



## **CNPA Draft Work Plan for 2009**

The principal element to ensure an active cooperation between the protected areas in the Carpathians is the CNPA Unit. In the period before the creation of this coordination unit, the organisation of events and realisation of current tasks of the CNPA will be ensured by several partners: Task Force Protected Areas – Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention, WWF, CERI, Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, CCIC; and by the Steering Committee members. With a common effort of all involved structures and partners, financial resources can be found and actions proposed here bellow can be realised.

In 2009, the work priorities will be focused on the institutional launch of the CNPA, completed by some specific actions, organised principally with the financial and staff support from the here-above listed partners.

### **1. Meeting of all international CNPA partners**

In order to define the priorities of cooperation for the next few years and to ensure coherence between the projects of all involved structures, a common meeting of all partners concerned within the CNPA establishment process will be organised.

### **2. Meeting regarding the management of large carnivores in the Alps/Carpathians**

A project of an international conference will be presented by ALPARC. Principal aim of this event will be the sharing of experiences and know-how between both mountain ranges on this very sensitive topic. The invited participants will be not only the protected areas managers, but also the representatives of hunting and agriculture organisations as well as other actors dealing with this complex issue.

### **3. Ecological network meeting**

The PAs administrations will participate in the meeting of specialists and organizations, within the framework of ongoing projects dealing with this topic, including the identification of hotspots of biodiversity and of possible connection between them and on the connection between the Alps and Carpathians such as in the region of Bratislava and Vienna.

### **4. Publishing of a report of the CNPA Conference 2008 in Poiana Brasov**

The report of the first CNPA Conference organised in September 2008 containing the presentations of participants will be published on the CNPA website. This report will analyse all the discussions held in Poiana Brasov (Romania) and will contain also all the decisions.

### **5. Maintenance and updating of the website**

The website ([www.carpathianparks.org](http://www.carpathianparks.org)) developed in 2007 should be updated in order to provide relevant information and to become an important tool of communication. The discussions about different topics will be launched on the forum and will be maintained by the administrator.

### **6. Updating of the map and list of Carpathian protected areas**

The already existing database (developed by DAPHNE and completed by ALPARC in 2007) will be furthermore developed and updated with the aim of becoming the most important base of contacts and information on protected areas in the Carpathians. The contribution of each park is needed to accomplish this task. The Interim Secretariat will negotiate and sign an agreement with Daphne so the map and the database can be used by CNPA and by all Carpathian countries and PAs.



### **7. Publishing of a brochure with the updated map**

A very simple brochure with the actualised map of the Carpathian protected areas and some general information about the CNPA will be published. This brochure will serve as a presentation tool and will facilitate the communication towards the large public and the partners.

### **8. Organisation of the Steering Committee for the CNPA meetings**

The SC will meet twice a year as agreed earlier. The preparation of these meetings will be principally ensured by the involved partners and the ISCC.

### **9. Interim arrangement for the CNPA Unit proposals and approval**

Before the establishment of the permanent CNPA Unit, the SC envisages an interim coordination team. The SC will develop and approve an interim arrangement for the creation of one or two posts, entirely focused on the CNPA coordination.

### **10. Regular information for the protected areas**

For an active life of the network, the parks will be regularly informed about the events, meetings and conferences as well as about their results. In order to ensure this information, an electronic newsletter posted on the CNPA website will be developed.

Development of the Carpathian Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM) as an internet platform for experience exchange and the promotion of best practices among Carpathian PAs, including the Carpathian Protected Area Management Effectiveness Monitoring Tool (CPAMEMT).

### **11. Capacity Building**

Participation of the CNPA members in educational activities conducted for PA practitioners and future trainers, within the framework of the WWF 2012 PA4LP (Protected Areas for a Living Planet) project.

### **12. Protected area Valuation and Development of payments for environmental services (PES) concepts**

Identification of the environmental services protected areas provide, and elaboration of schemes related to payments for these ecosystem services which harmonize conservation and economic targets, within the framework of the WWF 2012 PA4LP (Protected Areas for a Living Planet) project.

### **13. Activities related to the institutional development of the CNPA shall provide for:**

- finalizing the proposal for the Medium Term Strategy by the SC;
- designing the organizational structure of the network and its permanent arrangement, to be approved by COP31;
- elaboration and adoption of the Terms of Reference and internal rules of procedure for the CNPA Steering Committee;
- elaboration and adoption of the Terms of Reference and internal rules of procedure for the CNPA Unit;
- elaboration and adoption of the internal rules of procedure for the future CNPA Protected Area Conference;

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<sup>1</sup> Decision COP2/1 para 6. "The Conference of the Parties takes note of the proposal for a permanent arrangement for the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) established under the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC) and submitted for further consideration and decision by COP3, and requests the CNPA Steering Committee to further discuss and elaborate that proposal taking into account results of the Protected Areas Conference to be held on 23-24 September 2008 (in Brasov, Romania);



- developing means for, and if needed conclusion of agreements on establishing and maintaining official working contacts with bodies established under the Carpathian Convention, the interim Secretariat, and organizations supporting the activities of the CNPA;
- adjusting the Medium Term Work Plan for the CNPA to the Medium Term Strategy, including the outcomes of the CNPA Conference;