Alpine Carpathian Corridor (AKK) - UPDATES

Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC), Vienna, 5 December 2012
Snapshot

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**Project clusters: AKK Basic – AKK Centr**

The aim of the Alpine-Carpathian Corridor project is to **safeguard the ecological connectivity between the Alps and the Carpathians**, within the Centr**

**ope** region. Migration and genetical exchange among wildlife populations shall be secured. The project shall strengthen conservation management for the protected areas along the Alpine Carpathian Corridor and neighbouring habitats.

**Extension until ending 2012!**
Highlights of the project

- Corridor models
- Web GIS database
- Technical documentation for wildlife passages
- Planning towards construction of green brides in AT/SK, involvement of highway companies
- Workshops/Trainings
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) → UNEP Vienna ISCC
Recent outputs/results

- Joint Final Conference with „Ramsar-SKAT“, 5 December 2012, Schloss Orth
- Opening of the cycling trail along the corridor (Senica – Mönichkirchen - Wechsel)
- Elaboration of „Strategic Action Plan“
- Construction of green bridge in Austria/Göttelsbrunn: 2013
- Securing of financing for green bridge in Slovakia/D2, Moravský Ján → technical documents: technical study, documentation for decision for greenbridge (Sept 12), documentation for building permit (sched. Nov 12)
**Target group:** policy and decision makers at local, regional and transnational level, conservation practitioners, planners, scientists and interest groups

**Content:** Comprehensive Compilation of necessary actions to preserve and re-establish ecological networks.

**Team:**
- Editors: Daphne & WWF
- Contributions: Project team + experts
- Advisory board: experts
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Fig. 12: Types of measures along the ACC
VISION

The Alpine-Carpathian Corridor Project envisions inter-connected landscapes between the mountain ranges of the Alps and Carpathians, where biodiversity is preserved for future generations on a local as well as regional level. The resilience of ecological processes is enhanced and ecosystem services are maintained. Ecological networks, such as the Alpine-Carpathian Corridor, contribute to viable populations of wildlife and sustain a healthy and attractive environment for residents.
GOAL

By 2022, the corridor between the Alps and the Carpathians is restored and fully permeable for moving species. The interlinking of the remaining network of habitat patches and hereby the ecological connectivity between the two mountain ranges is secured through measures in the field of spatial planning, transport infrastructure, sustainable land use/management and nature conservation. Residents benefit from the ecological networks gaining attractive recreational areas.
Milestone: International Conference on the ACC – Signature of the MoU

30. January 2012, Hotel Borik, Bratislava

Organisation: UNEP Vienna – ISCC, MoE, MoT of Slovakia
Memorandum of Understanding

Features:

- Strong political commitment (General declarations and individual declarations) towards safeguarding of corridor

- Multi-sectoral approach (respective Ministries/Highway companies)

- bilingual: Slovak/German easy understandable for common public
GEMEINSAME
ABSICHTSERKLÄRUNG
über den Alpen-Karpaten Korridor

VYHLÁSENIE O SPOLOČNOM
ZÁMERE
k alpsko – karpatskému koridoru

30. 01. 2012
Bratislava, Slowakei
Bratislava, Slovensko
International Conference on AKK – Impressions

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The way ahead ...

- Ending of AKK Basic/Centrope Dec 2012, planned add-on
- Implementation of the MoU, establishment of long-term sustainability of the projects (e.g. ad hoc WG)
- Crossborder-Programme/ funding period 2014 -2020, development of projects in implementation of MoU and Strategic Action Plan
- AKK as source of inspiration for similar bilateral projects in other parts of the Carpathian region
Enhanced Outreach of project

- **Global level**: Promotion at various global meetings, Rio+20, inclusion in UNEP Annual Report 2012
- **EU level**: Flagship-project of the EUSRd, RegioStars awards 2012 finalist (category: sustainable growth) and other awards, flagship project Final report of EU project on Green Infrastructure, IENE Award 2012, (Infra Eco Network Europe (IENE))
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Thank you for your attention!