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Progress Report – WG Biodiversity

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WG Biodiversity meetings

- 19–20 May 2021, virtual; 11–12 April 2022, virtual; 22–24 May 2023, Vsetín, Czech Republic

Implementing the Work Plan 2021–2023:

- International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity
- Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Cooperation (with CNPA, CWI, S4C, EU, Alpine Convention and others; to be addressed under respective presentations)



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Implementing the International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity

- Priority actions: harmonisation of monitoring, wildlife crime, ecological connectivity
- [Report on population status of large carnivores and monitoring methods in the Carpathians](#) (CIC/BOKU, 2021)
- Project LECA – Supporting the coexistence and conservation of Carpathian large carnivores: Interreg Central Europe; 12 partners from 6 countries (5 CC Parties); objective: to harmonise international monitoring of large carnivores, prevent human-wildlife conflicts and poaching



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Other projects supporting the WG Biodiversity work

- **ConnectGREEN:** Restoring and managing ecological corridors in mountains as the green infrastructure in the Danube basin (2018–2021)
 - Guidelines for the Identification, Conservation, Restoration, and Management of Ecological Corridors in the Carpathian Ecoregion
 - Methodology for identification of ecological corridors in the Carpathian countries using large carnivores as umbrella species – final document
 - Guidelines on How to Use Spatial Planning Tools in Integrative Management of Ecological Corridors

- **SaveGREEN:** Safeguarding the functionality of transnationally important ecological corridors in the Danube basin
 - Methodology on Monitoring structural and functional ecological connectivity (2020–2022)
 - Local cross-sectoral operational plans , CCIBIS, Capacity building program & training
 - Joint Declaration on Achieving functional biodiversity in the Danube-Carpathian Region by mainstreaming ecological connectivity, endorsed by the Carpathian Convention, ICPDR, and EUSDR

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- **Centralparks** (Interreg CE Programme; 2019–2022; close link to CNPA)
 - Carpathian strategy for enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation outside and inside protected areas
 - Strategy for local sustainable tourism development based on the natural and cultural heritage of the Carpathians
 - Guidelines on communication between protected areas and local communities in the Carpathian – full document
 - Centralparks: Carpathian Ecosystem Services Tool

- **NaturaConnect**: Designing a resilient and coherent Trans-European Network for Nature and People (Horizon Europe; 2022–2026; contributing to the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy, with focus on connectivity; Carpathians as a case study)

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Supporting implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework



- **SCC actively involved** in the process, promoting the Carpathian Convention and the importance of mountain biodiversity
- Renewed **Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)** between the CBD, Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention
- **Ministerial Declaration** of the Carpathian Convention on Carpathian Commitments for the implementation of the new global biodiversity framework → development of the **Carpathian Biodiversity Framework** and the accompanying Carpathian Vision 2050
- **Exchange between CC and CBD NFP** on their update of NBSAPs, including on reflection of the CC and mountain biodiversity (30 March 2023)