CNPA Contribution to the WG Biodiversity main activities

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 CNPA: Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity: Article 8 - Conservation, maintenance, restoration and sustainable use of natural and semi-natural habitats; Article 9 - Continuity and connectivity of natural and semi-natural habitats, ecological network in the Carpathians; Article 14 - Carpathian Network of Protected Areas

→ <u>http://www.carpathianconvention.org/protocol-on-biodiversity.html</u>

 WG Biodiversity – leading role of the Czech Republic / COP 6 Decisions

→ <u>CC COP6 DOC3 – COP6 DECISIONS – ADOPTED</u>

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- International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity: implementation strongly relies on inputs by experts and project outcomes
 - → CC COP6 DOC9 International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians
- Project implementation: ConnectGREEN, Centralparks, EuroLargeCarnivores, TRANSGREEN - integrated cooperation & exchange of information

→ <u>http://www.carpathianconvention.org/projects.html</u>

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- Interlinking the work of the Carpathian Convention into international processes (EU Biodiversity Strategy, CBD and its new global biodiversity framework)
 - \rightarrow EU Biodiversity strategy for 2030

Nature protection: key commitments by 2030

- Legally protect a minimum of 30% of the EU's land area and 30% of the EU's sea area and integrate ecological corridors, as part of a true Trans-European Nature Network.
- Strictly protect at least a third of the EU's protected areas, including all remaining EU primary and old-growth forests.
- Effectively manage all protected areas, defining clear conservation objectives and measures, and monitoring them appropriately.
- Upcoming events: WG Meeting, Forum Carpaticum 2021 (21-25 June 2021), 3rd Conference for the Carpathian Protected Areas in 2021

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

- standardized monitoring systems for continuous assessment of the population status
- identify patches of suitable habitats including core areas and stepping stones for large carnivores, within and between protected areas, key ecological corridors and critical zones, with the use of the <u>Methodology for Identifying Ecological Corridors in the Carpathian</u> <u>Countries by using Large Carnivores as Umbrella Species</u>
- guidelines on identification, <u>conservation, restoration and</u> <u>management of ecological corridors in the Carpathians (gap</u> analysis on the needs for improving the planning processes and tools related to ecological corridors identification and preservation)
- Promote the use the <u>Wildlife and Traffic in the Carpathians</u>
 <u>Guidelines on how to minimize the impact of transport</u>
 <u>infrastructure development on nature in the Carpathian countries</u>
- best practices on managing and reducing conflicts between humans and large carnivores
- proper law-enforcement with respect to illegal killings of large carnivores through raising awareness of illegal killings, through research aiming at better understanding local causes
- assessment of climate change effects on large carnivores and their habitats

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