

“ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS WORKSHOP-CONNECTGREEN” 22 APRIL 2016

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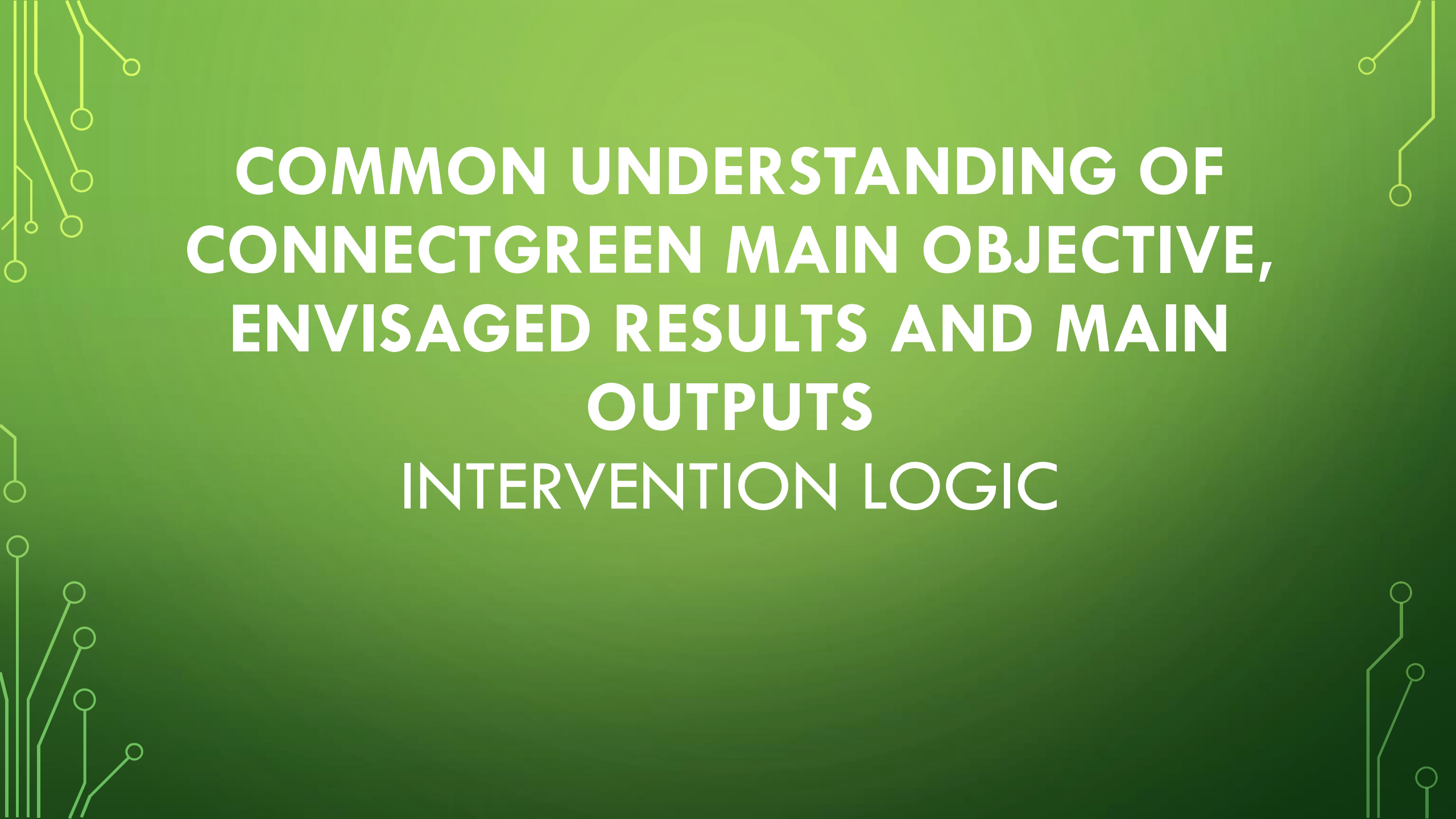
MEETING PROGRAMME

22nd of April (Friday)	
9:00 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of the Meeting - welcome and opening remarks by the Silva Tarouca Research Institute for Landscape and Ornamental Gardening (host), the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, Friends of the Earth Czech Republic(Olomouc branch), NFA (National Forest Administration) ROMSILVA Piatra Craiului National Park Administration and (Dušan Romportl, Simona Horká, Eleonora Musco, Miroslav Kutal and Mircea Verghelet)• Overview and presentation of the meeting objectives (Eleonora Musco, Ivan Svetozarevic)• Common understanding of ConnectGREEN main objective, envisaged results and main outputs (Eleonora Musco, Ivan Svetozarevic, Project Partners)• Danube Transnational Programme 2nd Step: Application Package, Documents required from PPs, Deadlines (Eleonora Musco, Ivan Svetozarevic)
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Danube Transnational Programme 2nd Step: Application Package, Documents required from PPs, Deadlines (Eleonora Musco, Ivan Svetozarevic)• Discussion on ConnectGREEN Work Packages(WPs) and related activities (Ivan Svetozarevic, Mircea Verghelet, Hildegard Meyer, Ján Kadlečík, Natalia Kubicová, Vaclav Hlaváč, Martin Strnad, Eleonora Musco)

12:30 – 13:30	Lunch at Floret Hotel
13:30 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion on ConnectGREEN Work Packages(WPs) and related activities (Ivan Svetozarevic, Mircea Verghet, Hildegard Meyer, Ján Kadlečík, Natalia Kubicová, Vaclav Hlaváč, Martin Strnad, Eleonora Musco)
15:00 –15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion on ConnectGREEN Work Packages(WPs) and related activities (Ivan Svetozarevic, Mircea Verghet, Hildegard Meyer, Ján Kadlečík, Natalia Kubicová, Vaclav Hlaváč, Martin Strnad, Eleonora Musco)• Overall harmonization and synergies with TRANSGREEN Project (Eleonora Musco, Ivan Svetozarevic, Hildegard Meyer)• Budget revision (Eleonora Musco, Ivan Svetozarevic, Project Partners)• Next steps
17:00	Closure of the meeting

OVERVIEW AND PRESENTATION OF THE MEETING OBJECTIVES

- **SUCCESSFULL DTP 1st STEP**  **TOWARDS THE DTP 2nd STEP**
- **PPs AWARE OF THE 2nd STEP REQUIREMENTS**
- **PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND WPs DISCUSSED**
- **PREPARE THE GROUND FOR THE DETAILED BUDGET DEFINITION**

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**COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF
CONNECTGREEN MAIN OBJECTIVE,
ENVISAGED RESULTS AND MAIN
OUTPUTS
INTERVENTION LOGIC**

TERMINOLOGY	DEFINITION
main objective	Describes the strategic and long term change that the project seeks to achieve for the benefit of the target groups.
specific objective	Describes the specific and immediate effects of the project and it can be realistically achieved within the implementation period.
result	Constitutes the immediate advantage of carrying out the project, telling us about the benefit of using the project main outputs. It should indicate the change the project is aiming for.
output	It tells us what has actually been produced for the money given to the project. It can be captured by a programme output indicator , and directly contributes to the achievement of the project results. <i>E.g.: transnational strategy</i>
deliverable	<i>Is a side-product or service of the project that contributes to the development of a project's main output.</i> <i>E.g.: country analysis of the status quo in a certain field (side product that is contributing to the strategy mentioned above)</i>

EOI EVALUATION

- *Strategic Relevance:*
- The proposal targets mountainous areas of the DR to improve connectivity and appropriate management of eco-corridors of transnational relevance, which has good potential contribution to the SO 2.3 of the DTP. Its transnationality is demonstrated and it also has good potential contribution to the EUSDR and the Carpathians Convention protocols. The proposal could have been more concrete on the geographic target of the project, as Carpathian region is mentioned to have special focus on, for which the partnership is good, but the proposal often refers to the "mountainous areas of the DR" in general, which is broader than that. Potential capitalisation measures could have also been described, considering the results of previous projects, like the *Bioregio Carpathians* to be built on. The project intervention logic has coherence with the programme one, although objectives and the result could be fine-tuned and certain activities could have been better detailed (e.g. communication, pilots). More information on the specific areas where the 4 pilot activities are to be carried out would have been appreciated. The partnership is very good for the Carpathian region, directly involving key actors and competences on different scales, involving international bodies, which can strengthen durability and transferability of the results. Involving some more actors from spatial planning field could be still beneficial.

- Operational Relevance:
- In general the proposed methodology and the work plan are coherent, presenting the general logic, although the timing of some WPs could have been more coherent. Details on activities and partly their geographic scope could have been better elaborated, which also do not fully justify the size of WP budgets, especially in case of WP2 and 4
- Recommendations:
- 1. The intervention logic could be improved by a more focused formulation of the main objective and the project result; ensuring also that specific objective 1 and 3 descriptions reflect the immediate effects of the project, as well as the outputs of the pilot activities more concretely formulated.
- 2. The budget of the proposal could be reconsidered.

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DANUBE TRANSNATIONAL PROGRAMME 2ND STEP: APPLICATION PACKAGE, DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FROM PPS, DEADLINES

LINK TO FULL APPLICATION:

<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/calls/calls-for-proposals/first-call/submission-of-proposals-2nd-sept-1st-call>

Time Frame 1st CFP – 2nd Step

*Launch of 2nd Step
29th March 2016*



*Decision on funding
September 2016*



*Signature of the
Subsidy Contract
End 2016*



*Deadline for
Submission
09th May 2016*



*Conditions Clearing
Oct. / Nov. 2016*



Implementation



3. The AF in all its parts, including the annexes have been submitted in one single package

- **Application Form** (PDF and MS Excel parts) – no signature
- **Partnership Agreement** – 1 document, signed by each financing PP
- **Declaration of co-financing** - filled and signed one / each financing PP
- **State Aid declaration** - filled and signed one / each financing PP
- **Declaration of International Organisations** - filled and signed one / each relevant financing PP (if applicable)
- **ASP declaration** - filled and signed one / each ASP (if applicable)
- Avoid high resolution when scanning/converting annexes into “.pdf”
- Pack (convert) all files into one single “.zip” file

9. The Lead Applicant in the AF has not been changed compared to the one in the EoI

- Lead Applicant is same institution
- Administrative changes (legal succession) not considered as change

10. Changes of partners between the EoI and the AF respected the thresholds

- Referring to financing (ERDF, IPA) partners (excluding ASPs)

Partnerships	Total number of PPs replaced and / or withdrawn and / or failing eligibility
Up to 10 PPs	Max. 2 partners
Up to 15 PPs	Max. 3 partners
Larger than 15 PPs	Max. 4 partners

NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM EACH PPs

- **Legal Identification data ERDF PP**
- **Geographical Scope of the ERDF PP Activities**
- **ERDF PP's Relevance for the proposed Project (thematic Competence)**
- **What is the Benefit for the Organisation and the Territory that represents from Participating in this Project?**
- **Description of previous Participation in other EU funded Projects.**
- **Revenues generated by the Project**

Project budget planning

WPs and Budget lines from PP level:

- Build up the partners' budgets on the basis of their activities per work packages by defining the costs per budget lines for each WP
- The budgets of the project partners will produce the total budget overview for partners per budget lines and per work packages
- **Sources of funding:**
 - 85% ERDF and IPA
 - State contribution: BG, HU, RO – check the website!
 - Other possibilities for public contribution – national level information, NCP support

Project budget planning

Simplified costs options:

- Preparation costs: use of lump sum (17,500 EUR)
- Staff costs: possibility for flat rate (up to 20% of direct costs)
- Office and administration: flat rate (15% of staff costs)

Involvement of ASPs:

- Up to 20% of the sponsoring ERDF PP

Project budget planning

Control costs:

- For countries with decentralised control system
- To be planned under external experts and services

Equipment, Investments and works:

- Details to be included in the Application Form (pdf)

Revenues:

- Net revenues (amount) foreseen to be indicated in the Application Form

Equipment expenditure

Purchase, rent or lease

- a. Office equipment
- b. IT hardware and software
- c. Furniture and fittings
- d. Laboratory equipment
- e. Machines and instruments
- f. Tools or devices
- g. Vehicles
- h. Other specific equipment



**PLEASE
NOTE:**

Only equipment **listed in the approved AF** are eligible


Only **depreciation costs** should be allocated to the project

Rental or leasing costs for certain period during the project lifetime are eligible

Ineligible expenditure



- Fines, financial penalties and expenditure on legal disputes and litigation
- Costs of gifts, except those not exceeding 50 EUR per gift where related to promotion, communication, publicity or information
- Costs related to fluctuation of foreign exchange rate
- Interest on debt
- Purchase of land and existing buildings
- Value added tax except where it is non-recoverable under national VAT legislation
- Contributions in kind, as defined in Article 69(1) of regulation (EU) No. 1303/2013
- Project expenditure split among project partners (i.e. sharing of „common costs”)
- Second hand equipment

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DISCUSSION ON CONNECTGREEN WORK PACKAGES(WPS) AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

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OVERALL HARMONIZATION AND SYNERGIES WITH TRANSGREEN PROJECT

BUDGET REVISION

NEXT STEPS

- 24th/25th April: Circulation of the Template for describing WPs activities according to the Application Form
- 26th April 2016 at 12:00: Skype call for a detailed discussion on WP3 and WP4
- 27th April 2016: Submission of activities and deliverables by WPs Leaders
- 27th April 2016: Meeting between LP and SCC with DTP JTS in Budapest (Tbc)
- 29th April 2016: Circulation of the Partnership Agreement signed by LP(Tbc)
- 29th April 2016: Circulation of detailed activities
- 4th May 2016: Deadline for sending the scan of the signed documents mandatory for PPs
- First week of May: Budget defined according to the activities
- 9th May 2016: Deadline for submission