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 Centralparks - Conservation of biological and landscape diversity

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Good morning!

Buongiorno! / Guten Morgen!

Dobré jitro!

Jó reggelt!

Dzień dobry!

Buna dimineata!

Добар дан!

Dobré ráno!

Добрый день!

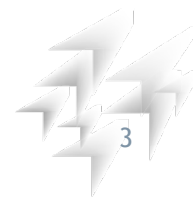


WPT1- Integration of biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in the Carpathian region



Carpathian Biosphere Reserve, Ukraine

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WPT1 basic concept:

Reconciling and linking the conservation of biological/landscape diversity to sustainable local socio-economic development, and raising the support of local communities for protected area operations is possible

- if well protected natural and landscape values (⇒ draft Biodiversity strategy)
- are properly used as the driver and asset for the local sustainable tourism development (⇒ draft strategy for Local Sustainable Tourism Development)
- while conservation objectives, and benefits arising from the above synergy are effectively communicated to the local stakeholders (⇒ Guidelines on communication between PAs and local communities)

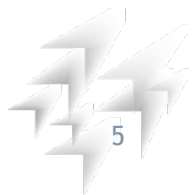


WPT1- Integration of biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in the Carpathian region

WPT1 aims at facilitating the implementation of the Carpathian Convention and its two thematic protocols:

- Protocol on conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity (Bucharest, 2008)
- Protocol on sustainable tourism (Bratislava, 2011)

At the local and regional levels, in support of one of the priorities of the current Polish Presidency of the Carpathian Convention

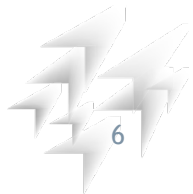




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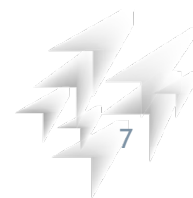
Implementing the priorities of the Polish Presidency of the
Carpathian Convention to promote the EU accession to the
Carpathian Convention and closer cooperation with the
local and regional level



WPT1 - transnational cooperation and networking



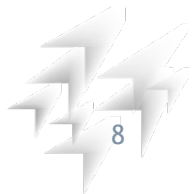
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WPT1 - transnational cooperation and networking

3 multinational expert groups (Thematic Transnational Task Forces, TTTFs) were established under WPT1, allowing to:

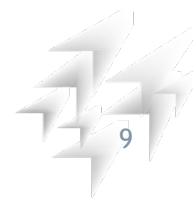
- pool the expertise of Project Partners, protected area managers and experts from the Carpathian countries
- capitalize on exchange of information, experience, best practices
- involve different target groups (protected areas, universities / research institutions, NGOs) in project activities
- develop 3 mutually reinforcing Outputs (\Rightarrow synergy of outputs).



TTTF on biodiversity and landscape conservation



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TTTF on biodiversity and landscape conservation

Centralparks TTTF on biodiversity and landscape conservation involved **21 PPs' representatives & external experts from 7 countries** (incl. a volunteer from Ukraine) had 3 meetings in 2019 - 2020 (but worked mostly online, due to pandemic) prepared 3 subsequent working draft versions of the draft Carpathian strategy for enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation outside and inside protected areas.



draft Carpathian strategy for biodiversity & landscape conservation



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Target audience:

- protected area administrations, nature conservation and landscape protection agencies and other nature and landscape conservation bodies and authorities
- local communities, including municipal and regional authorities.

The strategy can serve as the guidance for preparing or updating

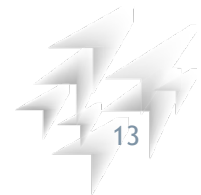
- protected area management plans*
- local or regional planning documents, concerning nature and landscape conservation, land-use, and spatial development

* many protected areas in the Carpathians have no valid long-term management plans or expect revisions



Four equally important strategic objectives (SOs):

- SO1. Preservation, protection, recovery and sustainable use of plant, animal and fungi **species**
- SO2. Preservation, protection, restoration and sustainable use of natural and semi-natural **habitats**
- SO3. Preservation, protection, restoration, revitalization, and sustainable use of **landscapes** (almost absent in the Biodiversity Protocol)
- SO4. Ensuring **continuity and connectivity** of natural and semi-natural habitats, landscapes, strengthening the **ecological network** in the Carpathian region



Each strategic objective (SO) is divided into three operational objectives (OOs), corresponding to the logical sequence of actions:

- data collection, analysis, and assessment of the current status
- planning protective measures and activities necessary for the achievement of the particular strategic objective (incl. identification of local priorities)
- implementation of protective measures and activities.



Draft Carpathian strategy for biodiversity & landscape conservation



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- The draft Strategy recommends solely the measures and activities which are feasible for implementation by the local stakeholders, are specific for, and remain within the scope of competencies and responsibilities of the regional and local authority levels.
- The local stakeholders as the ‘end-users’ and ‘end beneficiaries’ shall select the most proper and feasible measures and activities, accordingly to their local priorities, most urgent needs and management challenges, as well as their financial and operational capacities.



The draft Strategy indicates some specific measures and activities which:

- are most relevant for application **inside protected areas** (while remaining ones can be applied both inside and outside PAs)
- can successfully be implemented also at the transboundary scale, in transboundary protected areas (TBPAs) and in cooperation between the local and regional authorities, and other stakeholders from the two or more bordering countries





- Test implementation of the draft strategy is planned under 2 separate pilot actions in 2021 in **Hungary and Poland** each involving Carpathian protected areas (Duna-Ipoly NP, Pieniny NP) and surrounding local communities;
- Reports on lessons learned from its test implementation will be submitted in early 2022 to the Carpathian Convention.

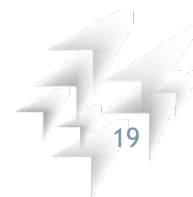


Draft Carpathian strategy for biodiversity & landscape conservation



Protiate Kaminnia Natural Geological Monument, Pokuty-Bukovinian Carpathians, Ukraine

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DECISION COP6/9

Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity
Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

8. *Welcomes* the ongoing implementation of the Centralparks project, funded by the INTERREG Central Europe Programme and led by Eurac Research, that gives considerable support to the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) activities, *encourages* CNPA, WG Biodiversity and the Secretariat to further support its implementation and *encourages* the Parties to contribute to and use the results of the project, as appropriate; and *takes note of* the activities of the Centralparks project, especially “the Carpathian strategy for enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation outside and inside Protected Areas”;



Why do we always say „draft” LSTD Strategy ?

The proposed draft, elaborated under the Centralparks project will become a true Strategy (for the use by the local and regional stakeholders) only if accepted and formally endorsed by the Parties to the Convention

hopefully at the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP7), to be held in autumn 2023 in the Republic of Serbia



WPT1 concept: synergy of compatible outputs

Implementation of the Carpathian strategy for biodiversity & landscape conservation shall be supported and enhanced by the application of:

- **Centralparks strategy for the local sustainable tourism development**
 - incl. measures and activities which can prevent or mitigate possible adverse effects of tourism and related infrastructure developments
- **Centralparks guidelines on communication between protected areas and local communities**
 - communicating the conservation objectives, raising the sense of the common ownership and responsibility for protected areas among the local residents



WPT1: our climb was strenuous, but worth the view from the top!



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Thank you!

Grazie! / Danke!

Děkuji!

Köszönöm!

Dziękuję!

Mulțumesc!

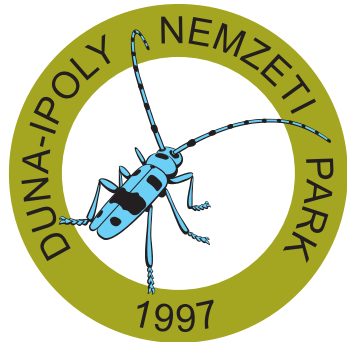
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Ďakujem!

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Let's
get
Wild!

