

Terms of reference for the CNPA Support Unit

The support for the CNPA is proposed by OZ Pronatur from the Slovak Republic, which cooperates with the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic (SNC SR) and there can therefore be a mutual benefit of services and specialists provided for the implementation of the CNPA tasks.

Location: Banská Bystrica/Zvolen, Central Slovakia

Description of the organization

Civic Society OZ Pronatur is a non-governmental organization established in 2007 aimed to support nature protection and sustainable regional development in Slovakia.

OZ Pronatur cooperates with governmental and non-governmental organizations at national and international level, e.g. the State Nature Conservancy, WWF DCP Vienna, blue! advancing european projects, Germany, protected areas administrations, etc.

Successful projects (leadership or participation):

- European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (EUROPARC Federation)
- River without barriers restoration project (Norway Financial Mechanism)
- Ecosystem services in protected areas in Slovakia (GEF SGP)
- Protection and improvement of aquatic ecological biodiversity of the Muran river system (Federal Ministry for Environment, Germany)

Staff

Zuzana Okániková

specialists and assistants (3-4) according to the needs (ecology, biology, environment, economy, ecological services, sustainable tourism, IT, etc.),

in close cooperation with Mr. Ján Kadlečík, CNPA NFP in Slovakia and other specialists of the SNC SR.

Language skills: the staff can understand and work in several Carpathian languages (Slovak, Czech, partly Polish, Ukrainian, Serbian) and in English, German language.

Overall aim of cooperation

Supporting the ISCC and CNPA in the implementation of the Carpathian Convention and adopted decisions, strategies and documents (CNPA MTS, Action Plan, annual work plans), enhancing network of the Carpathian protected areas, cooperation with ALPARC (Task Force), Carpathian Wetland Initiative and other partners.

Framework of the support from the OZ Pronatur for ISCC/CNPA

- implementation of the Carpathian Convention
- implementation of existing Protocols and a development of new relevant protocols and strategies
- implementation of the CNPA Medium-term Strategy
- update and implementation of an action plan and work plans
- enhancement of networking among members
- webpage maintenance including newsletter, blogs, links to relevant partners, projects, etc.
- promotion of the CNPA towards the third parties
- project work, i.e. project development and management, possibility to act as an applicant if needed (due to the legal person status of the NGO).

Občianske združenie Pronatur

Generála Svobodu 1977/27, 960 01 Zvolen

Operative goals for next 12 months

- vivid CNPA webpage in operation as both an information (e.g. newsletter on quarter basis, e-news...) and communication tool (thematic blogs on the webpage)
- membership and contact list updated
- fresh network of active members established (webpage, CNPA conference)
- support of the 2nd CNPA Conference organization
- NFPs in the Carpathian countries encouraged to involve the CNPA local members to contribute actively to the work and network
- working groups for specific themes created
- financing schemes checked for possible sources of funding
- project ideas, based on the discussion of the network, gathered and submitted to the CNPA SC.

Communication paths OZ Pronatur – ISCC – CNPA

- regular reporting of activities and presentation of the future activities at the CNPA SC meetings (OZ Pronatur will become an observer of the SC), including proposals for the fund raising and projects
- operative e-mail exchange between the OZ Pronatur and ISCC and/or delegated persons
- monthly (or quarterly) internal description of performed activities as annexes to the respective invoice.

Cooperation framework

Contract between ISCC and OZ Pronatur, possibly supported by a Memorandum of Understanding.

Financial issues

Wage brutto: 15 € per hour, maximum hours per quarter: 210 h.

Travel expenses: Short-distance travel expenses within Slovakia to be included in the wages. Travel expenses outside Slovakia to be covered by UNEP - Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and invoiced separately.

Office space and equipment provided by OZ Pronatur and SNC SR Department of International Treaties as in-kind contribution.

OZ Pronatur is not VAT obliged.

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