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1. General overview

BioREGIO Carpathians is a transnational project, co-financed by the ERDF under the 2nd call of the EU South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme.

The project was approved in March 2011, will end in June 2014 and is a flagship project in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). The Subsidy Contract was signed in December 2011; in 2012 a 6 months prolongation was requested to the JTS.

BioREGIO Carpathians builds on the existing framework of the Carpathian Convention, its Biodiversity Protocol and other related transnational networks and initiatives.
2. Partnership

16 international, national, and local authorities, organizations and scientific institutions from 9 countries:

• **Lead Partner:** Piatra Craiului National Park (RO)
• **Austria:**
  • UNEP Vienna – Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
  • WWF Danube Carpathians Programme
• **Hungary:**
  • Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate
  • Szent István University
2. Partnership

- **Romania:**
  - Maramures Mountains Nature Park,
  - Iron Gates Natural Park,
  - Environmental Protection Agency Sibiu

- **Italy:**
  - European Academy Bolzano - EURAC,
  - Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea

- **Slovak Republic:**
  - State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic,
  - National Forest Centre
2. Partnership

- **Czech Republic:**
  - Nature Conservancy Agency
- **Poland:**
  - UNEP GRID Warsaw Centre (proposed to be replacing Polish Academy of Sciences – former project partner)
- **Serbia:**
  - Public Enterprise Djerdap National Park
- **Ukraine:**
  - Carpathian Biosphere Reserve – replaced the former Agency for Protected Areas
- **Observers:** Ministries of the Environment of all the 7 Carpathian Countries, Environment Agency Austria
3. Main Objectives/outputs

- a geo web-referenced interactive Carpathian Joint Biodiversity Information System (CJBIS);
- the first Carpathian wide Red Lists of Habitats and Species and a List of Invasive Alien Species;
- Common Integrated Management Measures (CIMM) for natural assets and protected areas and further implementation in 3 different transboundary pilot areas;
- Policy recommendations for ecological connectivity after identifying the main natural, legal, social and economic barriers;
- Transfer of project results are to the Dinaric Arc and the Balkans;
- multi-level governance and cross-sector integration of the project outcomes and recommendations.
4. Project Structure and Implementation status

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

- 3 WP meetings organised in Austria and Hungary
- Experts hired by WWF and PPs for the studies to be developed;
- Elaboration of:
  - Preliminary summary of data gathering based on questionnaire survey about the basic questions of Common Integrated Management Measure
  - Report on Forest Management and conservation in the Carpathians
  - Study on financial mechanism and economic tools for protected areas
  - Report on regional development opportunities of protected areas and natural assets in the Carpathians
  - Report on the transferable best practices from the Alpine region related to the protected areas and natural assets
WP 7 – Intergovernmental platform and stakeholders involvement – UNEP Vienna ISCC

- Elaboration of the Strategy for a systematic process of stakeholders consultation;
- Organization of 2 WP7 meetings together with the Stakeholder meeting in Hungary and Romania (Nov. 2012), coordination of stakeholders identification, contacts;
- Identification of national, regional and local authorities or relevant stakeholders to be involved in Pan-Carpathian Day (May 2013);
- 5 intergovernmental Platform meetings organized: CC Biodiversity WG (February 2012 and March 2013), CC Sustainable Forest Management WG (April 2012 and September 2013), CC Implementation Committee (Dec. 2012); Planning of upcoming intergovernmental platform meeting CCIC (03.2014);
- Regular contacts with Carpathian Countries Ministries of the Environment on project implementation.
Thank you for your attention!

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