



# BIOREGIO Carpathians

*Integrated Management of Biological and Landscape Diversity for Sustainable Regional  
Development and Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians*

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## 1. General overview

BioREGIO Carpathians is a transnational project, co-financed by the ERDF under the 2<sup>nd</sup> call of the [EU South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme](#).

The project was approved in March 2011, will end in June 2014 and is a flagship project in the [EU Strategy for the Danube Region \(EUSDR\)](#). The Subsidy Contract was signed in December 2011; in 2012 a 6 months prolongation was requested to the JTS.

BioREGIO Carpathians builds on the existing framework of the Carpathian Convention, its Biodiversity Protocol and other related transnational networks and initiatives.

## 2. Partnership

16 international, national, and local authorities, organizations and scientific institutions from 9 countries:

• Lead Partner: Piatra Craiului National Park (RO)

• Austria:

- UNEP Vienna – Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
- WWF Danube Carpathians Programme

• Hungary:

- Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate
- Szent István University

## 2. Partnership

- Romania:
  - Maramures Mountains Nature Park,
  - Iron Gates Natural Park,
  - Environmental Protection Agency Sibiu
- Italy:
  - European Academy Bolzano - EURAC,
  - Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea
- Slovak Republic:
  - State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic,
  - National Forest Centre

## 2. Partnership

- Czech Republic:
  - Nature Conservancy Agency
- Poland:
  - UNEP GRID Warsaw Centre (proposed to be replacing Polish Academy of Sciences – former project partner)
- Serbia:
  - Public Enterprise Djerdap National Park
- Ukraine:
  - Carpathian Biosphere Reserve – replaced the former Agency for Protected Areas
- Observers: Ministries of the Environment of all the 7 Carpathian Countries, Environment Agency Austria

### 3. Main Objectives/outputs

- a geo web-referenced interactive *Carpathian Joint Biodiversity Information System (CJBIS)*;
- the first Carpathian wide *Red Lists of Habitats and Species* and a List of Invasive Alien Species;
- *Common Integrated Management Measures (CIMM)* for natural assets and protected areas and further implementation in 3 different transboundary pilot areas;
- *Policy recommendations for ecological connectivity* after identifying the main natural, legal, social and economic barriers;
- Transfer of project results are *to the Dinaric Arc and the Balkans*;
- multi-level governance and cross-sector integration of the project outcomes and recommendations.

## 4. Project Structure and Implementation status

WP 0: Preparation Activities

WP 1: Transnational project and financial management

WP 2: Communication Activities

WP 3: Database development

WP 4: Integrated management of Carpathian natural assets and protected areas

WP 5: Continuity and connectivity

WP 6: Pilot projects

WP 7: Intergovernmental platform and stakeholders involvement



## WP 4 – Integrated management of Carpathian natural assets and PAs - WWF DCP

- 3 WP meetings organised in Austria and Hungary
- Experts hired by WWF and PPs for the studies to be developed;
- Elaboration of:
  - Preliminary summary of data gathering based on questionnaire survey about the basic questions of Common Integrated Management Measure
  - Report on Forest Management and conservation in the Carpathians
  - Study on financial mechanism and economic tools for protected areas
  - Report on regional development opportunities of protected areas and natural assets in the Carpathians
  - Report on the transferable best practices from the Alpine region related to the protected areas and natural assets

## WP 7 – Intergovernmental platform and stakeholders involvement– UNEP Vienna ISCC

- Elaboration of the Strategy for a systematic process of stakeholders consultation;
- Organization of 2 WP7 meetings together with the Stakeholder meeting in Hungary and Romania (Nov. 2012), coordination of stakeholders identification, contacts;
- Identification of national, regional and local authorities or relevant stakeholders to be involved in Pan-Carpathian Day (May 2013);
- 5 intergovernmental Platform meetings organized: CC Biodiversity WG (February 2012 and March 2013), CC Sustainable Forest Management WG (April 2012 and September 2013), CC Implementation Committee (Dec. 2012); Planning of upcoming intergovernmental platform meeting CCIC (03.2014);
- Regular contacts with Carpathian Countries Ministries of the Environment on project implementation.

# Thank you for your attention!

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