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LIFE **Green-Go!** CARPATHIANS

Local initiatives for deployment of green infrastructure
within Natura 2000 sites in the Carpathians





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Environmental Governance and Information

Information, communication and awareness raising campaigns in line with the priorities of the 7th Environment Action Programme

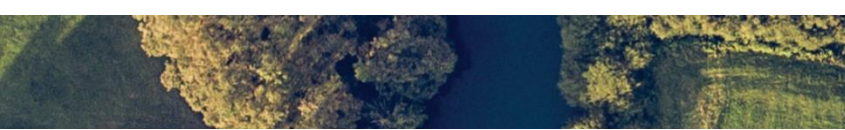


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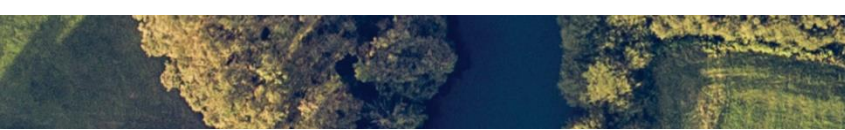
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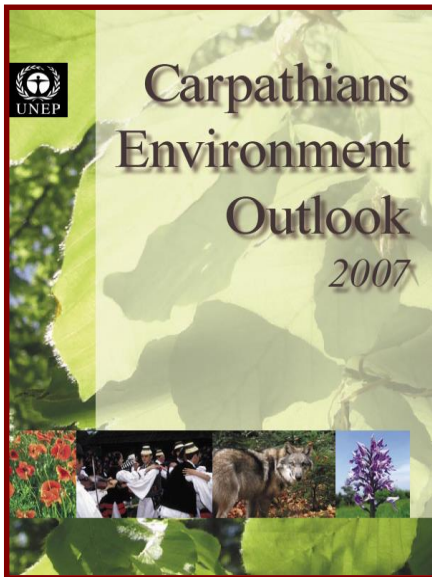
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Long history and portfolio of our Carpathian activities related to CC implementation:



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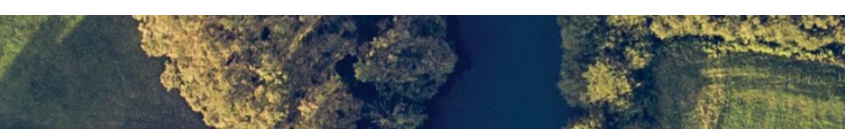


Carpathians Unite

mechanism for consultation and cooperation for the implementation of the Carpathian Convention

2012 - 2016

- **Nat. Action Plan (project)**
for Biodiv. Protocol implementation in PL
- **Code of Good Practices in Space Management**
- **traditional sheep grazing**
conservation of semi-natural open mountain grasslands
- **model sustainable tourism development strategy**
regional level
- **public info campaigns** – CC awareness
- **CC WG joint meeting**



Horizon 2020

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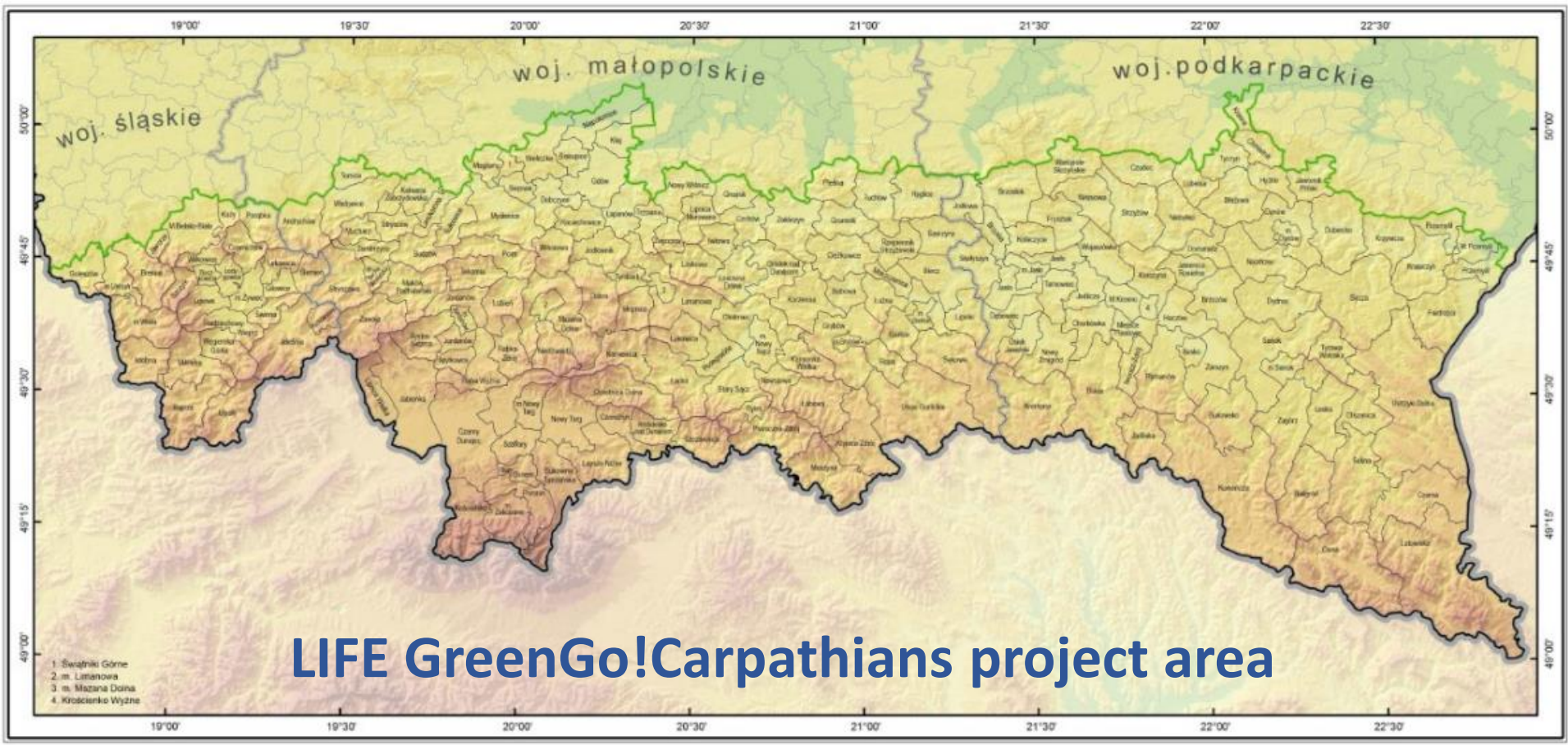
ECOPOTENTIAL: improving future ecosystem benefits through earth observations

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LIFE GreenGo! Carpathians project area

164/200 municipalities harbouring habitat Natura 2000 sites (82 sites w/ total area of 473 386 ha) within the scope of application of the Carpathian Convention in Poland





Implementation period: Sep. 2017 – Dec. 2020



2017 COP in Lillaf as the project launch ceremony

2020 COP in Poland (tbc) planned as the closing ceremony



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Primary target groups:

- local self-gov. authorities
- Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- local communities

from the 164 Carpathian communes

Other partners / stakeholders:

- regional nature protection authorities in charge of Natura 2000
- landscape and national parks
- regional (province) self-governments
- other: selected NGOs, regional forestry authorities, agricultural institutions.....



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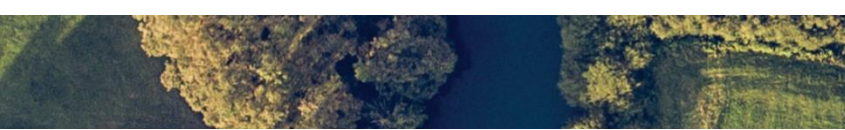


Objectives

- initiating and supporting **cooperation of local stakeholders** towards the **maintenance, restoration and enhancement of green infrastructure** in habitat Natura 2000 sites (Special Areas of Conservation)
- **disseminating knowledge** on the role and importance of green infrastructure and ecological connectivity for biodiversity conservation, access to ecosystem services and sustainable local development
- promoting the **application of spatial data resources and geoinformation tools** in spatial planning and management of areas of high natural values
- dissemination of good practices of participatory spatial management in Natura 2000 sites among the Carpathian region countries.



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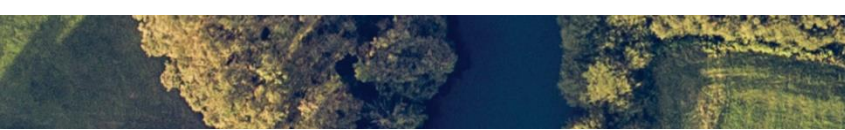


Actions

- **trainings** on green infrastructure issues targeted at local stakeholders, and an e-learning course
- establishment of a **geo-portal** for mapping green infrastructure with the use of a mobile application
- **inventory and mapping of green infrastructure** by local cooperation networks
- elaboration and implementation of **local green infrastructure development plans** (competition)
- local **informational-promotional campaigns**
- **manual** on protection and proper management of green infrastructure in Natura 2000 sites in the Carpathians
- organization of a **joint meeting of 3 Working Groups of the Carpathian Convention** (WG Biodiversity, WG Spatial Development, and WG SARD)



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Request for assistance – facilitating access to relevant institutions re:

- current state, distribution and functioning of green infrastructure in other Carpathian countries, in the context of its maintenance, restoration and enhancement
- progress in inventorying, mapping, and research related to green infrastructure
- measures and tools for including green infrastructure issues in spatial planning and decision making



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