



Danube Transnational Programme

TRANSGREEN

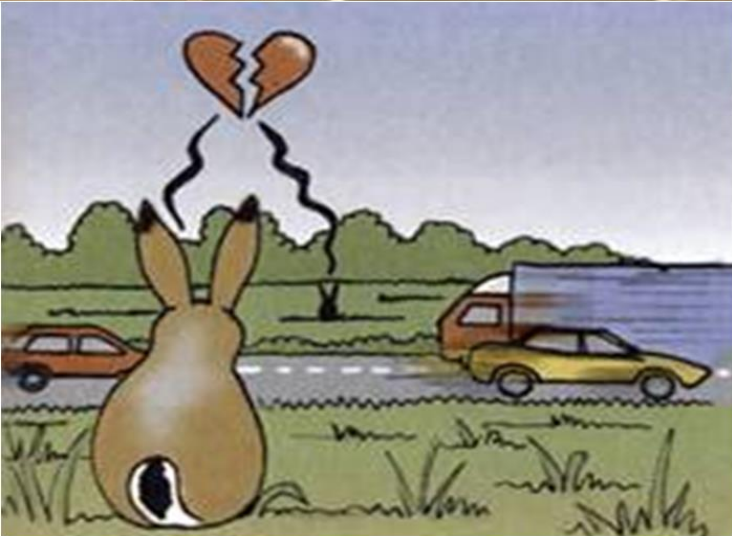
# TRANSGREEN. Integrated Transport and Green Infrastructure Planning in the Danube-Carpathian Region for the Benefit of People and Nature

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...means **better connected** Carpathian region with transport infrastructure that takes **nature** conservation into account.

...aims to contribute to **safer and environmentally-friendly road and rail networks** in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Ukraine.



Increase of **transport infrastructure** due to development causes

- Landscape fragmentation
- Land use change
- Wildlife barriers
- Positive impact on rural business

## Integrated transport planning prioritized by international policies and regulations...

- EU Strategy for the Danube Region
- EU 7<sup>th</sup> Environmental Action Plan
- EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy
- EU Communication on Green Infrastructure
- TEN-T – Trans-European Network of Transport
- Carpathian Convention Protocol on Sustainable Transport

**...call for balanced approach on infrastructure development taking nature conservation into account to elaborate most sustainable solutions.**

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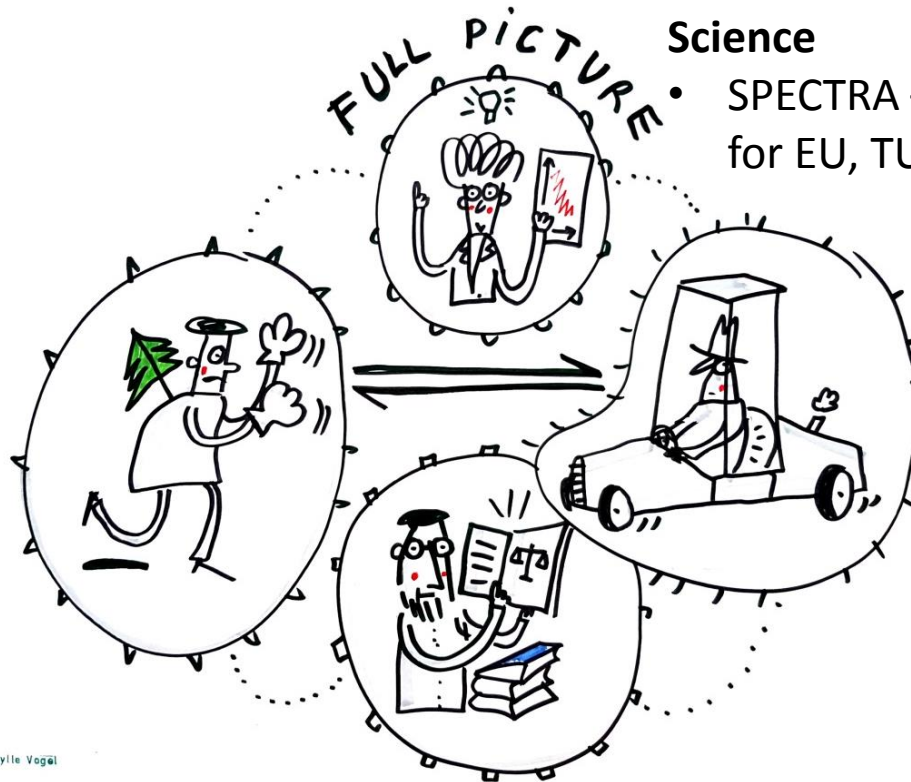
# The project in numbers

- **Duration:** 1 January 2017 – 30 June 2019, 2.5 years
- **10 Project Partners** from 5 European Countries
- **9 Associated Strategic Partners** from 3 more countries
- **Lead Partner:** WWF International Danube-Carpathian Programme
- **Project value:** ~ 2.5 Mio EUR, 2.1 Mio EU ERDF Funds

# Project consortium

## NGOs

- Friends of the Earth – CZ
- CEEweb – HU
- Milvus – RO
- WWF – AT, RO



## Science

- SPECTRA – Centre of Excellence for EU, TU Bratislava – SK

## Transport sector

- Czech Transport Research Centre
- Motorway Company - SK

## Public authorities

- Nature Conservation Agency - CZ
- State Nature Conservancy - SK

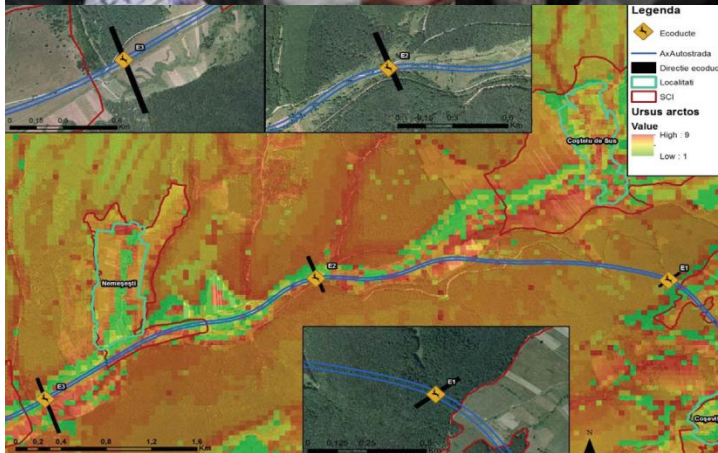
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# Project Associated Strategic Partners

- **Austria:** Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology
- **Czech Republic:** Ministry of the Environment
- **Hungary:** National Infrastructure Dev. Private Company Ltd.
- **Poland:** Ministry of Infrastructure and Construction
- **Romania:** Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Transport
- **Slovenia:** Ministry of Infrastructure
- **Ukraine:** Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources,  
Transcarpathian Regional State Administration

# Specific Objectives



1. **Cooperation** among relevant partners from transport, spatial planning and environmental sector is improved.
2. **Scientific knowledge** base for sound decision-making is created.
3. **Conflicts** between transport planning and Green Infrastructure objectives are **minimised**.

# Target groups



- National public authorities
- Regional public authorities
- Sectoral agencies
- Infrastructure and (public) Service Provider
- Interest groups including NGOs (e.g. hunters, foresters etc.)

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# Pilot areas



# Expected outputs



- Planning toolkit
- Workshops on integrated transport infrastructure
- Catalogue of measures for each pilot area
- Actions focusing on conflict minimisation
- EIA training events
- Web-based database
- Draft text of Carpathian Convention Strategic Action Plan
- Multi-sectoral meetings and/or fora





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## **ConnectGREEN**

# **Restoring and managing ecological corridors in mountains as the green infrastructure in the Danube basin**

Danube Transnational Programme Area 2

Environment and culture responsible Danube region

Danube Transnational Programme Specific Objective 2.3

Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors

## ConnectGREEN

Duration: 3 years, possible start in Sep 2018, if accepted

13 Project Partners from 6 European Countries, 10 Associated Strategic Partners from 4 more countries

Lead Partner: WWF Danube Carpathian Programme Romania

Project value: ~ 2.5 Mio EUR, 2.1 Mio EU ERDF Funds

Complementary project to TRANSGREEN tackling

- Increasing habitat fragmentation
- Land use change (housing development, etc.)
- Barriers to wildlife in the Carpathians

And improving

- Ecological connectivity between natural habitats (Natura 2000 sites etc.) of transnational relevance for LCs and other large mammal species

by

- Scientific based harmonization of methodology to identify and manage / restore eco-corridors in coordination with spatial planners (demonstration at CCIBIS) – multi-sectoral approach
- Pilot interventions in 3 cross-border pilot areas and 1 other representative pilot areas – through stakeholders involvement
- Capacity building among protected area managers (CNPA)
- Policy uptake with the help of the Carpathian Convention & EUSDR

## **WILD for DC: Sustainable Solutions for Wildlife Crime Prevention in the Danube Countries**

Danube Transnational Programme Specific Objective 2.2.

Foster sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources

**Duration: 3 years, possible start in Jan 2018**, if accepted

**Partnership: 13 Project Partners from 4 ERDF Countries (BG, RO, HU, HR), 1 IPA Country (RS) and 1 ENI country (UA); 9 Associated Strategic Partners from 8 Danube Countries (incl. BiH and EL)**, all of which facing threats related to wildlife crime and conflict use of natural resources hampering wildlife preservation efforts

**Project Value: ~ 2 Mio EUR**

**Lead Partner: WWF Bulgaria**

**WILD for DC** is based on the findings of the **2016 “Assessment of illegal wildlife & forest related practices and trade in the DCR and the effects on the conservation status”** carried out under the Technical Assistance Facility for Danube Region Projects.

**Main objective:** to strengthen joint and integrated approaches for mitigating usage conflicts in rich natural heritage areas in the Danube region through sustainable economic valorisation and enforcement measures against wildlife crime.

**Focus on** regional flagship species and habitats, such as **sturgeon, Large Carnivores and old-growth forests.**

Specific objectives:

- 1) demonstrating sustainable economic valorisation of rich natural heritage, in particular through wildlife tourism development in **6 emblematic protected areas covering 8 Natura 2000 sites** (incl. Ramsar, World Heritage and Biosphere reserves), **extending over 372,187 ha and with population of 180,000 people.**
- 2) Enhancing transnational efforts to **monitor and combat unsustainable use of the natural heritage** through capacity building, exchange of know-how and **enhanced cooperation among authorities, user groups and visitors;**
- 3) Improving policy framework for sustainable use of the natural heritage through **targeted work with policy makers at national and international level and input to existing policy processes.**