



Carpathian Wetland Initiative updates on activities

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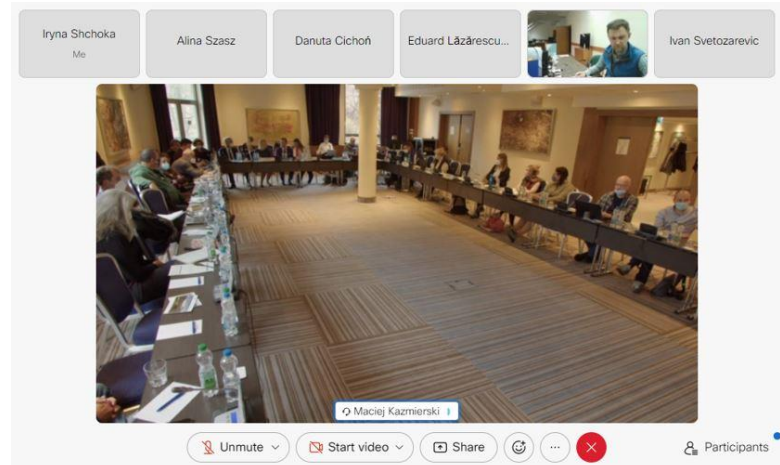
Objective 1

Mainstreaming



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

- **12th CCIC meeting (18 – 19 November 2021, Krakow, PL)** – presentation on CWI updates and activities;
- **Workshop on strengthening networks within the Carpathian Convention** - discussion and inputs from the CCIC about how the networks under the Carpathian Convention (including CWI) can be strengthened and better connected to the Convention.





Objective 4

Ecological Networks and Management of Sites



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

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main content is a slide with the following text:

Contributing to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

- Joint Statement by the Carpathian Convention welcoming the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- Identification of regional flagships to promote the UN Ecosystem Restoration Decade in the Carpathians

Below the text are two images: one with the text 'LET'S REVIVE OUR MOUNTAINS' and another showing a landscape with mountains and water. The slide also features logos for Interreg, UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, and other partners. The Zoom interface includes a video thumbnail of Orsi Nyírai, a list of participants (Orsi Nyírai, Christophe Janc, Borjan Brankov...), and a bottom toolbar with icons for Mute, Start Video, Security, Participants, Chat, Share Screen, Record, Breakout Rooms, and Reactions.



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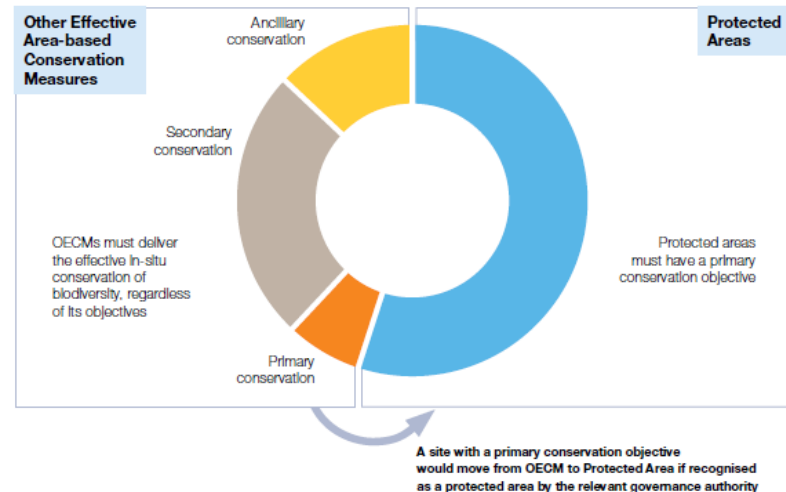
- Round Table – The significance of of PA networks for effective PAs management and nature-based sustainable development in the Carpathians and beyond (24 March 2021)



Wetlands conservation, restoration and maintenance

Project proposals

- Cooperation with partner organisations (Secretariats of the CC, Ramsar Convention, DANUBEPARKS...), national agencies and ministries in development of the project proposal on identification, conservation, management and restoration of not protected tiny wetlands of conservation importance (Interreg CE programme) as OECMs



IUCN-WCPA Task Force on OECMs (2019)

Figure 1. The relationship between OECMs and protected areas
 (Note: sizes of segments are illustrative only and not based on actual data).



Objective 10

Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness



Development of a project for training

- Preparation of the **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); certificates provided
- Planned 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; 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 and on RRIs; meeting of the WG on RRIs, online meeting of European RRIs (25 March 2022), invitation for the Europe Regional Pre-COP14 Ramsar Meeting session on RRIs (28 April 2022)
...
- Information on CWI at the **meeting of the Czech Ramsar Committee** and conference on occasion of the 50 Anniversary of the Ramsar Convention (30 Nov. – 1 Dec. 2021, Mikulov, CZ)
- **Youth at the Top 2022** – „Water in all its forms“



Objective 11

Capacities and Financing



Regular contributions, providing relevant capacities to activities and governance

CWI coordination – Annual Report 2021 and Work Plan 2022

- **CWI - Coordinated by the Slovak State Nature Conservancy – annual budget and workplan**
- **Voluntary contributions**
 - Ministry of Agriculture HU – 2021 and 2022
 - Ministry of Environment SK – 2021 and 2022
 - Ministry of Environment CZ – 2021 – training course co-financing
- Other ministries and partners are invited to contribute in any form



Thank you!

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