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CNPA MEDIUM TERM WORK PLAN APRIL 2013 – DECEMBER 2017					
Action name, type and goals	Description of activities	Outputs	Involved structures and partners	End and place	Funding
Action 1.1. Institutional networks, transboundary protected areas collaboration between neighbouring protected areas	Establishment and strengthening regional networks, transboundary protected areas and collaboration between neighbouring protected areas across national boundaries, as well as	Provisional CNPA Unit established	ISCC, CNPA SC Parties, CNPA SC,	June -2013 Banská Bystrica/Zvolen, Slovakia and Zarnesti, Brasov County, Romania	BIOREGIO Carpathians Carpathian
	and management of protected areas.	Permanent arrangement submitted to COP4 for approvalCommon database of protected areas updated and	, , ,	September-2014 December-2017	Convention BIOREGIO Carpathians (until
		 • Contact person for each CNPA Member designated • The rights and responsibilities related to the maintenance of the CNPA internet website by the 	PAs CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC	September-2013 September-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians

		 Facebook page on CNPA launched and updated on regular basis 	CNPA Unit	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		• Format and organisational arrangements for the internal electronic CNPA newsletter developed and the newsletter periodically distributed to the CNPA Members and partner organisations	CNPA Unit, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
Action 1.2. Communication within the network	The communication is the principal priority of the network for a better cooperation between the protected areas, for a better coordination of common projects, as well as for an intensive	• Common contact/address directories of the Carpathian PAs and other relevant partners for cooperation, as well as directory of scientific institutions and database of scientific research undertaken with regard to all relevant for the Carpathian Region areas developed and regularly updated	PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		 Common design and graphical corporate identity of the CNPA and internal rules, developed 	CNPA Unit	June-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		 Carpathian Convention Common awareness strategy developed and implemented 	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		Move 4 Nature education activities carried out	CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017	
		Mountain Trip tools analysed (common proposed materials for trails)	CNPA Unit	December-2017	
		Communication strategy developed	CNPA Unit	June-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		 Multimedia project on Carpathians including outdoor pictures, films and education programs developed 	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs, partners	December-2017	,
		Ecomont database including MRI data established	Partners	December-2017	
		• Expert and projects database developed	S4C	December-2017	
		• Internal rules for the CNPA in place, related to conducting fundraising activities on behalf of the CNPA, describing responsibilities of the different CNPA bodies	CNPA SC, ISCC, CNPA Unit	December-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians

	the CNPA are necessary and should be raised through common fundraising from EU funds and/or other funding mechanisms and programmes in order to ensure financial sustainability of		CNPA SC, PAs, Partners	December-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians
network		• Initial proposals for common projects to be submitted, consulted and jointly submitted under the EU Financial Programmes for the period 2014 – 2020 and potential other external funding sources prepared	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs, partners	December-2017	Identified financial resources fo projects preparation
		• Survey on cooperation topics carried out on regular basis	CNPA Unit	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		First online working groups created	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		• CNPA SC meetings, BIOREGIO Carpathians WP 4 Working Groups, GEF financial Working Group meetings organized	CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs, partners	June 2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians, GEF project
	Strengthening communication, education and public awareness and ensuring that scientific knowledge contributes to the establishment and effectiveness of protected areas and protected area systems are covered through these CNPA actions.	• Red Lists of Species and Habitats and List of invasive species elaborated	Parties, PAs, CNPA Unit, partners CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	June 2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Directory of scientific institutions and list of scientific research elaborated		December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		List of invasive alien species provided		June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Study on Common integrated management measures (CIMM) including Carpathian Wetlands Book elaborated		June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
action 1.4. Exchange of information, experience, skills,		CNPA webpage updated and improved		December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
among network		• Cooperation in transboundary Ramsar sites Romania – Serbia and Slovakia - Hungary, and in transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Romania – Ukraine) enhanced		June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Carpathian Countries Protected Area Clearing House Mechanism (CCPACHM) integrated with CNPA website and update of CNPA members map elaborated		June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		CIMM developed	Parties, PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians

		topics for the CNPA common thematic working groups verified/updated by repeated survey indicating current interests of the CNPA Members	PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners	September-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		 CNPA common thematic working groups established, with the task to prepare proposals for common CNPA projects Harmonization of datasets on protected areas in the Carpathians 	CNPA SC, PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• GEF financial Working Group and CWI meetings organized	PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners, Parties	December-2013	GEF project
common thematic	The CNPA will further benefit from the appropriate established network of institutions	6	PAs, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners	December-2013	
working groups under the CCIC and for common	together national authorities, international organizations and conventions, non-governmental		PAs, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
communication actions and cooperation with other bodies and	with and consultation of local communities within	s measures integrated in the CIMM, participation in the	PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians, Carpath CC project
mountain areas established	decision processes.	• Inputs to the study on regional development opportunities and common integrated management measures and to the recommendations on creation of ecological networks developed within the WP4 and WP 5 of the BIOREGIO Carpathians project and their possible follow - up	PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners, Parties	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
	The creation of a spatial network should be achieved through the creation of an ecological network of protected areas beyond their borders and biotope connections. The CNPA shall cooperate with the leading bodies of running	additional pilot areas identified and analysed after the end of the project l	Parties, ISCC, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)

recommendations on expansion of the existing and/or creation of new	projects in order to include within these plans also the protected areas, which are key territories for the biological diversity. Besides the ecological continuum within the Carpathian range, a connection between the Alps and the Carpathians is necessary to allow the natural migration between the two mountain ranges. The ecological network	 Workshop on future project ideas within CNPA Conference organized Sharing of experiences with ALPARC fostered Analysis of legal barriers developed in BIOREGIO Carpathians by EURAC 	Parties, CNPA SC, ISCC, partners	April-2013 December-2017 June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians, VISEGRAD Fund BIOREGIO Carpathians
creation of ecological networks	must contribute to the implementation of the CC in the field of nature protection and of the ecological processes. By allowing the migration of species to other bioclimatic zones or levels, the ecological continuum, bases of which will be established by	Ukrainian Carpathians identified; measures to secure the functionality of the corridors agreed with specialists and key local stakeholders	WWF, PAs in the reg	May-2014	Open borders for bears between Romanian and Ukrainian Carpathians
	the pilot areas, will contribute to the mitigation/prevention of impacts of global climate change.	• Securing the connectivity between Romanian and	WWF, PAs in the region, CNPA SC	December-2017	WWF DCP
		Communication campaign within GEF Financial project launched	PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	December-2013	GEF project
		• Training on World of the Carpathian Wetlands in Slovakia organized	PAs, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, partners	03/08 May 2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians Carpathian Wetland Initiative/ Ramsar
		Pan Carpathian Day organized	PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	May-2013	Convention BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Inputs to Sustainable Tourism Strategy development	ISCC, CNPA Unit, Parties, partners	September-2014	Development of the Carpathian Tourism Strategy project funded by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany
Action 2.1.		• Sustainable development through sustainable forest management (FSC certification) especially in forested PAs promoted	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	
Promoting protected	Promotion of protected areas in order to strenghen	• Management plans with regional development plans correlated	CNPA Unit, Parties, partners	December-2017	
sustainable development and	sustainable development and trans-boundary cooperation in the Carpathians.	• Strategic plans for regional development including PAs elaborated	CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	

trans-boundary cooperation		 Models for an increased added value on natural resources (trading, certified products, etc) developed Database for dissemination of good practice examples & website launched 	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners CNPA Unit	December-2017 December-2017	
		 Voluntary conservation working holidays in regard to Sustainable Tourism Strategy proposed Tourism products improved 	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017 December-2017	
		• Trans-Carpathian brand of PAs created	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties,	December-2017	
		• Education for sustainable development introduced	partners CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017	
		• Biodiversity, geo diversity and cultural diversity integrated	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	
		Green technology in pilot areas promoted	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	
Action 2.2. Fostering participatory processes	Promoting equity and benefit-sharing, enhancing and securing involvement of indigenous/local communities and relevant stakeholders activities.	 Stakeholder committee established and working on regular basis Cooperation between all stakeholders improved Inputs from landowner into PAs management planning process provided and compulsory Ideas and examples of good practice exchanged Consultancy services for communities offered Networking at the national and international level established and maintained 	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	
		• Inputs to the Red List of Habitats given	CNPA Unit, PAs, ISCC, partners, Parties		BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		• Carpathian Countries Protected Area Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (CCPAMETT) evaluated on regular basis	CNPA SC, CNPA	December-2017	WWF DCP
Action 3.1. Article 8 Conservation, maintenance,	Integration of protected areas into broader landscapes and sectors to maintain ecologica structure and function, substantially improve site	 Facilitation of identification of transboundary 	Unit, PAs, ISCC, partners, Parties		

restoration and sustainable use of natural and semi-	based protected area planning and management, as well as prevention and mitigation of the negative impacts of key threats to protected areas	• Study on ecosystem services in the GEF project, Study on financial opportunities in BIOREGIO elaborated	ISCC, PAs, Parties, partners	June-2014	GEF project, BIOREGIO Carpathians
natural habitats			Parties, PAs, CNPA SC, partners	December-2017	
		• Einancial mechanism for restoration projects identified	Parties, PAs, CNPA SC, partners	December-2017	
		• Good practices and examples of agro- or silvi- or aqua- environmental schemes available	Parties, PAs, CNPA SC, partners	December-2017	
			Parties, PAs, CNPA SC, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Report on the List of Red Species and Habitats prepared under the BIOREGIO Carpathians project	Parties, partners, ISCC	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Regional integrated management plans developed	Parties, CNPA Unit, partners,	December-2017	
		• Exchange of existing information on projects and management plans within CIBIS carried out	Parties, CNPA Unit, partners, ISCC	December-2017	
		• CCPAMETT carried out on a regular basis	Parties, CNPA SC, partners	December-2017	WWF DCP
		• Priortiy species identified within the Red List of Species		June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
Action 3.2. Article		Romania reintroduced	Parties. PAs, CNPA	December-2017	
•	Long - term conservation and sustainable use of	• Inputs to the elaboration of the list of endangered or endemic flora and fauna species native to the Carpathians (Carpathian Red List of Species) given	SC, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
12: Conservation of endangered species	Carpathians, including endangered species, as well as reintroduction of native species of fauna and flora in the Carpathian region.	• Working Group on large carnivores and Working Group on protection methods against large carnivore attacks as well as exchange of information with Alns	Parties, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, partners, ISCC	December-2017	
carnivores of the Carpathians		Natural inventory updated	CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017	
		identification of most threatened species of Alps and	Parties, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, partners, ISCC	December-2017	
		Program on conservation of endemic species developed	Parties, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, partners, ISCC	December-2017	
			CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017	
		C C	PAs, partners	December-2017	
		and use and resources promoted	PAs	December-2017	

		• Traditional use of species of flora and fauna	PAs	December-2017	
		evaluated, efficiently used, created new ones if	CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017	
Action 3.3. Article		CCPAMETT used by Pas in the Carpathians	Parties, PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	December-2017	WWF DCP
13: Prevention of the introduction of		• Implementation agreement between Slovakia and Hungary		April-2013	
and/or genetically	biodiversity of invasive alien species and alien genotypes, as well as prevention and mitigationa of the negative impacts of key threats to protected	developed within the WP 3 of the BIOREGIO	Parties, partners	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
ecosystems, habitats or species, their control or eradication		Transboundary action plans developed	Parties, PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	December-2017	
Action 3.4. Article 18: Compatible monitoring and		 CCPAMETT₇ promoted and used Common activities of S4C, CWI and CNPA developed and strengthened Insut to the integrated information system on the state 	Parties, PAs, CNPA Unit, partners		WWF DCP
information systems. Article 19: Coordinated scientific research and exchange of information	1 1	• Inputs to the integrated information system on the state of biological and landscape diversity in the Carpathians established within the WP 3 of the BIOREGIO Carpathians project and further developed after the end of the project	Parties, CNPA SC, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians until June 2014
Action 4.1. Preparing reports, opinions and recommendations for the CCIC for		• CCIC, Biodiversity WG and other relevant CC bodies regularly informed on results of the CNPA SC meetings and the other CNPA activities;		December-2017	Carpathian Convention
further submission to the Conference of the Parties and the relevant bodies established under the Carpathian Convention	Strengthening national and regional systems of protected areas.				
		Agreement on CNPA Unit reached	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs	June-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Rules of organization and procedures for provisional and permanent CNPA Unit created (e.g. network coordination / central coordination?)	CNPA SC, ISCC	September-2013	

Action 4.2. Liaising and cooperating		• Terms of References for CNPA Unit elaborated	CNPA SC, ISCC	September-2013	
with other bodies established under		• Common CNPA database, management of the CNPA website and CHM transferred to the CNPA Unit	CNPA Unit, partners	December-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
the Carpathian Convention as well as with other		• CNPA SC represented at the Biodiversity WG, CCIC and COP	CNPA SC, CNPA	December-2017	Carpathian Convention
relevant international, regional and		Cooperation between the CNPA SC and the CWI Board strengthened	Unit, ISCC, PAs	December 2017	Carpathian Convention, CWI / Ramsar Convention
national organizations under	boundaries and supporting the implementation of EU policies specifically related to institutional	f	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
the guidance of the CNPA Steering Committee and	capacity building.				Jule 2014)
coordination of the CCIC, thus building upon the vast					
experience and knowledge available					

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ALPARC	Alpine Network of Protected Areas	
	The CarpathCC Climate Change Framework	
CarpathCC	Project	
CC	Carpathian Convention	
	Carpathian Countries Protected Area Clearing	
CCPACHM	House Mechanism	
	Carpathian Countries Protected Area	
CCPAMETT	Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool	
	Carpathian Convention Implementation	
CCIC	Committee	
CIMM	Common integrated management measures	
CNPA	Carpathian Network of Protected Areas	

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CNPA SC	Steering Committee
COP4	The Fourth Conference of the Parties
CWI	Carpathian Wetlands Initiative
EU	European Union
EURAC	European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano
GEF	Global Environment Facility
	Improving the Financial Sustainability of the
GEF Project	Carpathian System of Protected Areas project
ISCC	Convention
PAs	Protected areas
S4C	The Science for the Carpathians
WG	Working Group
WP	Work Package
WWF DCP	WWF Danube Carpathians Programme