

International Conference

Protected Areas - Cornerstones of Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians and Beyond

28-30 September 2021

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Day 1 - 28 September

Time:	Agenda item:	Speaker(s)/Presenter(s):
13:30 – 15:00	Arrival, Registration & Welcome Coffee	Moderator of the day: Péter OLAJOS , Delegate in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
15:00 – 16:00	Welcome Session <i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i>	Bertalan BALCZÓ , Deputy State Secretary, Deputy State Secretariat for Nature Protection, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture Harald EGERER , Head of the UNEP Vienna Programme Office, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention Mircea VERGHELEȚ , Steering Committee Chair, Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Irene LUCIUS , Conservation Director, WWF Central and Eastern Europe
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 18:00	Keynote Speeches & Moderated Discussion <i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i>	Nicola NOTARO , Head of Unit, Nature Protection, European Commission - DG Environment, recorded message Wendy ELLIOT , Deputy Leader Wildlife Practice, WWF International, online Gary TABOR , Executive Director, Centre for Large Landscape Conservation/ Specialist Group Leader, IUCN Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group, online Miklós MARTON , Department of Environmental Development and Strategy, Ministry of Agriculture/ Steering Group Member of EU Danube Region Strategy, Priority Area 6 (EUSDR PA6), Biodiversity, Landscapes and Quality of Air and Soils
18:00 – 18:15	ConnectGREEN Youth Video Contest Award Ceremony	Award presented by WWF-CEE

	<i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i>	
18:15 – 19:15	Press Conference <i>Press Corner in the Mozaik Conference Room</i>	
20:00 – 22:00	Gala Dinner hosted by the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture <i>Gala Dining Room</i>	

Day 2 - 29 September

Time:	Agenda item:	Speaker(s)/Presenter(s):
9:00 – 10:30	Parallel Workshop #1: Identification of Ecological Corridors – the ConnectGREEN Methodology <i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i>	<u>Moderation:</u> Cristian-Remus PAPP , WWF Romania Zuzana OKANIKOVÁ , State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic; Martin STRNAD , Václav HLAVÁČ, Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic Kristyna VLKOVÁ & Dušan ROMPORTL , Silva Tarouca Research Institute for Landscape and Ornamental Gardening, Czech Republic Christoph PLUTZAR , Environment Agency Austria, online Milan HUSÀR , Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava - SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of EU
9:00 – 10:30	Parallel Workshop #2: Integration of Ecological Corridors into Spatial Planning – How to Overcome Conflicts between Connectivity Conservation and Spatial Planning (tools and best practice) <i>Mozaik Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i>	<u>Moderation:</u> Dr. VALÁNSZKI István , Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dr. TÖRÖK Katalin , Ökológiai Kutatóközpont Krisztián SCHNELLER , Lechner Tudásközpont Dr. KOLLÁNYI László , Hungarian University for Agriculture and Life Sciences Rastislav STANÍK , Slovak Environment Agency, online Vladimir ONDREJIČKA , Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava - SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of EU
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30	Parallel Workshop #3: Restoration of Natural Habitat Connectivity: Different EU Projects' Approaches to Combine Synergies and Potential Cooperation Opportunities <i>Mátyás Conference room (stream, zoom)</i>	<u>Moderation:</u> Isidoro DE BORTOLI , Eurac Research, Italy Stefan FUCHS , University of Vienna, Austria, online Irena BERTONCELJ , Agricultural Institute of Slovenia Ján KADLEČÍK , State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic Filippo FAVILLI , Eurac Research Academy, Italy

		Mircea VERGHELEȚ , Piatra Craiului National Park Administration, Romania
11:00 – 12:30	Parallel Workshop #4: Mainstreaming Ecological Connectivity into Policy – National Roadmaps & Recommendations for the Improvement of the EIA/SEA Directive <i>Mozaik Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i>	<u>Moderation:</u> Dr. NAGY Gabriella , CEEweb for Biodiversity, Hungary Dr. Marina NENKOVIĆ-RIZNIĆ , Institute of Architecture and Urban & Spatial Planning of Serbia, online Rastislav STANÍK , Slovak Environment Agency, online Oana POPESCU , National Institute for Research and Development in Constructions, Urban Planning und Sustainable Spatial Development, Romania, online Dr. WEIPERTH András , Hungarian University for Agriculture and Life Sciences Dr. MÉSZÁROS Szilvia , ÖKO Zrt.
12:30 – 14:00	Buffet lunch <i>Hotel lobby</i>	
14:00 – 18:30	Carpathian Protected Areas Conference “A new age for the Carpathian Protected Areas Network” <i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i>	
14:00 – 16:30	Welcome	Harald EGERER , Head of the UNEP Vienna Programme Office, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention Mircea VERGHELEȚ , Chair of the CNPA Steering Committee
	Presentation of the Centralparks Project results relevant for the Carpathian Protected Areas	Hanna ÖLLÖS , European Wilderness Society Mircea VERGHELEȚ , Chair of the CNPA Steering Committee
	Short Interventions by the CNPA Steering Committee Members	Czech Republic Martin STRNAD , Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic Protected Landscape Areas in the Czech Carpathians _____ Hungary Gyula TAR , Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary General state of the Protected Areas in the Hungarian Carpathians _____ Poland (online) Gabriela SZUBA , Ministry of Climate and Environment of Poland

		<p>General state of the Protected Areas in the Polish Carpathians</p> <hr/> <p>Romania</p> <p>Mircea VERGHELEȚ, Piatra Craiului National Park Administration, Romania</p> <p>General state of the Protected Areas in the Romanian Carpathians</p> <hr/> <p>Serbia</p> <p>Nenad RADAKOVIĆ, Djerdap National Park, Ivan SVETOZAREVIĆ, Manifesto NGO, Serbia</p> <p>General state of the Protected Areas in the Serbian Carpathians and best practices from the Djerdap NP</p> <hr/> <p>Slovakia</p> <p>Ján KADLEČÍK, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic</p> <p>General state of the Protected Areas in the Slovak Carpathians</p> <hr/> <p>Ukraine</p> <p>Eduard ARUSTAMIANT, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine</p> <p>General overview of the state of Protected Areas of the Ukrainian Carpathians, including protected areas development</p>
	<p>Presentations by the Representatives of the PAs from the Carpathian Countries on best practices of protected areas management and networking</p>	<p>Marie PETRU, Education and Information Centre of the White Carpathians, Czech Republic</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Environmental education, rising public awareness, and local guiding in Biele Karpaty Protected Landscape Area. 2) Cross-boarder cooperation between the Bílé Karpaty PLA Czech Republic and the Bílé Karpaty PLA Slovakia. <hr/> <p>Zoltán BIHARI, Aggteleki National Park, Hungary</p> <p>Best practices from the Protected Areas in Hungarian Carpathians</p> <hr/> <p>Alin MOS, Apuseni Nature Park</p>

		Apuseni Nature Park - Reconnecting with nature
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break	
17:00 – 18:30	Presentations by the Representatives of the PAs from the Carpathian Countries on best practices of protected areas management and networking - <i>continuation</i>	<p>Ján KADLEČÍK, Peter PUCHALA, Martina LUKANOVA, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic</p> <p><i>System and tools for protected areas management in Slovakia</i></p> <hr/> <p>Mykola TARASYUK, Carpathian Biosphere Reserve, Ukraine</p> <p><i>Best practices of the Carpathian Biosphere Reserve management.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Mykola DERBAK, Fedir MATIICHYN, National Nature Park “Synevyr”, Ukraine</p> <p><i>Best practices of the National Nature Park “Synevyr” management.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Taras YAMELYNETS, Expert, Ukraine</p> <p><i>“Support to Nature Protected Areas in Ukraine” project implemented in 7 Protected Areas of the Ukrainian Carpathians.</i></p>
	Presentation of the Protected Area Management Effectiveness Tool	Cristian-Remus PAPP , WWF Romania
	Presentation of the CNPA Status Quo - Need for Revision of the Strategic CNPA Documents and Discussing the Way Forward	Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
	Interactive Exercise – Future Activities relevant for the Carpathian PAs	Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
	Recommendations and Next Steps	Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and the CNPA SC Chair
Wrap-up of the Carpathian Protected Areas Conference	Mircea VERGHELEȚ , Steering Committee Chair, Carpathian Network of Protected Areas	
14:00 – 16:30	<p>Connectivity Academy – part I (in parallel to the CPA Conference):</p> <p>ConnectGREEN’s potential transferable outputs planned and ad-hoc meetings - Central and Eastern cooperation</p> <p><i>Mozaik Conference Room (Zoom)</i></p>	
19:00	Dinner	

Day 3 - 30 September

Time:	Agenda item:	Speaker(s)/Presenter(s):
8:30 – 10:30	Connectivity Academy – part II Carpathian Wetland Initiative Workshop <i>Mozaik Conference Room (Zoom)</i>	Ján KADLEČÍK , State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic
9:00 – 9:30	Workshops Wrap-up <i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, Zoom)</i>	Moderator: Csaba MEZEI , CEEweb for Biodiversity Workshop Rapporteurs
9:40 – 11:15	ConnectGREEN Final Conference <i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, Zoom)</i> Moderator: Csaba MEZEI , CEEweb for Biodiversity	
9:40 – 10:00	Overall presentation of results & outputs including a moderated Q&A session	Cristian-Remus PAPP , WWF Romania
10:00 – 10:45	Panel discussion on lessons learnt, experience made, recommendations for follow up activities and policy work	Zuzana OKÁNIKOVÁ , State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic Martin STRNAD , Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic Dr. NAGY Gabriella , CEEweb for Biodiversity, Hungary Dr. NENKOVIĆ-RIZNIĆ Marina , Institute of Architecture and Urban & Spatial Planning, Serbia, online Hildegard MEYER , WWF Central and Eastern Europe Cristian-Remus PAPP , WWF Romania
10:45 – 11:15	Presentation of Conference Declaration addressing Higher Level Stakeholders & Agreement with Participants	Cristian-Remus PAPP , WWF Romania Csaba MEZEI , CEEweb for Biodiversity
11:15 – 11:30	Official Closing of the Conference	Harald EGERER , Head of the UNEP Vienna Programme Office, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention Cristian-Remus PAPP , WWF Romania
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break & Preparation for the “Walk shops”	
12:00 – 19:00	“Walk shops” & Press Field Visit	
	Walk shop 1: “River adventure on River Ipoly”	
	Walk shop 2 “Walking adventure to Pilis Mountain”	

Walk shop 3 "Training adventure up to Nógrád Fortres"
