




**„Carpathian Route – exploring,  
promoting and protecting the  
richness of the cultural and natural  
heritage of the Carpathian Region”**



The project supports regional cross-border cultural cooperation of the 7 beneficiary Carpathian countries and their transnational cooperation with 2 donor countries (Norway, Liechtenstein), focused on finding common solutions to common challenges and measures for the protection of cultural heritage, better management of promotion and support of cultural entrepreneurship.

The project involves the implementation of a number of innovative activities enhancing the operational capacity of public sector institutions and authorities, i.e. the exchange of know-how, specialised knowledge, experience and best practices in the field of culture.



# **Project Partners**

- **Podkarpackie Region** as a Project Lider (Poland);
- **UN Enviroment Vienna Office – Secretariat of the Carpatian Convention** (Austria);
- **International Charitable Organisation Information Centre „Green Dossier”** (Ukraine);
- **Institute of Ecology of the Carpathians NAS od Ukraine** (Ukraine);
- **Brasov County Council** (Romania);
- **Homeland Museum of Knjaževac** (Serbia);
- **National Open Air Museum** (Czech Republic);
- **Humtour Limited Liability Company** (Hungary);
- **The Monument Board of the Slovak Republic** (Slovak Republic);
- **Stiftelsen GRID-Arendal** (Norway);
- **International Commission for the Protection of the Alps CIPRA** (Liechtenstein).



# Project objective

The project objective is to promote and protect the natural and cultural heritage of the Carpathians through better regional cooperation, capacity building and knowledge exchange, while ensuring the economic development of local communities.





# Project budget

The project will be implemented within the framework of the European Economic Fund and the Norwegian Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation in the years 2020-2023.

Total estimated eligible Project costs: **1 986 711,75 EUR**

Maximum requested grant amount: **1 753 442,62 EUR**

Own contribution of Partners: **233 269,13 EUR**



# **Project implementation schedule**

- **24.01.2018** - a call for proposals (Concept note);
- **30.06.2018** - submission of the „Concept note" application;
- **01.04.2019** - obtaining a positive assessment of the application, moving to the second stage;  
*(out of 700 applications submitted, 42 received a positive assessment, including Podkarpackie Region)*
- **03.07.2019** - submitting a full proposal for co-financing;
- **30.07.2019** - obtaining a positive formal assessment of the application, moving to the second stage - substantive assessment;
- **03.12.2019** - notification of applicants on the results of the selection procedure
- **01.2020-04.2020** - time period for contracting between lead partner and Fund Operator;
- **01.06.2020-30.06.2023** - implementation of the project.



# **Project activities**

## ***Inventories:***

- Inventory of the cultural heritage of the Carpathians;
- Inventory of traditional local products in the Carpathians;
- Inventory of the cultural trails;
- Inventory of Carpathian Museums;

## ***Workshops:***

- Heritage Tourism workshops;
- "Taste of the Carpathians,, workshops;
- Cultural landscape and biodiversity interpretation workshops;
- Sustainable traditional agriculture and forestry practices workshops;
- Traditional arts and crafts workshop;
- Workshops "The Carpathian Trail";
- Workshops of the Carpathian Museums Network.

## **Project activities**

- Conference "Reintroduction of the pastoral traditions of the Carpathians";
- A compendium of good pastoral practices;
- Guidebook on cultural heritage of the Carpathians;
- Draft Protocol on the Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge of the Carpathians to the Carpathian Convention
- Study visits to Romania, Norway and the Alps.

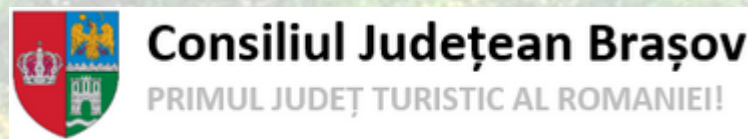
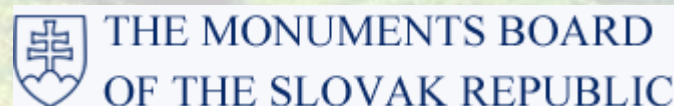




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Rural adventures



A scenic mountain landscape with snow-capped peaks and green valleys. The foreground shows a lush green field with yellow wildflowers. The middle ground features rolling green hills and a valley. The background is dominated by large, rugged mountains with significant snow cover under a clear blue sky.

**Thank you for your attention!**