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- Submitted to the Danube Transnational Programme, 2nd call for proposals:
 - PA2. Environment and culture responsible Danube region
 - SO2.3 Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors
- WWF DCP/RO applicant
- Planned for 09/2018 – 08/2021
- Total budget: 2,534,565.69 €

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List of project partners

| Role | Official name in English | Acronym | Country |
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| <i>LP</i> | WWF DCP Romania | WWF RO | ROMANIA |
| <i>ERDF PP1</i> | WWF International Danube-Carpathian Programme | WWF DCP | AUSTRIA |
| <i>ERDF PP2</i> | Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic | NCA CZ | CZECH REPUBLIC |
| <i>ERDF PP3</i> | Silva Tarouca Research Institute for Landscape and Ornamental Gardening | VUKOZ | CZECH REPUBLIC |
| <i>ERDF PP4</i> | CEEweb for Biodiversity | CEEweb | HUNGARY |
| <i>ERDF PP5</i> | Szent Istvan University | SZIE | HUNGARY |
| <i>ERDF PP6</i> | National Institute for Research and Development in Constructions, Urban Planning and Sustainable Spatial Development | INCD INCERC | ROMANIA |
| <i>ERDF PP7</i> | Piatra Craiului National Park Administration | PCNP | ROMANIA |
| <i>ERDF PP8</i> | Slovak Environment Agency | SEA | SLOVAKIA |
| <i>ERDF PP9</i> | The State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic | SNC SR | SLOVAKIA |
| <i>ERDF PP10</i> | Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava - SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of EU | SPECTRA | SLOVAKIA |
| <i>IPA PP1</i> | Institute of Architecture and Urban & Spatial Planning of Serbia | IAUS | SERBIA |
| <i>IPA PP2</i> | National Park Djerdap | NPDJ | SERBIA |

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List of associate strategic partners

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|--------------|--|-------------|----------------|
| <i>ASP1</i> | Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic | MoE CZ | CZECH REPUBLIC |
| <i>ASP2</i> | Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic | MoRD CZ | CZECH REPUBLIC |
| <i>ASP3</i> | Bükk National Park Directorate | BNPD | HUNGARY |
| <i>ASP4</i> | Ministry of Environment of Romania | MoE RO | ROMANIA |
| <i>ASP5</i> | Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia | MoAE RS | SERBIA |
| <i>ASP6</i> | Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic | MoTC SK | SLOVAKIA |
| <i>ASP7</i> | Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resource of Ukraine | Mo ENR UA | UKRAINE |
| <i>ASP8</i> | Danubeparks - Danube River Network of Protected Areas | DANUBEPARKS | AUSTRIA |
| <i>ASP9</i> | Alpine Network of Protected Areas - ALPARC | ALPARC | FRANCE |
| <i>ASP10</i> | Parks Dinarides – Network of protected areas of Dinarides | DINARIDES | MONTENEGRO |

Main objective of the project

Maintain, respectively improve the ecological connectivity between natural habitats, especially between Natura 2000 sites and other protected area categories of transnational relevance in the Carpathian ecoregion, through:

- identification of ecological corridors;
- reconciliation of nature conservation and spatial planning practices;
- capacity building of protected areas' staff and
- development of management measures by using active stakeholder engagement processes.

Specific objectives of the project

- 1) Developing innovative and technical solutions and guidance to identify ecological corridors and connectivity gaps in a harmonized way across the Carpathian ecoregion to maintain long-term, cross-border wildlife movement, associated ecosystem services and a high level of biodiversity in the region.
- 2) Strengthening the capacity for identifying and managing ecological corridors in the Carpathian ecoregion by proactively engaging protected area and Natura 2000 site managers, conservationists, spatial planners and other key stakeholders in an integrated approach.
- 3) Reconciling nature conservation and spatial planning and development in ecological corridors and Natura 2000 sites by identifying and implementing strategic directions and instruments/ practices.

Work Packages and main activities of the project

WP1 – Project Management

Lead: WWF DCP/RO

A1.1 Daily management including internal communication, decision-making and monitoring

A1.2 Financial management, reporting duties and quality control

Work Packages and main activities of the project

WP2 – Communication activities

Lead: WWF DCP

A2.1 Organize general communication activities

A2.2 Directly support the objectives and activities of WP3, 4 and 5

A2.3 Dissemination of project results: events, conferences

Work Packages and main activities of the project

WP3 – Knowledge source base

Lead: State Nature Conservancy SR

A3.1 Develop a harmonized Methodology for the identification of ecological corridors

A3.2 Identification of core areas and ecological corridors for large carnivores in the Carpathians

A3.3 Develop a Guideline on harmonizing the interests between nature conservation and different land uses

A3.4 Develop an ecological connectivity related database within the CCIBIS

Work Packages and main activities of the project

WP4 – Innovative pilot sites

Lead: Nature Conservation Agency of Czech Republic

A4.1 Implement the Methodology for ecological corridors/core areas identification

A4.2 Develop management measure to maintain and/or improve the connectivity in the pilot sites

A4.3 Develop an innovative Decision Support Tool and test it in pilot sites

Work Packages and main activities of the project

WP5 – Innovative pilot sites

Lead: CEEweb

A5.1 Develop a Strategy on the identification, preservation and management of eco-corridors

A5.2 Capacity building and experience-sharing across the region and beyond

A5.3 Feeding into wider Danube and EU relevant processes and experience

Thank you for your attention!

