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## Experience and Results from the CC Working Group on Sustainable Industry, Energy, Transport and Infrastructure – Development of the Transport Protocol.

*/The Czech point of view/*

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The Carpathians are still an area of extreme natural beauty and unique richness of biodiversity.....



**Carpathians - still low-fragmented area - the last true wilderness in Central Europe with thriving populations of large carnivores and many other species**



... still living in connection with nature...

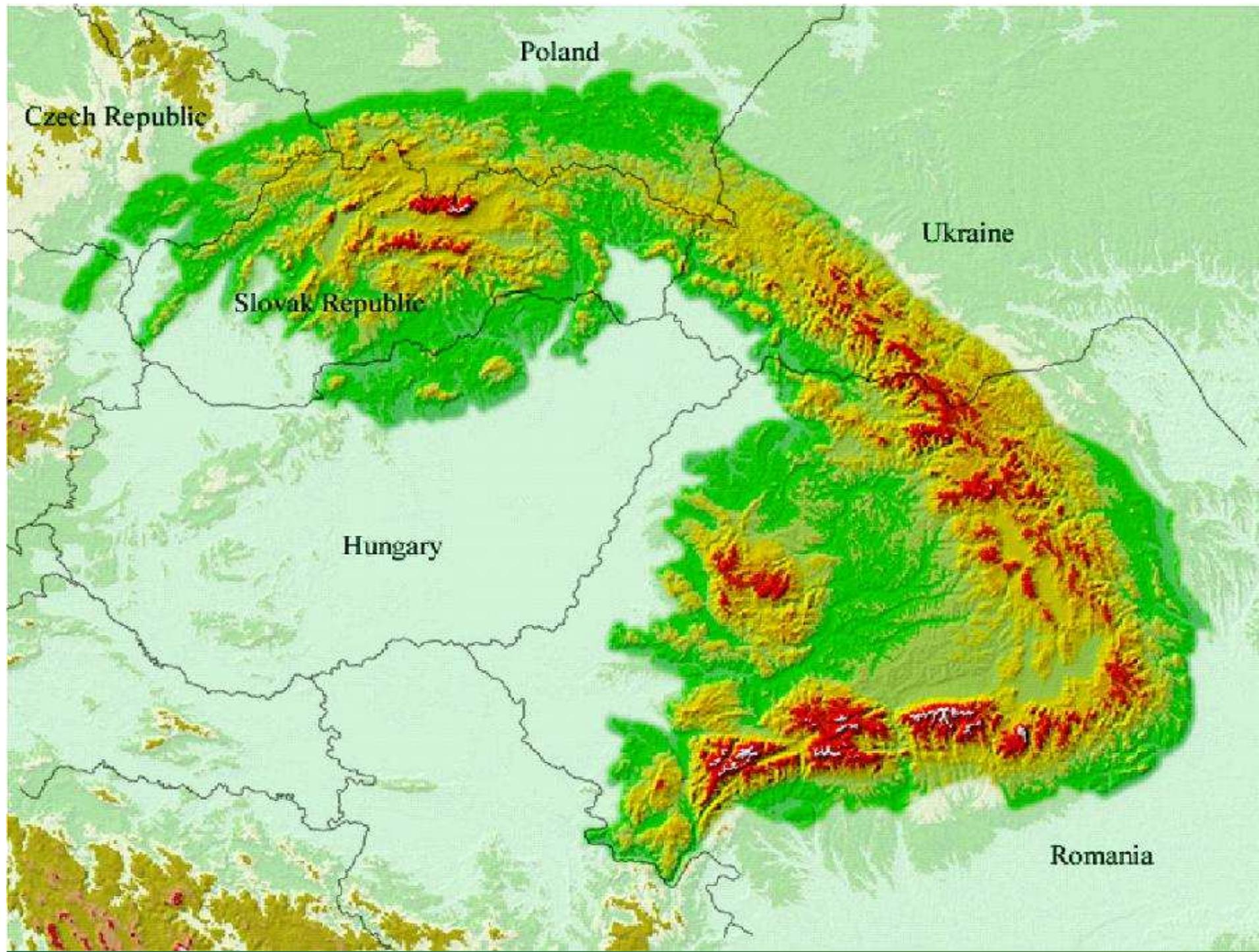


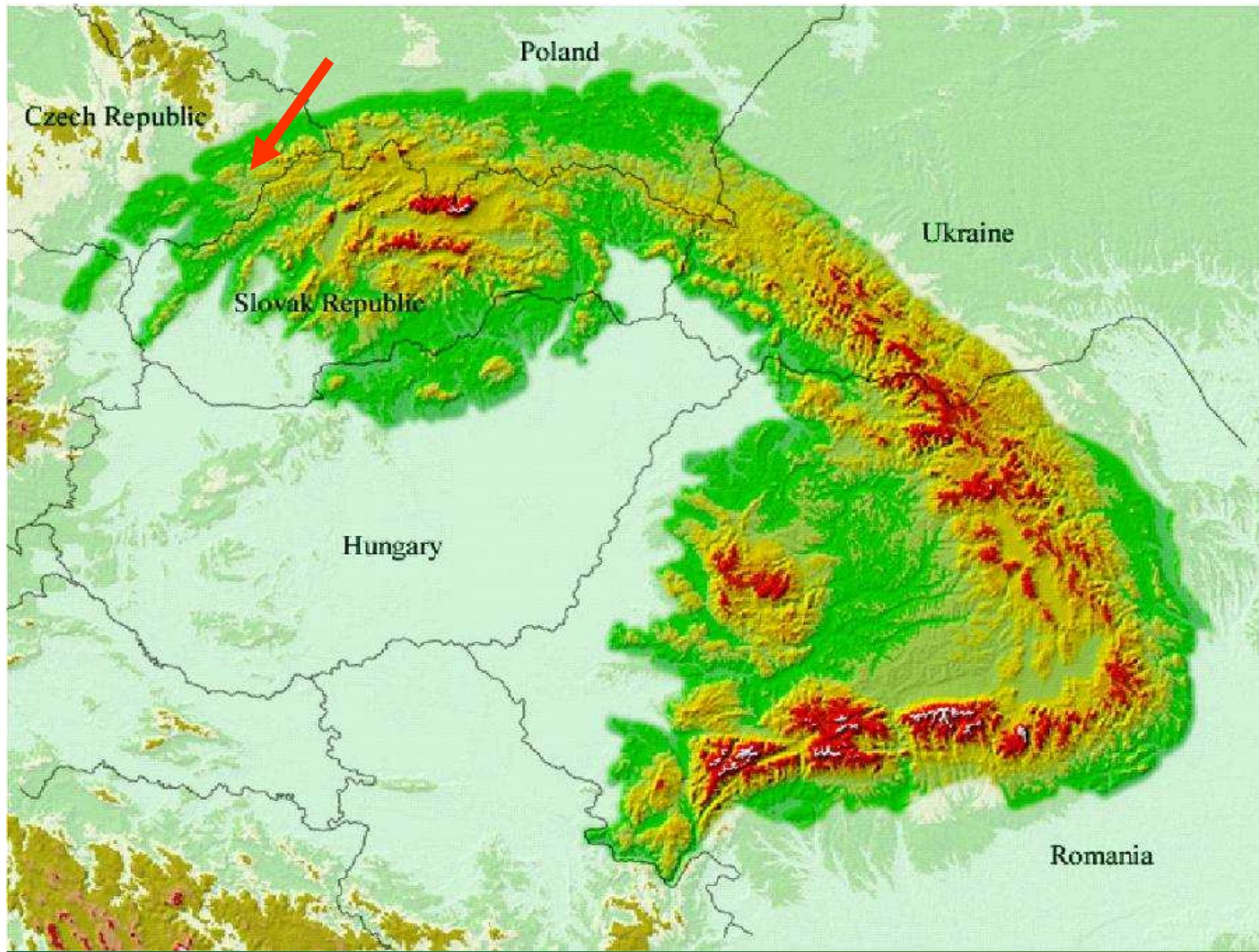
....traffic without negative impacts...



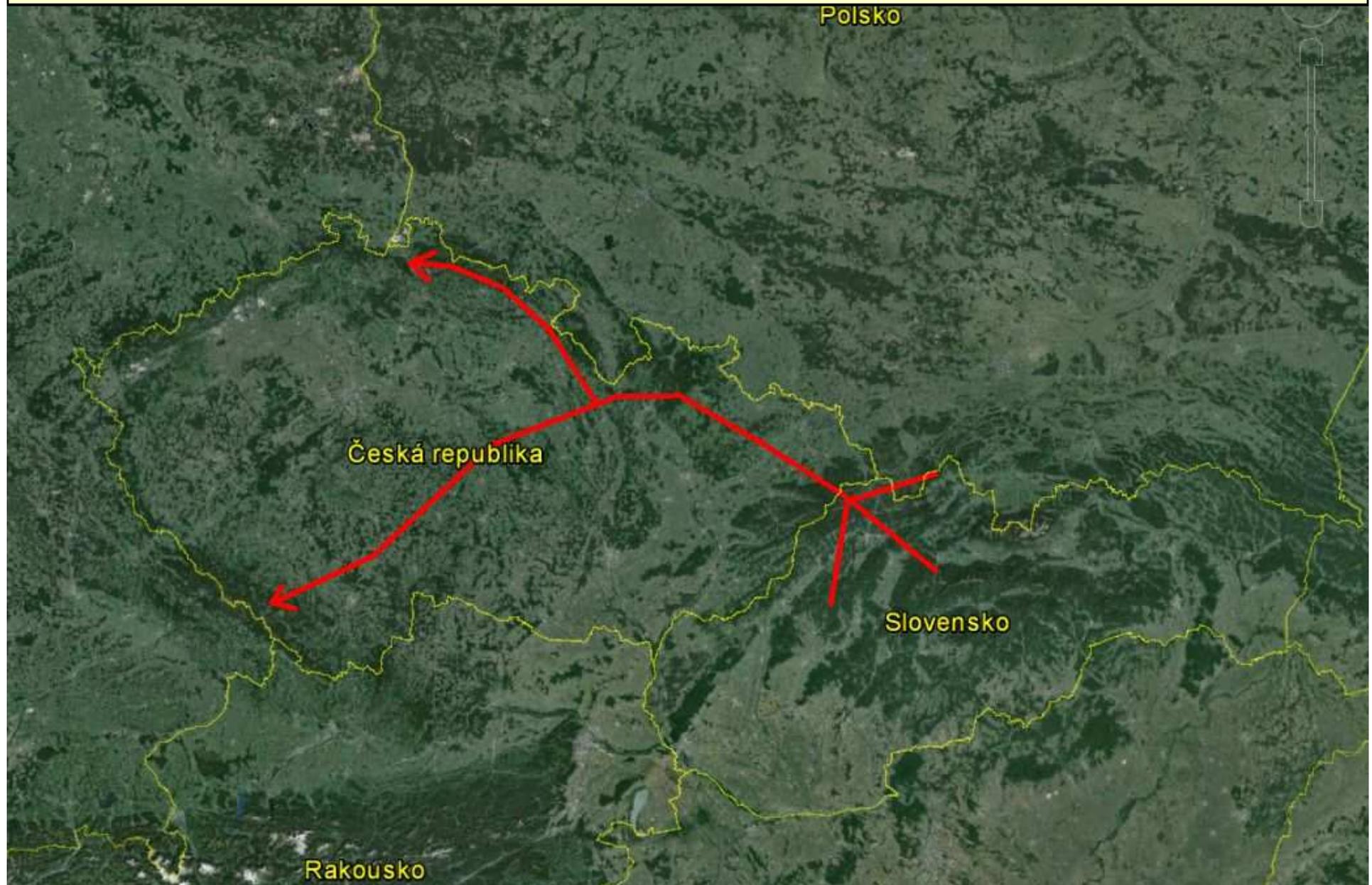
However, building of new transport infrastructure, growing intensity of traffic and spreading of new development go very fast also in Carpathians







**Preserving migration routes of large carnivores from central Carpathians through the Moravian-Silesian Beskydy mountains farther west is crucial for the next survival of populations in the Czech Republic**



... crucial importance of the area on the Czech - Slovak - Polish border ...



**Rapid development in last decades caused that most of migration routes are irreversibly broken and further existence of large carnivores in the Beskydy Mts. (and therefore in the whole country) becomes very endangered.**



...the crucial problem is the development in mountain valleys

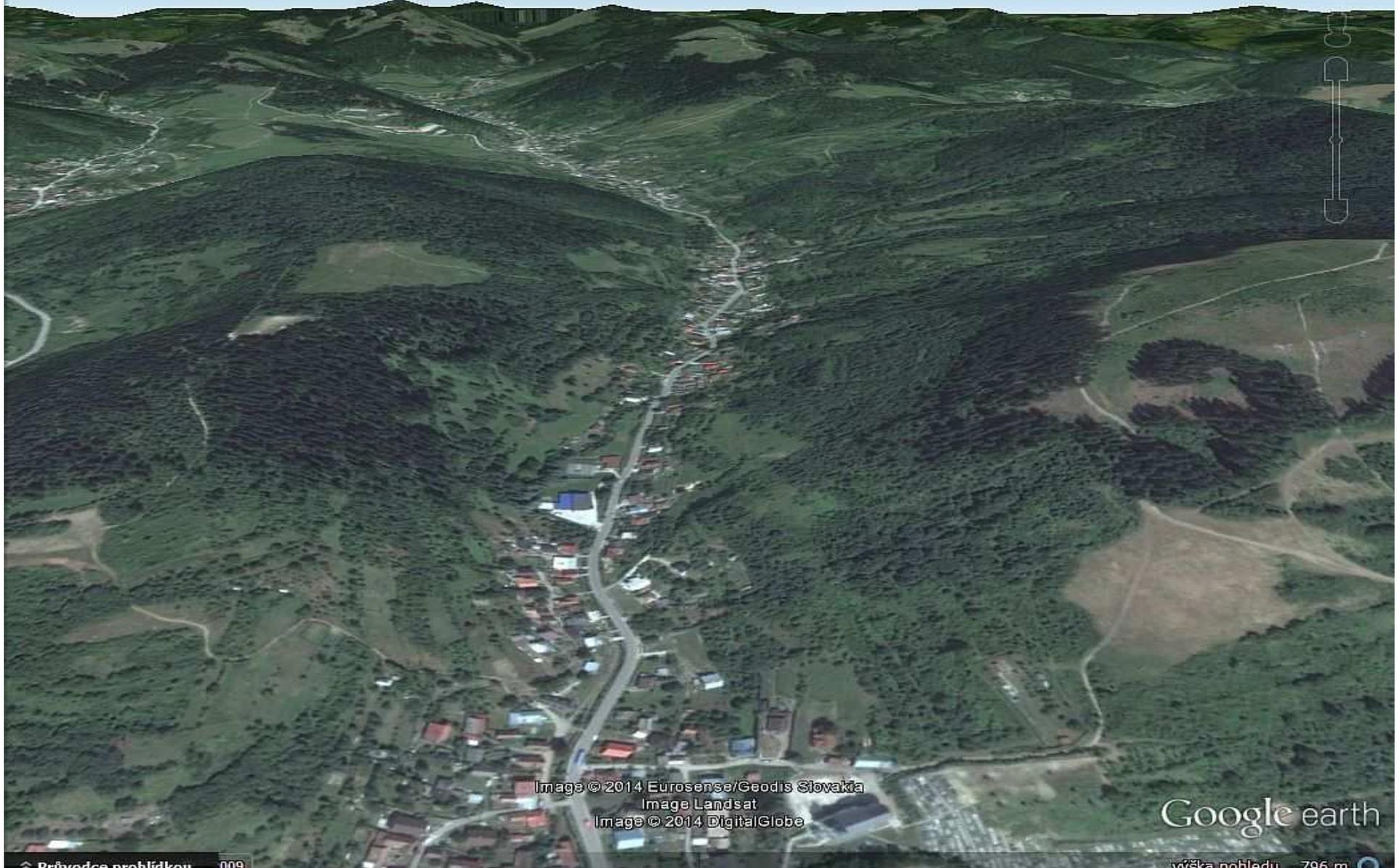


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Continuously built-up areas create a migration barrier for animals, often tens of kilometers long

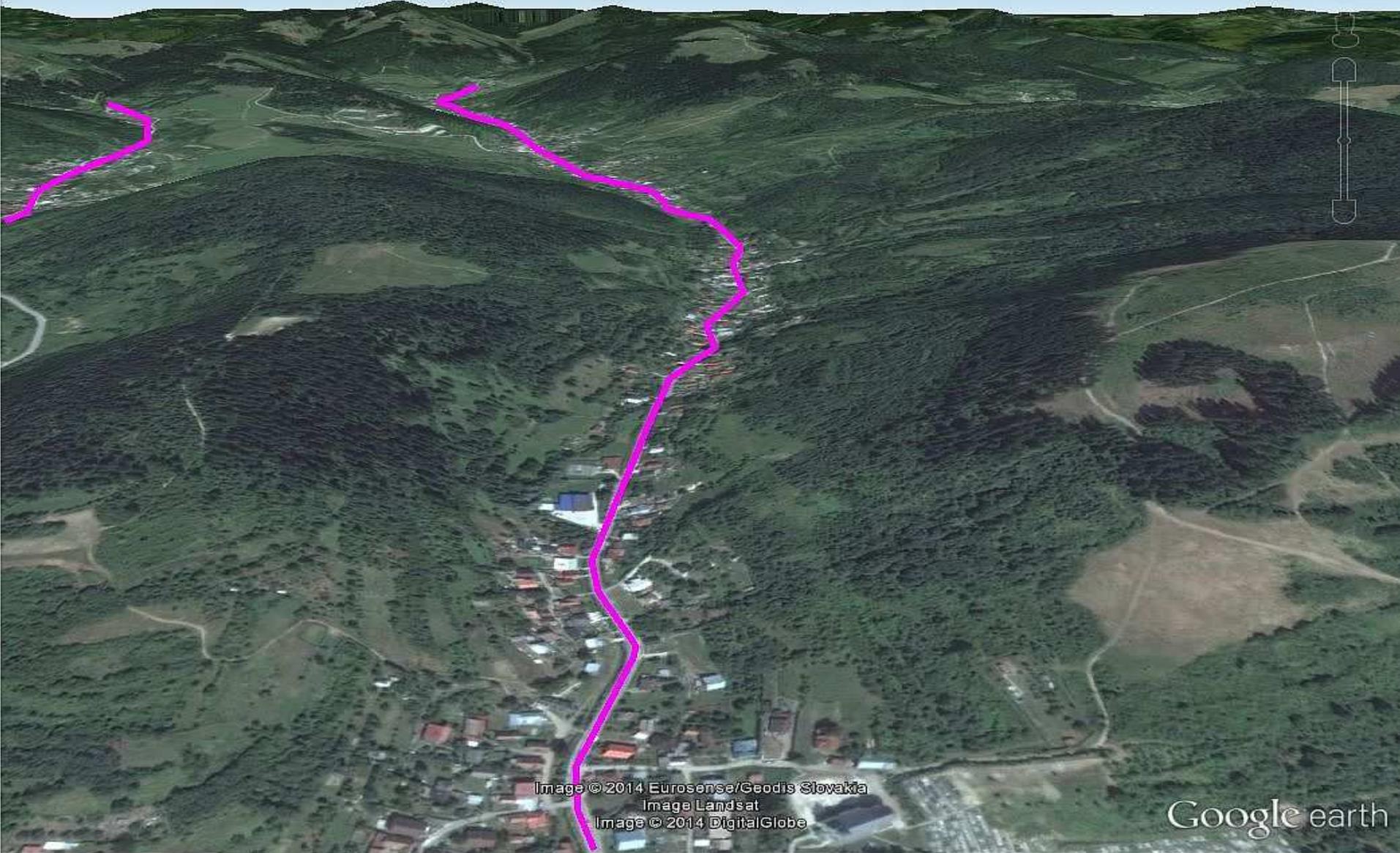
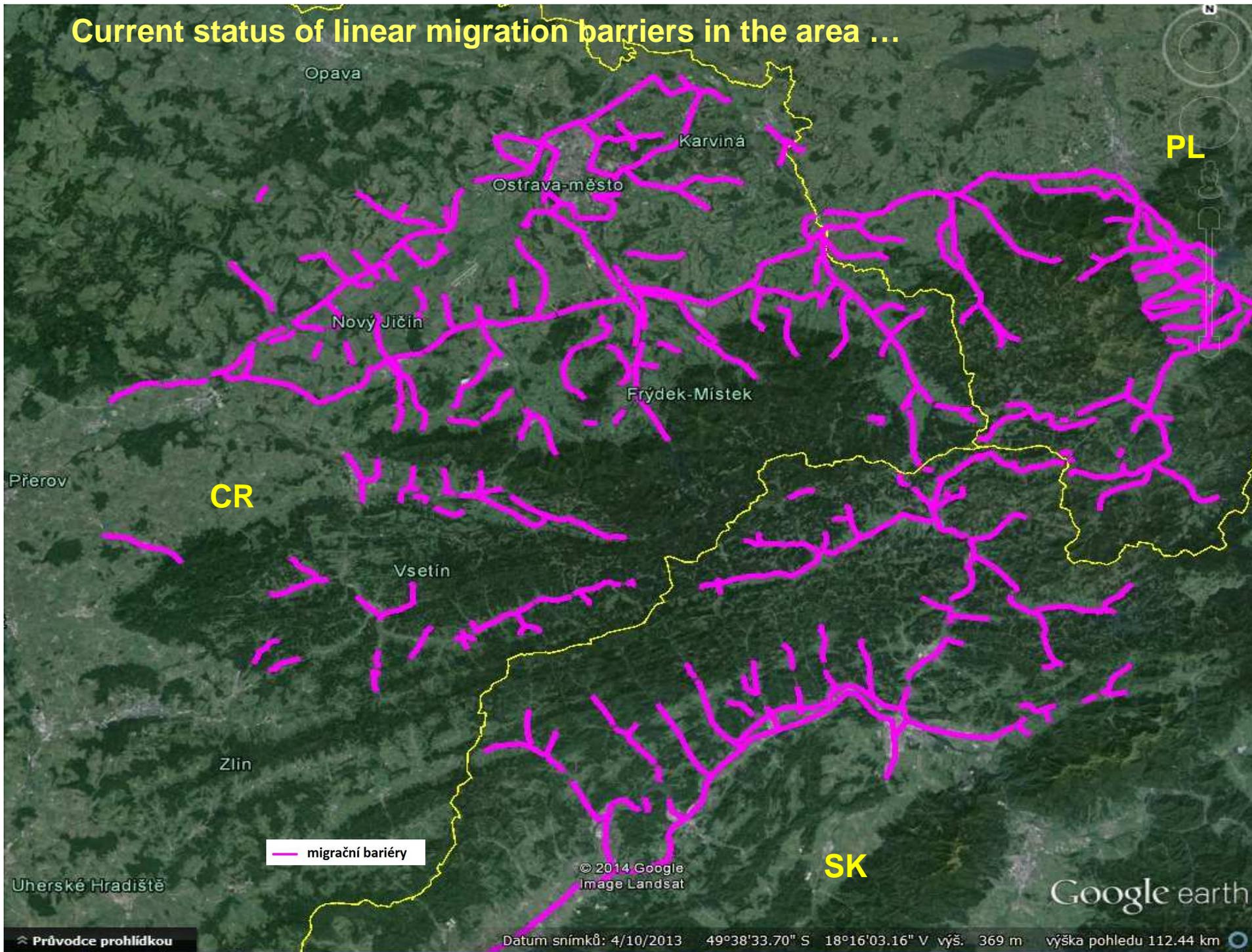


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# Current status of linear migration barriers in the area ...



## **Our priorities during preparation of the Protocol:**

- to preserve the unique natural heritage of the Carpathians
- to keep migratory connection between the Carpathians and other mountains in the Czech Republic

**Highlights: to avoid further fragmentation and to maintain original ecological connectivity**





**.... meeting in Kosice where we agreed that the Protocol should describe the expected development of different transport modes, but also describe their environmental impacts and the way how to avoid or minimize these impacts**



**Thank you for your  
attention**

