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According to the SSFA signed in June 2013, the Association of Natural Protected Areas Administrations (ANPAA) is responsible for providing the support to UNEP Vienna - Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (UNEP Vienna – ISCC) and the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) in the implementation of the BIOREGIO Carpathians project and the Carpathian Convention Programme of Work on activities related to Protected Areas in the Carpathians.

We have received the first payment of 5,000 Euro upon signature of the agreement and we have started the implementation of the activities foreseen in the agreement as follows:

- Collection of data such as updated protected areas details for each Carpathian country (name, no of hectares, postal address, phone/fax numbers, e-mail addresses, website); the data will be made available for the general public section of the website;
 - Collection of details (name, e-mail address) for the contact persons on CNPA issues on behalf of each CNPA member/Protected area; the information will be made available for the CNPA members only.
- ** So far, only 4 out of 7 Carpathian countries (Serbia, Romania, Poland and the Czech Republic) have their contact databases updated, the rest of them are currently under preparation.
- Collection of data on scientific institutions and their scientific research with regard to the relevant Carpathian area is currently ongoing; the contact details of these institutions and the related papers will be slightly harder to be identified as the publications authors/researchers are not easily to be linked to the national institutions/NGOs/organizations, etc. Nevertheless, a database will be created and further developed in the future;
 - Intensive communication with the ALPARC representatives for changing the hosting of CNPA website to Romania, technical details being discussed and preparations made;
 - Collection of GIS data for improving the maps of protected areas on Carpathian level (protected areas and Natura 2000 sites with a surface over 100 ha); the maps will be made available on the website for the CNPA members;
 - Constant promotion of CNPA network and BIOREGIO Carpathians project during various events such as the 2nd International workshop organized within the project

"Improving the Financial Sustainability of the Carpathian System of Protected Areas" financed by the United Nations Development Programme (implementation period Jan 2010 - Jun 2014);

- Collection of useful information related to the outputs/results achieved in the before mentioned project to be further published on the CNPA website; the project is aimed to secure the financial sustainability of the protected areas in Romania as a model for replication to the entire Carpathian Network of Protected Areas;
- ANPAA addressed the financing authorities (UNDP) the request of sharing the project general data and especially the training modules designed for the protected areas personnel (on communication, financial issues) which can be further uploaded on the CNPA website and used on Carpathian level by all CNPA members/protected areas;
- Constant communication with UNEP Vienna ISCC through standard tools such as e-mail, Skype calls, etc.
- Regular exchange of information and update between ANPAA and OZ Pronatur with a focus on developing a communication strategy based on the National Focal Points inputs and CNPA needs (better cooperation between protected areas, improved coordination of common projects, etc.).

The above mentioned activities were carried out by Mr. Mircea Verghelet as the ANPAA president, interim chair of CNPA and coordinator of ANPAA activities, Ms. Patricia Tudor contracted for data collection and communication activities and Mr. Bogdan Florescu contracted for the developing the CNPA website.

We kindly ask for your approval of the progress report submitted and we are looking forward to your recommendations.

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Best regards,

ANPAA President,
Mircea Verghelet

