



# Carpathian Wetland Initiative updates on activities 2022/2023

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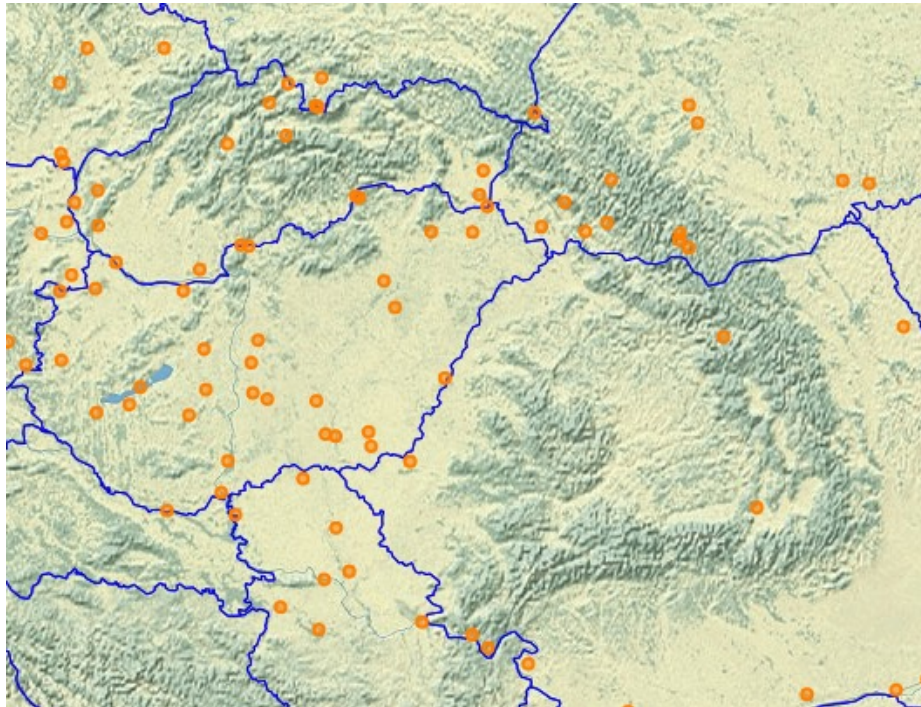
# Activities

since the last WG meeting (April 2022)



## *Implementation of the CWI Work Plan 2022 and 2023*

- **Annual Report 2022 and Plan for 2023** consulted within CWI and submitted to the Ramsar Convention Secretariat / Standing Committee in December 2022





# Objective 1



## ***Wetland benefits are featured in the Carpathian Convention policies, strategies and plans***

- Participation in the work of relevant Carpathian Convention working groups (e.g. participation in Forestry WG meeting, Levice, SK, 10-11 October 2022);
- Participation at **online meeting on GBF implementation in the Carpathian region (30 March 2023)**;
- **Consultation within the CWI and commenting the initial draft of the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework – mainstreaming water and wetlands issues**



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## Objective 2



### *Ecological networks and integrated management of Ramsar Sites are strengthened*

- **Cooperation with other networks** of protected areas – DANUBEPARKS – support in development of the new Ramsar Regional Initiative – the Danube WILDIslands RRI; joint meeting and presentations during Ramsar COP14 (Geneva, 4 and 8 November 2022);
- Cooperation with ALPARC, CNPA – promotion of the Youth at the Top 2022 event under the theme „Water in all its forms“





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### *Ecological networks and integrated management of Ramsar Sites are strengthened*

- Cooperation with other partners – **Wetlands International** – support for participation in **Paludiculture study trip** (Germany, 19-23 September 2022); **Eurosite** – workshops, webinars;
- Consultation during development of the **Joint Declaration Achieving Functional Biodiversity in the Danube-Carpathian Region by Mainstreaming Ecological Connectivity** (with EUSDR PA6, SCC, WWF CEE, etc.), online meeting (28 June 2022); online participation in the side event of the EUSDR 11th Annual Forum presenting the Declaration (18 October 2022);
- Invitation to the **EUSDR PA6** to become a partner to the CWI Board and application of the CWI to become Observer to the PA6 Steering Group;
- Cooperation in the **development of the new project proposal on identification, conservation, management and restoration of small unprotected areas as elements of ecological connectivity and OECMs** (Interreg Central Europe – May 2023);



## Objective 3



### *Wetlands conservation, restoration and maintenance supported*

- Consultation on the update of the **CARPWET project** proposal for EUKI;
- Participation in the **online workshop** of the **GEO Wetlands Initiative** (10-11 May 2022) with presentation on CWI, and consultations on wetland inventory;
- Distribution of invitation for the **River Restoration Study Trip**, support of participation (Vienna, Donau-Auen NP, 4-5 May 2023);
- Cooperation with Wetlands International Europe in development of the **transborder project proposal** on restoration of wetlands in a transborder (SK-UA) catchment focused on climate adaptation and mitigation





## Objective 4



***Wetlands conservation, management and wise use mainstreamed through communication, capacity development, education, participation and awareness***

- **CWI as a platform for sharing and exchange of information on events** – distribution of invitation for international webinars/conferences of other organizations, institutions, and partners (e.g. on conservation grazing, grassland management, large wood in rivers, water resources and wetlands, water and sustainable development, natural river processes, river continuity restoration policies, peatland restoration, Forum Carpathicum, etc.);
- Preparation of the **international training course** on wetland restoration in CZ in cooperation with MoE CZ;
- Promotion of the **World Wetlands Day 2023** among members of the CWI Board







## Objective 4



***Wetlands conservation, management and wise use mainstreamed through communication, capacity development, education, participation and awareness***

- **Co-organizing of the 16th edition of the International triennial exhibition and contest of posters on the topics of nature conservation and environment EKOPLAGÁT '23;**
- Registration for poster authors with their works from 2021-2023 all over the world open until **5 June 2023** at <https://www.ekoplagat.sk/en/current-year/>. The best poster on the topics of water / wetlands will be awarded by the CWI.
- More information <https://www.ekoplagat.sk/en/registration-for-the-16th-ekoplagat-23-zilina-is-now-open/> and <https://www.cwi.sk/?page=news>.





## *Cooperation with other regional initiatives and partners strengthened*

- Support and advice for the DANUBEPARKS in development of the **WILDisland RRI**;
- Participation in the 16th meeting of the **Trilateral Ramsar Platform** (Trilateral Ramsar Site Floodplains of Morava-Dyje-Danube Confluence, Hohenau, AT, 29 June 2022);
- Support for **European Coalition of RRIs**, consultation with other RRIs (online April 2022), Ramsar COP14 side event – Animation of the European RRIs network (Geneva, CH, 8 November 2022);
- **RRI Annual Planning Meeting** organized by the Ramsar Secretariat with CWI presentation (online 24 January 2023)





## Objective 6



### ***Operation and governance of the CWI reinforced***

- Review of the CWI Terms of Reference according to the new Operational Guidelines for RRIs adopted at Ramsar COP14;
- CWI coordination, regular communication and consultations with the CWI Board;
- Participation in the work of the Ramsar Convention, commenting the draft resolutions for the Ramsar COP14, presentation on CWI – European Ramsar Regional Meeting (26-29 April 2022); informal online meetings of EU experts (28 June, 21-22 September 2022); Ramsar Standing Committee meetings (SC59 24-27 May 2022; SC61 13 November 2022); Ramsar COP14 meetings (Geneva, CH, 4-13 November 2022), participation in working groups, preparation of the video-message to delegates of COP from CWI; meeting of the CWI Board (4 Nov. 2022);
- Information for the web [www.cwi.sk](http://www.cwi.sk);
- Negotiations on voluntary contributions to the CWI budget – provided by the Ministry of Agriculture (HU) and Ministry of Environment (SK), Slovak State Nature Conservancy – invitation for other governments to support



# Work Plan 2023



## ***Invitation for cooperation and support in***

- mainstreaming of wetlands in relevant CC documents, including CBF;
- development of updated List of Invasive Alien Species in the Carpathians;
- wetlands inventory in the Carpathians and designation of new Ramsar Sites;
- events and projects on wetland restoration, training and capacity building;
- involvement of other national institutions, experts and international partners;
- addressing the professional designers, artists, art agencies, teams of authors, environmental organisations and institutions and students from the art schools and inform about the possibility to register with their works for EKOPLAGÁT '23 Triennial exhibition and contest of eco-posters;
- review and update of the CWI ToR;
- transposition of the CWI governance as an international NGO;
- fundraising and voluntary contribution to the CWI budget;
- information sharing and contribution to the CWI web site



**Thank you for your cooperation and involvement!**

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