

BIOREGIO Carpathians Implementation update

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Integrated management of biological and landscape diversity for sustainable regional development and ecological connectivity in the Carpathians

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Programme



Partnership

- Lead Partner: Piatra Craiului National Park (RO)
- Austria:
 - UNEP Vienna – Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
 - WWF Danube Carpathian Program
- Hungary:
 - Duna-Ipoly National Park,
 - Szent István University
- Italy:
 - European Academy Bolzano EURAC,
 - Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea
- Romania:
 - Maramures Mountains Nature Park,
 - Iron Gates Nature Park,
 - Regional Environmental Protection Agency Sibiu



Partnership

- Slovak Republic:
 - State Nature Conservancy,
 - National Forest Centre
- Czech Republic:
 - Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection
- Poland:
 - Polish Academy of Sciences - Institute of Nature Conservation
- Serbia:
 - Public Enterprise Djerdap National Park
- Ukraine:
 - The State Agency for Protected Areas – to be replaced with the Carpathian Biosphere Reserve
- Observers: Ministries of the Environment of all the 7 Carpathian Countries,
Environment Agency Austria

Starting date?

Official – 1st of January 2011

2011 - slow motion

Czech Republic and Poland are out of the scope of the SEE Program - special agreements took a year to be signed with JTS

Contract finally signed in December 2011

Serbia – in February closed a separate contract with the EU Commission on 38 months

Ukraine – the initial partner disappeared - this week probably the procedures for the new one will be finalized with JTS Budapest

Project Structure

WP 0: Preparation Activities

WP 1: Transnational project and financial management

WP 2: Communication Activities

WP 3: Database development

WP 4: Integrated management of Carpathian natural assets
and protected areas

WP 5: Continuity and connectivity

WP 6: Pilot projects

WP 7: Intergovernmental platform and stakeholders
involvement

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WP 1 - Project management – Piatra Craiului NP

- Operational Manual
- Project team – assistant hired in PC – even before signing the contract
- Management - blue! advancing European projects – Germany – before signing the contract
- Kick off meeting on 26th – 29th July 2011 in Zărnești (Romania)
- Project Partner and Steering Committee meeting held in Vienna (Austria) on 25th - 26th January 2012 – with UNEP
- Work Package Leaders meeting December 2011 in Vienna (Austria) organized by UNEP Vienna ISCC
- February 2012, the Lead Partner submitted the First Progress Report to the JTS - 10.555,92 Euro

WP 2 – Communication activities – UNEP Vienna

- Internal and external communication strategy and manual
- Project web site – under development – domain
- Virtual communication group and email addresses create
- Project logo and name
- Presentations and promotion during COP in Bratislava
- Special event during Forum Carpathicum - S4C in May this year in Slovakia



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WP 3 - Database development State Nature Conservancy

Objectives:

- Carpathian Red List of Species and Habitats
- List of invasive alien species
- Joint biodiversity information system
- First meeting – Slovakia – February 2012



WP 4 - Integrated management of Carpathian natural assets and PAs – WWF DCP

Objectives:

- Identification of regional development opportunities for PAs
- Development of integrated and harmonized management of PAs

Main outputs:

- Development of Common Integrated Management Measures (CIMM)
- Study on financial mechanisms and economic tools for PAs
- First partner meeting - Vienna November 2011
- Consensus on the content and activities has been reached
- WWF is preparing TORs for the needed experts
- Link with the GEF Project in Romania on PAs financing



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WP 5 – Continuity and connectivity – Eurac research



- First meeting was held on 21st-22nd February 2012, in Banska Bystrica, in conjunction with WP 3
- Eurac prepared a list of selected umbrella species and
- questionnaires on the physical barriers in order to collect the available data
- In April – probably a meeting with key partners of Econnect (Alps) in order to share gained experience

WP 6 - Pilot projects – Duna Ipoly NP

First meeting – May 2012 in Hungary

Duna Ipoly proposed the development of an integrated management plan for Poiplie(SK)/Duna-Ipoly(HU) in particular for the forest areas

Transboundary Ramsar Site and Biosphere Reserve in Iron Gates(RO)/Djerdap(SRB)

Transboundary Biosphere Reserve in Maramures Mts.(RO) – Carpatsky BR (UA)

Cooperation with WP4 on developing and applying common management measures in pilot sites







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Intergovernmental platform and stakeholders involvement

Objectives:

- Stakeholders involvement
- Intergovernmental platform ensuring follow up of project results

- COP 3 – side event
- Today's meeting
- CNPA future support
- Discussion on CNPA 2nd conference in 2013 – need more financial support



EU

Flagship project
included in the
EU Strategy for the Danube Region

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GEF Project - Improving the financial management of the CPA

- analysis of the financial current situation and needs of the Carpathian PAs
- looking at new financing sources and improving the current financial management - creating business plans for the parks
- offering reasons to the governments to put more money in the PAs
- exploring and finding ways to introduce PES
- improving cooperation on this topic between the CPAs

Thank you for your attention

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