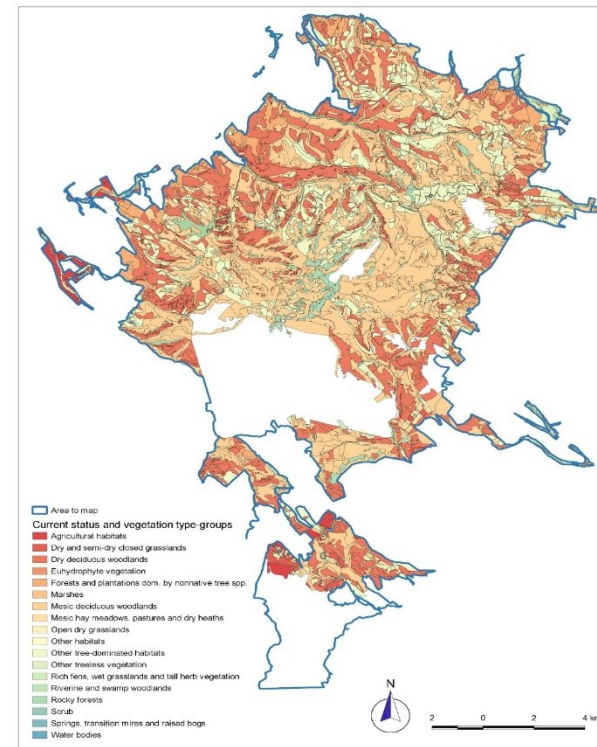
## Deliverables finalised during RP4:

- ✓ D.T2.1.2 Forest state evaluation protocol
- ✓ D.T2.1.3 Grassland state evaluation protocol
- ✓ D.T2.1.4 Evaluation of LiDAR results and feasibility study for external public authorities
- ✓ D.T2.1.5 Habitat Mapping Guidelines





- By the end of June 2021, all of the 30.000 ha were surveyed and reported.
- 20.000 ha of analysed habitat maps were checked and approved by DINPD.



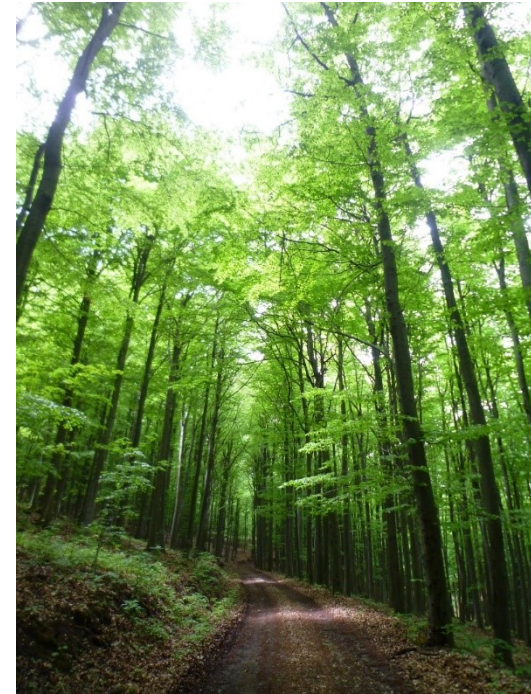
- The preparation of the 3rd part of the background documentation
- Inclusion of the following results:
  - **Habitat mapping**
  - **Forest and grassland state evaluation**
  - **LiDAR**
  - **Forest fauna evaluation**
- The final output will be prepared jointly with the partners and TTTF members
- In the meantime, several forest management plans were supervised by the DINPD in the area of the Börzsöny Mountains with the use of the background documentation!



# WPT2 UPDATE

- 2 external experts has been contracted for the implementation.
- 3,000 survey plots (points) were determined by DINPD:
- The implementation is going smoothly. Already 1,500 plots were surveyed, the first invoicing and control will happen in July.

Deliverable date: 31. 12. 2021.



- DINPD determined the pilot sites in accordance with the habitat mapping and forest state evaluation sites
- Ongoing tendering procedure



- There is an ongoing tendering for bird and bat species in addition to the forest state evaluation.
- As an additional survey to the implementation of forest state evaluation and nature conservation management planning, an evaluation of the saproxylic beetle species will be monitored.
- Implementation of the beetle fauna evaluation smoothly.



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# WPT3 UPDATE

- ✓ The final proposal of CEST after review by 2 reviewers consulted with TTTF members, finalized with support of the core team of authors.
- ✓ Submitted for proofreading and work on layout to EWS on 25 June 2021.
- ✓ Shortened version for translation to some Carpathian languages finalized and distributed to CZ, HU and PL partners on 29 June 2021.
- ✓ Development of the annex to CEST on the ES capacity in the Carpathian region by experts - ongoing.



## Deliverable D.T3.2.1

### Step by step guide for using the CEST

- ✓ The second draft under adjustment according to comments by reviewers and will be finalized after feedback from national workshops in CZ, HU and SK in autumn 2021.





## Activity A.T3.2 Training programme for local/regional authorities

Trainings / workshops (3) for public authorities on use of CEST, using CEST translated in target regions (CZ, HU, SK - Output O.T3.2) - in person or virtual

T: 09.-11. 2021



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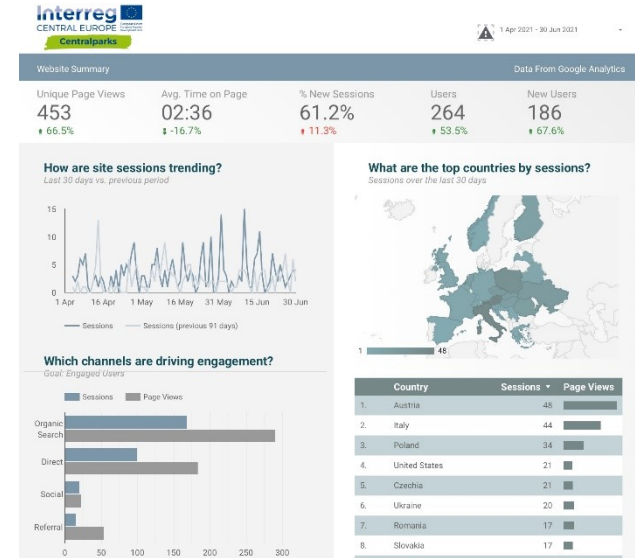
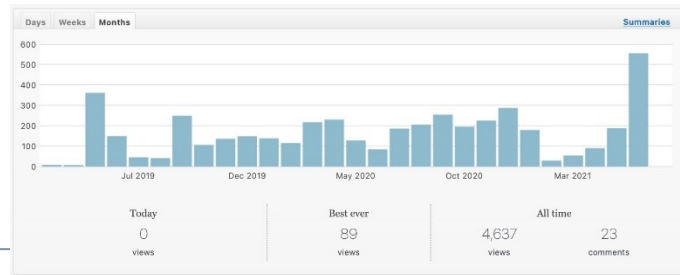


## Digital activities

### 1. Website content

- Postings on WPT2 grassland and forest state evaluation methodology
- CC WG Sustainable Tourism meeting
- CC WG Biodiversity meeting
- Earth Day, World Environmental Day, International Danube Day, ConnectGREEN video competition
- Carpathian QUIZ

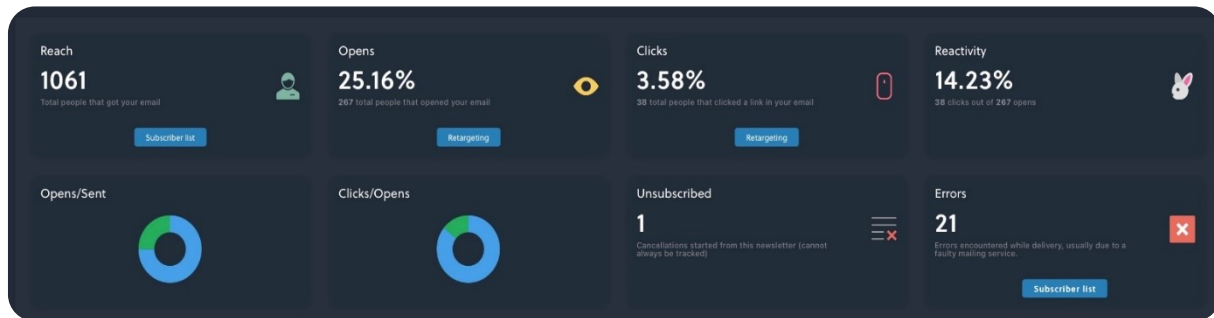
### 2. External newsletters



# WPC UPDATE

## Digital activities

1. Regular website content
2. External newsletters
  - 2 external newsletters sent
    - Joint newsletter: sent to 1061 recipients, opening rate: 25,16%
      - Several positive feedbacks
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter: sent to 594 recipients, opening rate: 23,91%



## Local outreach activities needed!

### Successful outreach efforts towards:

- National public authorities
- Sectoral agencies
- General public
- Interest groups, incl. NGOs

### Focused efforts needed to reach:

- Local public authorities
- Regional public authorities
- Higher education and research
- Education/training centres and schools

...through local and regional media relations activities! → Guidelines on media relations and press release development.



- Digital outreach
- Carpathian Quiz closing
- CNPA SC meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> of July, online
- ConnectGREEN final conference and CNPA roundtable newsletter in August 2021
- Deliverables and publications on the website - **together with partners**
- CNPA meeting within the ConnectGREEN final conference on 28-30<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- BEECH POWER synergy meeting in September 2021
- CNPA website remodelling
- Media appearances
- CEST study book design, layout and printing  
Copies? AF: 100
- Project multimedia clips **with WP leaders**

## Period 5

## Period 6

- Digital outreach
- Project multimedia clips **with WP leaders**
- CNPA website remodelling
- Deliverables and publications on the website - **together with partners**
- International Wilderness Week 2021
- Final conference and press conference /Hybrid conference
- CEST study book
- Centralparks final brochure
- Guidelines for proper integrated nature conservation planning
  - Copies? AF: 1000; Translation?
- Synergy activities
- Conference appearances, poster presentations in schools



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# UPCOMING DELIVERABLES

## WP1

- D.T 1.4.1: Preparation material for the workshops (PP4 lead)
- D.T 1.4.2: Preparation workshop for implementation of DT1.4.3 (PP4 lead)
- D.T 1.4.3: Pilot action implementation (PP4 lead)
- D.T 1.4.4: Pilot action completion report with recommendations
- D.T 1.4.5: Preparation material for the workshop (PP5 lead)
- D.T 1.4.6: Pilot action implementation (PP5 lead)
- D.T 1.5.1: Preparation material for the workshops (PP4 lead)
- D.T 1.5.5: Preparation material for the workshop (PP2 lead)
- D.T 1.5.6: Pilot action implementation of the Strategy for culture-based STD

## WP2

- D.T 2.2.3: Forest state evaluation
- D.T 2.2.4: Grassland state evaluation
- D.T 2.2.5: Forest fauna evaluation





# FORUM CARPATICUM UPDATE



## Main topics discussed and issues addressed:

- **Macro-regional strategies** to ensure cohesion and sustainable socio-economic development in the Carpathians
- **Ecosystems and resource vulnerabilities** in the Carpathians
- **Education for Sustainable Development** and enhancing societal impact of S4C
- Opportunities and challenges for **environment and biodiversity** in Carpathians
- Discussion and comments on **barriers** to integration and use of transdisciplinary approaches and to scientific collaboration with partners in the Carpathian region
- Exchange of ideas on how to enhance the role of **Carpathian scientists** in Carpathian society
- Suggestions of changes and inputs into the **research agenda** of the Science for the Carpathians - <http://carpathianscience.org/new-s4c-research-agenda/>





## Main results and recommendation:

- **Involving young people** (students and young scientists) more in Carpathians and Caucasus cooperation activities (through summer/winter schools, workshops, events)
- Continuing with the organization of wide long lasting research programme/projects to financially **support science and international cooperation** across the Carpathian region
- Addressing the **valorisation of the Carpathian resources** in order to strengthen local value-added chains and induce both a sustainable, local growth in the Carpathian valleys and reduction in the brain-drain by offering attractive conditions to local talents and innovative entrepreneurs



# CNPA ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- Revitalization process of the CNPA network
- Checked and updated the mailing list of all the PAs included in the former network (about 100), provided by PP3, and new relevant contacts implemented by all the PPs
- Detailed newsletter sent to all PAs involved and contacts from the updated mailing list, in conjunction with ConnectGREEN, SaveGREEN and CC WG Biodiversity, for a total of **1,065 recipients**
- Renewal of CNPA official website: design and structure
- Organization of CNPA national roundtable session to gather relevant stakeholders, re-evaluate results and findings, strengthen cooperation project approach






CNPA conference organized within the ConnectGREEN final conference:

- Official CNPA Steering Group members will be invited to evaluate the ongoing progress of the work dedicated to the network
- PAs representatives from each Carpathian country will share the main issues, good practices, threats and future challenges from their national perspective
- Discussion session aimed to foster collaboration and future cooperation among the managers of the Carpathian protected areas.



## Protected Areas - Cornerstones of Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians and Beyond

 Visegrád, Hungary  
(and online)



28-30 September 2021

**Deadline:** 15 September 2021

### DAY 1

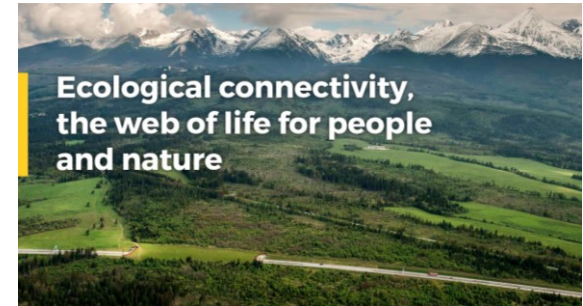
- Arrival and welcome session
- Keynote speeches & moderated discussion
- Gala dinner
  
- Launch of “Voices of the Youth” video contest
- Poster exhibition related to ecological corridors, large carnivores and protected areas



# CONNECTGREEN FINAL CONFERENCE

## DAY 2

- Workshop1&2: ConnectGREEN methodology, tools and best practice
- Workshop3: Restoration of natural habitat connectivity (Centralparks contribution)
- Workshop4: Fitness Check of EIA Directive
- CNPA Conference
- Panel discussion on protected areas



## DAY 3

- Workshops wrap-up
- ConnectGREEN Final Conference: presentation of results & outputs and recommendations
- Official closing of the Conference
- Walk shops: 3 different tours focusing on various topics

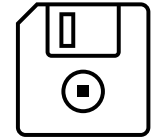


# CENTRALPARKS FINAL CONFERENCE

## SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, in Wieliczka (PL)

The presence of CNPA Steering Committee is strongly encouraged.





# Thank you for your attention!



May your mountains rise up to the clouds and overcome them!

