

Terms of reference

for national experts to support development of regional (Carpathian)

Red List of non-forest habitats

Red List of forest habitats

Red List of vascular plants

Red List of Vertebrates

Red List of (selected) Invertebrates

List of Invasive Alien Species (IAS)

within the implementation of the BioREGIO Carpathians Work Package 3 (WP3).

Specific responsibilities

National experts with above expertise should be involved in each Carpathian country to support the respective Project Partner in providing the relevant technical documentation and data to the responsible Project Partner (SNC SR - PP9) on

1. Real occurrence and status of threatened habitats (forest and non-forest) in the Carpathian part of the country, their trends and threats
2. Selection of the threatened Carpathian species from the most currently updated national red lists of species (vascular plants/Vertebrates/selected Invertebrates), real occurrence and status of threatened species, their trends and threats
3. databases, catalogues or lists of invasive alien species (vascular plants, non-vascular plants, Vertebrates, Invertebrates), their resident status and invasion status and trends and mitigation measures.

National experts can be proposed by the relevant Project Partners and/or the relevant Ministry (observer to the BioREGIO project) and they should be able to organize the development, or participate in developing or updating the national red lists of species according to IUCN Red Lists Categories and Criteria: Version 3.1 (IUCN 2001) and IUCN Regional Guidelines¹ and/or the national lists of alien invasive species. They should be able to assess the status of species in charge according to the methodology agreed and should be able to communicate in English and participate actively in consultations and discussion.

Organisation of work

The national experts are supervised by designated national focal points for the implementation of WP3 (and if nominated by the Ministry by the relevant Department), however they should respect the agreed tasks, terms and deadlines agreed in the work of the sub-groups of the WP3 and provide information in a timely fashion, and should be at disposal for direct consultations with coordinators of the respective part of the WP3. They should be able to participate in expert meetings or workshops in other countries and provide input to compiling the Carpathian regional red lists and the list of IAS.

PP9 can suggest to project partners to involve national experts with relevant expertise with whom there is a good experience from previous cooperation or projects.

Funding of the experts work

Financial support for the work of national experts should be covered from funds of the project allocated to particular Project Partner and it is not a responsibility of the PP9. The relevant Ministries should seek for additional funding of the work of experts if necessary.

¹ *Guidelines for Application of IUCN Red List Criteria at Regional Levels* (IUCN 2003)