



Carpathian Wetland Initiative updates on activities

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Mainstreaming Ecological Networks



- 2020-2021 activities affected by COVID-19 pandemics.
- Cooperation and communication with other CC WGs (WG on Climate Change, WG on Sustainable Transport), CCIC, CC Secretariat (COP6 decisions), EUSDR PA4, PA5, PA6.
- Involvement in projects (Centralparks, ConnectGREEN, IDES).
- Cooperation with partner organisations on ecological networks, ecol. continuity and connectivity (CNPA, DANUBEPARKS, IUCN, Wetlands International, WWF CEE).





Wetland Inventories Wetland Conservation, Restoration and Maintenance



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, WE.PEAT).

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





Wetland Conservation, Restoration and Maintenance Climate Change



Development of the project outline for European Climate Initiative (EUKI) funding, which includes

- wetlands inventory in the Carpathian region,
- common actions for carbon-rich soil and wetland restoration
- integration into climate mitigation and adaptation policies and strategies





Climate Change



- “**CARPWET** - Carpathian wetlands as the nature-based solution for climate change mitigation” – project outline submitted in January 2021 within 5th call of EUKI.
- 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.
- 5 project partners (DAPHNE – SK – lead partner, Masaryk University Brno – CZ, Centre for Ecological Research – HU, DUENE – GE, Wetlands International European Association – NL)





CARPWET project



Letters of Support

- Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic
- Ministry of Agriculture, Department for Nature Conservation – HU
- Ministry for Innovation and Technology, Climate Policy Department – HU
- Ministry of Climate and Environment, Department of Nature Conservation – PL
- Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests – RO
- Ministry of Environment – SK
- UNEP, Vienna Programme Office, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
- Ramsar Convention Secretariat
- Scientific Steering Committee of the Science for the Carpathians (S4C SSC)
- Bavarian State Ministry for Environment and Consumer Protection – DE (EUSDR PA6)
- Steering Group of the Priority Area 5, representatives Danube Region countries
- Slovak Presidency to EUSDR

Thank you!



CEPA



- 15th edition of the International Exhibition and Contest of Posters **EKOPLAGÁT 2020** – Organizational Committee, International Jury, co-funding, awarding the „wetland“ poster.





CEPA



- Preparation of the International Training Course on Wetlands Restoration with the Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic and the Czech Ramsar Committee (planned for October 2020).
- Posting of the report and presentations of the International training course on sustainable agriculture held in CZ i Sept. 2019 - CWI website (www.cwi.sk).

Ministry of the Environment
of the Czech Republic





CEPA WG on RRIs



- Carpathian Wetland Centre maintained; Carpathian wetland library supplemented.
- 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.



Capacity and Financing



- Communication and consultations with relevant ministries
- Financial support from MA Hungary, MoE SK
- Support for training from MoE CZ
- Support for other project proposals
- SNC SK annual workplan





Planned priorities



- Cooperation with CC WGs and networks
- Meeting of the CWI Board; capacity development
- Training course on wetland restoration in CZ
- Projects implementation; new projects initiation, development
- Approached by Institute of Botany, Slovak Academy of Sciences – interdisciplinary Carpathian research (grasslands, bio-cultural heritage, traditional management practices, sustainable agriculture...)

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Thank you!

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