



Carpathian Wetland Initiative

Summary of activities

November 2021 – June 2023

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CWI coordinator

CWI (re)endorsed as operating in the framework of the Convention on Wetlands for the intersessional period of COP14 – COP15, among other 19 Ramsar Regional Initiatives (RRIs) by the Ramsar COP14 Resolution XIV.7 (Wuhan, China and Geneva, Switzerland, 5-13 November 2022)



COP14  **2022**



RRIs – operational means to provide effective support for an improved implementation of the Convention on Wetlands and its Strategic Plan

Cooperation with the
Carpathian Convention and
its Working Groups



8th Meeting of the **WG on Sustainable Forest Management**
(Levice, SK, 10-12 Oct. 2022)



13th and 14th Meeting of the **WG on Biodiversity** (online, Apr. 2022; Vsetín, CZ, May 2023)

Meeting on the GBF implementation in the Carpathian Region (online, March 2023)

Comments and proposals to the draft **Carpathian Biodiversity Framework**

Participation in the work of the Ramsar Convention

Cooperation with other Ramsar Regional Initiatives (RRIs)



Commenting the draft resolutions for the Ramsar COP14 (including on RRIs and Operational Guidelines);

European Ramsar Regional Meeting (April 2022); informal online meetings of EU experts (June, Sept. 2022);

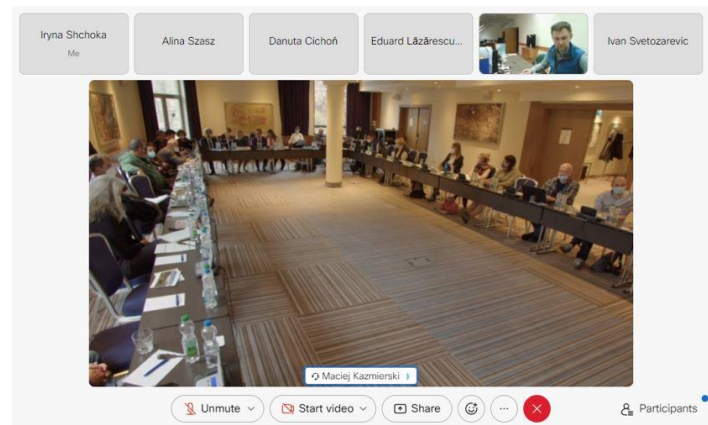
Ramsar Standing Committee meetings (SC59 May 2022; SC61 Nov. 2022);

Ramsar COP14 meetings (Geneva, CH, 4-13 Nov. 2022), participation in working groups, preparation of the video-message to delegates of COP from CWI;

Support for new Danube WILDIslands RRI; online meeting of European RRIs; Coalition of European RRIs; RRI Annual Planning Meeting (Jan. 2023)

Cooperation with other networks and partners

- **Workshop on strengthening networks within the Carpathian Convention** (Krakow, PL, Nov. 2021) - discussion about how the networks under the Carpathian Convention (including CWI) can be strengthened and better connected to the Convention;
- **DANUBEPARKS** – support for the WILDIslands RRI; joint meeting and presentations during Ramsar COP14 (Geneva, Nov. 2022); projects development;
- **ALPARC, CNPA** – promotion of the Youth at the Top 2022 event under the theme „Water in all its forms“ ;
- **Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, CNPA, DANUBEPARKS, ALPARC, Parc Dinarides** - Round Table – „The significance of PA networks for effective PAs management and nature-based sustainable development in the Carpathians and beyond“ (Wieliczka, PL, March 2022)



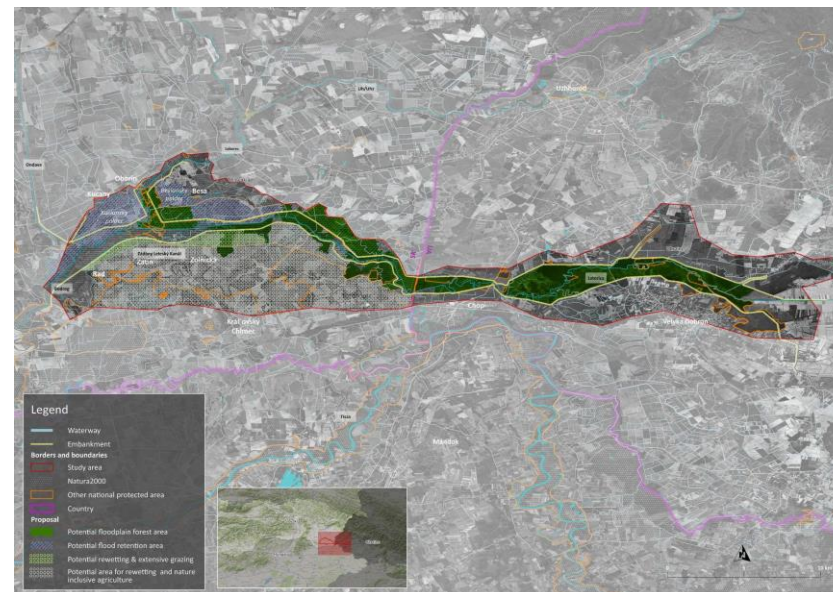
Cooperation with other networks and partners

- **Wetlands International** – support for participation in **Paludiculture study trip** (Germany, Sept. 2022); projects preparation;
- **Eurosite** – workshops, webinars;
- **GEO wetlands Initiative** – online workshop and consultations (May 2022);
- **IUCN** – support for participation in the **River Restoration Study Trip** (Vienna, Donau-Auen NP, May 2023);
- **EUSDR 3 Priority Areas, SCC, ICPDR, WWF CEE, etc.** – participation in development of the **Joint Declaration Achieving Functional Biodiversity in the Danube-Carpathian Region by Mainstreaming Ecological Connectivity**; side event of the EUSDR 11th Annual Forum presenting the Declaration (Oct. 2022);
- **EUSDR PA6** - invitation to the PA6 to become a partner to the CWI Board and application of the CWI to become Observer to the PA6 Steering Group (under consultation);
- **Czech Ramsar Committee / Slovak Ramsar Committee** – meeting of the CZRC (Nov./Dec. 2021); meeting and excursion to wetland sites in Slovakia (May/June 2023)

Involvement in projects

Development of new
project proposals

- Centralparks project (*Interreg Central Europe*) 2019-2022 – expert inputs
- **Project proposals** – cooperation in development
 - Management and restoration of tiny areas of conservation importance
 - MARTI; TINY-ties: Tiny Areas for European Biodiversity (*Interreg Central Europe*);
 - Reconnecting the Latorica River floodplain landscape in a transboundary context (*Endangered Landscape Programme*) with Wetlands International Europe and other partners in SK and UA



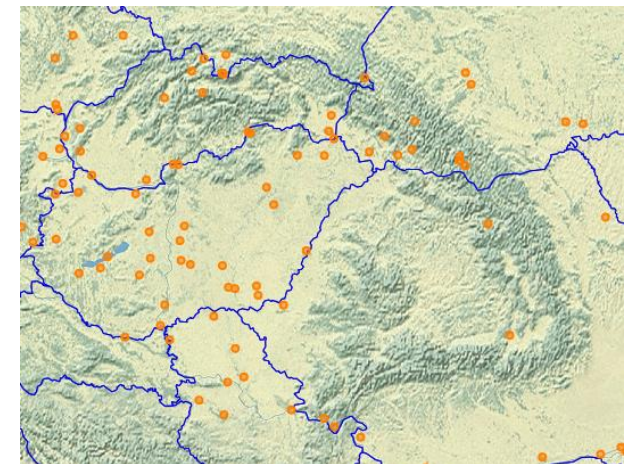
Communication, Education,
Participation, Capacity
Building and Awareness

- **CWI as a platform for sharing and exchange of information on events** – distribution of invitation for international webinars, conferences, study trips... of other organizations, institutions, and partners; support for participation;
- Preparation of the **international training course** on wetland restoration in CZ in cooperation with MoE CZ (2-6 October 2023);
- Co-organizing of the **16th edition of the International triennial exhibition and contest of posters on the topics of nature conservation and environment EKOPLAGÁT '23** (Považská Gallery of Arts, Žilina, SK, 28 Sept. – 11 Nov. 2023) (178 authors, 24 countries all over the world); CWI award for the best poster on water/wetlands



Operation and governance

- CWI coordinated by the Slovak State Nature Conservancy (SNC SR);
- Meeting of the CWI Board organized (Geneva, 4 Nov. 2022); e-mail communication and consultations;
- Negotiations on voluntary contributions to the CWI budget – provided by the Ministry of Agriculture (HU) and Ministry of Environment (SK), SNC SR; in-kind contribution of the Czech MoE (trainings)
 - invitation for other governments to support;
- Involvement of other organizations





Thank you for your attention!

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