



9:00 – 10:00 **Welcome & Setting the scene**

- ✓ **Transport:** Integration of nature conservation in linear infrastructure development; history of collaboration and development in Europe
- ✓ **Green Infrastructure:** What does green infrastructure mean related to transport infrastructure – transition from political to local level

10:10 – 11:10 **First panel discussion**

- ✓ **The TRANSGREEN project.** Experiences, pilots, results: *Catalogue of measures, Guidelines on integrated transport infrastructure development*, and the *Carpathian Convention Strategic Action Plan for Future Sustainable Transport Development of the Carpathians*

11:10 – 11:40 **Coffee break**

11:40 – 12:40 **Second panel discussion**

- ✓ **Looking into the future.** How can environmentally-friendly transportation development be fostered in the region and how financial instruments can support a better integration

12:40 – 13:00 **Adoption of Conference Declaration**

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:15 – 15:45 **Parallel workshops** *see description on next page

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15:45 – 16:15 **Coffee break**

16:15 – 17:45 **Plenary: European Mountain Regions Cooperation**

- ✓ Exchanging experiences between **Carpathians** and other mountain regions: **Alps, Dinaric Arc, Caucasus, Pyrenees**

17:45 – 18:00 **Conclusions**

18:30 **Celebration**



14:15 - 15:45 Parallel workshops Description

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WORKSHOP 1:	How to develop sustainable linear transportation infrastructure. TRANSGREEN Guidelines
Moderation:	Lazaros Georgiadis (IENE)
Contributors:	Vaclav Hlavac (Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic) Diana Cosmoiu (WWF DCP)
<p>In this workshop you will be introduced to the TRANSGREEN Guidelines and the way they can be used, alongside an example from Romania, followed by a moderated discussion.</p> <p>“Wildlife and Transportation in the Carpathian Countries. Guidelines on how to minimize impact of transport infrastructure development on nature in the Carpathian countries” is one of the main outputs of TRANSGREEN. It aims at supporting professionals involved in monitoring the impacts of transport on wildlife to integrate ecological corridors into transport infrastructure planning. It is thus targeted at transport infrastructure planners and designers, environmental impact assessment specialists, authorities responsible for decisions regarding authorizations for transport constructions at all levels - both from the transport and environmental sectors, transport infrastructure constructors and operators, and biologists and ecologists. The Guidelines contain an introductory chapters with characteristics of the Carpathians (location, animals and habitats), legislative background and planning procedures as well as effects of transport infrastructure on nature, and specific chapters, where planners can find solutions for the design of linear transport infrastructure that is well integrated in the surrounding landscape, for fauna passages, compensation measures and monitoring. The document can be used at all levels of sustainable linear transport infrastructure development - from the initial planning and design through the construction to the operation and maintenance.</p>	
WORKSHOP 2:	Supporting tools for sustainable linear transportation infrastructure development and monitoring
Moderation:	Marius Nistorescu (EPC Consulting)
Contributors:	SPECTRA – Centre of Excellence of EU (Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava)
<p>In the course of the TRANSGREEN project, several tools have been developed that support multipliers (Environmental Impact Assessment training package plus training events), planners (Scheme for stakeholder participation process), and road/ rail managers (roadkill registration system, web-based information platform including a geoportal).</p> <p>In this workshop you will learn how these tools work and be engaged in a practical exercise on how to find good technical solutions in order to minimize conflicts between wildlife and grey infrastructure in a critical area followed by a Questions & Answers session.</p>	
WORKSHOP 3:	Local actions – experiences made during project implementation in the 4 pilot areas
Moderation:	Cristian Remus Papp (WWF DCP)
Contributors:	Representatives of the 4 project pilot areas
<p>Project partners worked in the pilot areas at different stages of linear transport infrastructure development, ranging from early planning to monitoring including activities on ecosystem services. This included stakeholders’ engagement, field work among others assessment of wildlife crossing structures, monitoring, and implementation of a roadkill registration system, and data collection to find critical areas for wildlife crossings along the transport infrastructure. Additionally, ecosystem services were elaborated and discussed together with stakeholders. The main output of this work is the Catalogue of measures to increase permeability of linear transportation infrastructure for wildlife. The four pilot areas are located (1) at the cross-border area of the Czech and Slovak Republics, (2) at the cross-border areas of Hungary, Slovakia,</p>	

Ukraine, (3) between Arad and Deva (Romania) and (4) Tirgu Mures and Iasi (Romania).
In this workshop representatives of each pilot area will present their actions in the respective area followed by a moderated discussion.

WORKSHOP 4: What does TRANSGREEN recommend towards policy makers

Moderation: Irene Lucius (WWF DCP)

TRANSGREEN has gained valuable insights on how to mitigate and avoid conflicts between road and rail infrastructure and wildlife. It has been used for developing Guidelines that can be shared with professionals involved in other and future transport planning processes and for deriving recommendations toward policy makers on how the policy framework can become more supportive of integrated, sound planning of transport infrastructure measures. This relates to e.g. developing masterplans, programming of EU funds to secure appropriate funding instruments or making good stakeholder involvement a norm.

The workshop will present the summary Guidelines and the Policy recommendations developed under the TRANSGREEN project towards creating a more favorable policy framework and the opportunities that should be made use of during the coming years at national and regional level towards. We will then have a moderated discussion on what this means in terms of concrete action planning.

16:15 – 17:45 Plenary: European Mountain Regions Cooperation

Organised by: **CEEweb for Biodiversity** & the **Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention**

The European Mountain Regions Cooperation plenary session aims at fostering cooperation and sharing knowledge across different geographies in the fields of policy making, resolving conflicts between green and grey infrastructure. Representatives of the Alpine, Carpathian, Caucasian, Dinaric Arc regions and the Pyrenees will present their work on ecological connectivity related to transportation infrastructure development from their perspective and discuss common problems and solutions.

