

## Annual Report and Workplan

Annual report for year 2023 and workplan for year 2024

(6 pages maximum)

Submission deadline: 20 January 2023

### 1. General information

a. Name of Ramsar Regional Initiative (RRI): ***Carpathian Wetland Initiative***

b. Have the terms of reference (TORs) or equivalent documents been updated? Yes / No  
([https://www.cwi.sk/files/Annex4\\_CWIToRs.pdf](https://www.cwi.sk/files/Annex4_CWIToRs.pdf))

NOTE: Following [Resolution XIII.9 paragraph 8](#), TORs or equivalent documents must be developed, which contain rules of procedure, structure, governance and membership, including the status of the Convention Secretariat's participation in the RRI, and which should be consistent with the Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of the Parties.

c. Is the RRI eligible for core funding from the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands?  
Yes / No

## 2. Work and activities undertaken during year 2023

Objectives	Activities	Results/ Outcomes	Verifiable indicators	Means of verification / source of information	Relevant Ramsar Strategic Plan Goals
1. Wetland benefits are featured in the Carpathian Convention policies, strategies and plans	1.1 Participation in the work of relevant Carpathian Convention working groups	<i>Completed Outcomes:</i> Wetlands, their services and benefits and nature-based solutions are integrated in relevant documents of the Carpathian Convention, in sectoral strategies and policies and in relevant projects	Documents, strategies, meeting reports (WG Biodiversity, online consultations, CCIC, CC COP7 decisions and documents)	Reports of the meetings; Carpathian Convention and CWI web sites: <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/2023/06/14/14th-meeting-of-the-carpathian-convention-implementation-committee/">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/2023/06/14/14th-meeting-of-the-carpathian-convention-implementation-committee/</a> ; <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/cop7.html">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/cop7.html</a> ; <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/tl_files/carpathiancon/Downloads/03%20Meetings%20and%20Event%20Groups/Biodiversity/14th%20meeting/1907Biodiversityagenda.pdf">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/tl_files/carpathiancon/Downloads/03%20Meetings%20and%20Event%20Groups/Biodiversity/14th%20meeting/1907Biodiversityagenda.pdf</a> ; <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/officialdocuments/CC%20COP7%20DOC7_Carpathian%20Biodiversity%20Framework_ADOPTED.pdf">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/officialdocuments/CC%20COP7%20DOC7_Carpathian%20Biodiversity%20Framework_ADOPTED.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news">https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news</a> ;	Goal 1: Addressing the Drivers of Wetland Loss and Degradation Goal 4: Enhancing Implementation
	1.2 Identification and prioritization of invasive alien species and pathways of their introduction and expansion, cooperation in preparation of management responses	<i>Partly completed</i> Discussed within the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework adopted at the CC COP7 - Possible action on IAS to be discussed with the WG Biodiversity			
2. Ecological networks and integrated management of Ramsar Sites are strengthened	2.1 Cooperation in the development of the ecological network in the Carpathians, contribution to relevant projects on continuity and connectivity of habitats in the region, cooperation and advice in the designation of new Ramsar Sites, expansion of existing sites; joint management planning	<i>Completed Outcomes:</i> Project proposals consulted and developed; Workshops and meetings with CCIC and relevant WGs; promotion of NaturaConnect project; Participation in workshops of the project; Carpathian Biodiversity Framework; trans-	Project proposal TINY-ties prepared for submission (Interreg Central Europe); participation in workshops of projects on ecological connectivity; activities within the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework adopted at CC COP7; cooperation of MoE of Romania and Ser-	Carpathian Convention and CWI web sites: <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/cop7.html">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/cop7.html</a> ; <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/officialdocuments/CC%20COP7%20DOC7_Carpathian%20Biodiversity%20Framework_ADOPTED.pdf">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/officialdocuments/CC%20COP7%20DOC7_Carpathian%20Biodiversity%20Framework_ADOPTED.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news">https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news</a> ;	Goal 2: Effectively Conserving and Managing the Ramsar Site Network

		boundary RS designation and management facilitated	bia on trans-boundary Ramsar Site Iron Gates - Djerdap, resulted in signing of the letter of designation of the trans-boundary site on the occasion of CC COP7, on October 12 <sup>th</sup> in Belgrade, Serbia	<a href="http://index.php?page=news">index.php?page=news</a> ;	
	2.2 Development of network of Carpathian Ramsar Sites managers	<i>Completed</i> <b>Outcomes:</b> List of contacts of Carpathian RS managers	Address list of RS managers consulted with Parties	Document – Excel table	
	2.3 Cooperation with other networks of protected areas (CNPA, ALPARC, DANUBEPARKS) within existing MoC and with other partners (Wetlands International, EUSDR PA6, EUROPARC, Eurosite, IUCN) in development of new documents and projects on ecological connectivity	<i>Completed</i> <b>Outcomes:</b> Strategic documents; project drafts consulted and developed (with Wetlands International Europe); events of partner organizations promoted; CWI approved as observer to the EUSDR PA6 Steering Group; communication within EUSDR to engage CWI countries; proposal for co-operation	Meetings, meeting reports, project proposals prepared	E-mail communication; Information on the web site of the Carpathian Convention, CWI and partners (DANUBEPARKS, EUSDR PA6)	
3. Wetlands conservation, restoration and maintenance supported	3.1 Initiating wetlands inventory in the Carpathians	<i>Completed</i> <b>Outcomes:</b> Project proposal on wetlands distribution in the Carpathians discussed	Project proposal	Project documentation	Goal 3: Wisely Using All Wetlands
	3.2 Cooperation with the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and Science for the Carpathians in review of the Carpathian Red List of habitats and species and in research and monitoring	<i>Partly completed</i> Plan on Red Lists revision included in the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework; Forum Carpathicum promoted; communication with the Science for the Carpathians (S4C); consultations with the Eurac Research on expertise for	Meetings, meeting reports	E-mail communication; web sites: <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/tl_files/carpathiancon/Downloads/03%20Meetings%20and%20Events/Working%20Groups/Biodiversity/14th%20meeting/1907Biodiversityagenda.pdf">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/tl_files/carpathiancon/Downloads/03%20Meetings%20and%20Events/Working%20Groups/Biodiversity/14th%20meeting/1907Biodiversityagenda.pdf</a> ; <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/o">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/o</a>	

		monetary valuation of ecosystem services		<a href="https://www.cwi.sk/officialdocuments/CC%20COP7%20DOC7%20Carpathian%20Biodiversity%20Framework_ADOPTED.pdf">officialdocuments/CC%20COP7%20DOC7 Carpathian%20Biodiversity%20Framework_ADOPTED.pdf</a>	
	3.3 Sharing experience on wetlands restoration in Europe	<b>Completed Outcomes:</b> Information on River Restoration Study Tour distributed, participation supported; sharing information on LIFE platform meeting on benefits of peatland restoration in Europe; promotion of the project on Ecohydrological restoration of peatlands in the Carpathians; Event in Vienna (AT); Workshops, conferences and study tours to wetland restoration examples – excursion of the Czech Ramsar Committee to the restoration sites in Slovakia	Events and projects promoted; participation in River Restoration Study Tour (Vienna, Donau Auen NP, AT) supported (3 attendees, 2 women, 1 man); Czech Ramsar Committee – 15 participants; reports	E-mail communication; report of the study trip from participants; <a href="https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news">https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news</a> ; <a href="https://www.sopsr.sk/publikacie/chus/chus100_final.pdf">https://www.sopsr.sk/publikacie/chus/chus100_final.pdf</a> (p. 111)	
	3.4 Cooperation in preparation of projects aimed at wetland conservation, maintenance, restoration and wise use, climate adaptation and mitigation	<b>Completed Outcomes:</b> Project proposals consulted, developed and submitted in cooperation with Wetlands International and partners from Central Europe; investigation of the possibilities for a “sponges” project in a catchment; Rescue Narcissus Valley project implemented in UA	Project proposals and documents; conservation management in a Ramsar Site in Ukraine; Latorica project (“Reconnecting the Latorica River floodplain landscape in a transboundary context” – SK, UA – Endangered Landscapes Programme)	TINY-ties: Tiny Areas for European Biodiversity (Interreg Central Europe); “Sponges” concept (Wetlands International) <a href="https://eu-ropewetlands.org/publications/sponge-restoration/">https://eu-ropewetlands.org/publications/sponge-restoration/</a> ; <a href="http://www.naturexperts.org/en/eocarrescue-the-narcissusvalley/">http://www.naturexperts.org/en/eocarrescue-the-narcissusvalley/</a> ; <a href="https://www.endangeredlandscapes.org/project/latorica/">https://www.endangeredlandscapes.org/project/latorica/</a>	
4. Wetlands conservation, management and wise use mainstreamed through communication,	4.1 Preparation of publications and promotion of CWI and Carpathian wetlands, communication of CWI activities; support of EKOPLAGÁT '23 In-	<b>Completed Outcomes:</b> Presentations for CC and other events; participation at 6 <sup>th</sup> International Conference Water Resources	Presentations on CWI (meetings of the WG Biodiversity, CCIC; Czech and Slovak Ramsar Committees; COP7, training in CZ); Abstract and	Information on the web sites of the Carpathian Convention, CWI, ARLG, EKOPLAGÁT: <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/category/events/">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/category/events/</a> ;	Goal 4: Enhancing Implementation

capacity development, education, participation and awareness	ternational Exhibition and Contest; maintenance of CWI web site	and Wetlands (13 – 17 Sept., 2023, Tulcea, RO) with poster on CWI activities; International exhibition EKOPLAGÁT '23 co-organized and best wetland poster awarded; web site updated	poster in International conference Water Resources and Wetlands (Tulcea, RO); Exhibition EKOPLAGÁT '23 28 Sept. – 11 Nov. 2023, Žilina, SK; Updated information on the web	<a href="https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news">https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news</a> ; <a href="https://www.limnology.ro/wrw2023/wrw2023.html">https://www.limnology.ro/wrw2023/wrw2023.html</a> ; <a href="https://www.ekoplagat.sk/en/home/">https://www.ekoplagat.sk/en/home/</a> ; <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ekoplagat">https://www.facebook.com/ekoplagat</a> ;	
	4.2 Promotion of the World Wetlands Day in the Carpathians	<i>Completed</i> <i>Outcomes:</i> WWD events initiated and promoted within the CWI Board	Ramsar Newsletter and materials on WWD 2023 distributed	E-mail communication	
	4.3 Training and capacity building activities for wetland managers and other stakeholders	<i>Completed</i> <i>Outcomes:</i> Training/course prepared and implemented; participation in study tours promoted and supported; involvement in the Carpathian Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Expert Network; questionnaire filled-in	Study Trip River Restoration (Donau-Auen NP, AT, 4 – 5 May, 2023); Training and study tour on wetland restoration organized in cooperation with the Czech MoE (2-6 Oct. 2023 in CZ; 10 participants – 7 women, 3 men); participation in relaunching the Carpathian ESD Expert Network; questionnaire	Information on the web sites: <a href="https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news">https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news</a> ; <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/topics/awareness-raising-education-and-public-participation/">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/topics/awareness-raising-education-and-public-participation/</a>	
5. Cooperation with other regional initiatives and partners strengthened	5.1 Support and advice for the DANUBEPARKS for establishment of the WILDisland RRI	<i>Completed</i> <i>Outcome:</i> Consultations with DANUBEPARKS, meetings, supporting documents	Documents, meeting reports (DANUBEPARKS General Assembly)	E-mail communication; RRI documentation and information on the web: <a href="https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news">https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news</a>	Goal 4: Enhancing Implementation
	5.2 Support and cooperation within the European Coalition of RRIs	<i>Partly completed</i> <i>Outcome:</i> Supporting documents, joint events,	Consultations within the RRIs, presentation on activities of the CWI	Annual meeting of the RRIs with Ramsar Secretariat 24 Jan. 2023	
	5.3 Initiation, reinforcement and/or formalization of cooperation with partner organizations	<i>Completed</i> <i>Outcomes:</i> Invitation for partnership to EUSDR PA6, observer status of CWI in EUSDR PA6 approved; communication with partner organizations	Letters, documents	Documentation, report	

6. Operation and governance of the CWI reinforced	6.1 Communication and consultations with the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, CNPA Steering Committee, members and partners on establishment of the CWI association	<i>Partly completed</i> <i>Outcome:</i> Conclusions of the meetings and consultation process	Informal consultations with the CNPA chair, CC Secretariat and the Ramsar Convention secretariat; Decision COP7/9 Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity	<a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/officialdocuments/CC_COP7_DOC3_COP7%20DECISIONS_ADOPTED.pdf">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/officialdocuments/CC_COP7_DOC3_COP7%20DECISIONS_ADOPTED.pdf</a>	Goal 4: Enhancing Implementation
	6.2 Review of the CWI Terms of Reference according to the new Operational Guidelines for RRI	<i>Not completed</i> Revision of the ToR postponed due to unfinished transformation process and continued discussions on the governance	Decision COP7/9 Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity	<a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/officialdocuments/CC_COP7_DOC3_COP7%20DECISIONS_ADOPTED.pdf">http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/officialdocuments/CC_COP7_DOC3_COP7%20DECISIONS_ADOPTED.pdf</a>	
	6.3 Operation of the Carpathian Wetland Centre, CWI coordination, fundraising, meeting of CWI Board members	<i>Completed</i> <i>Outcomes:</i> Wetland Centre maintained, wetland library supplemented, staff partly supported, CWI Board members regularly contacted and informed; CWI Board address list updated, Board completed with CC National Focal Points; communication on fundraising with Board members	Report; CWI Board address list; voluntary contribution to the CWI budget by the Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary; commitments of some ministries	E-mail communication, Information on the web <a href="https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=contact">https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=contact</a>	

### 3. Key achievements / results during year 2023

- a. Please describe briefly the two or three main achievements / results during year 2023 (max. 200 words).

International training course and study tour on wetland restoration organized in cooperation with the Czech Ministry of Environment and the Czech Ramsar Committee; CWI work featured in the decisions and documents of the Carpathian Convention including COP7; EKOPLAGÁT '23 – International Exhibition and Contest of posters co-organised, including CWI awarding for the best poster on water/wetlands theme.

- b. For those RRI receiving funding from the Convention in 2023 if there were changes to the work plan for year 2023, including postponement or delay, please indicate the reasons (max. 200 words).

- c. Please describe briefly the two or three main challenges and lessons learned and planned measures to overcome or apply those (max. 200 words).

Capacities for coordination of the RRI, work overload of focal points in the respective countries and partners with other priorities;  
 Governance and legal entity of the RRI;  
 The challenges will be dealt with in further communication and consultations with the Secretariats of the Carpathian and Ramsar Conventions, Steering Committee of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, CWI Board members and partner organisations.

#### 4. Financial report for year 2023

Total planned budget for year 2023: **31,200 EUR** (31,200 CHF) (as submitted in last year's plan)

Average exchange rate EUR to CHF: 0.973

Details of sources of income and amounts:

Sources of income *	Income received
SNC SR SK	6,640.00 EUR
Ministry of Environment SK	2,786.00 EUR
Ministry of Environment CZ	7,003.00 EUR
Ministry of Agriculture HU	1,886.83 EUR
UNE Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention	755.08 EUR.
DANUBEPARKS Association	290.12 EUR
Wetlands International	1,000.00 EUR
Danube-Carpathian Programme NGO UA, EOCA, ORTIVOX	12,000 EUR
Ramsar funding – amount left from previous years	1,208.06 EUR
<b>Total (CHF)</b>	<b>33,569.09 CHF</b>

Detailed expenditure:

Budget Items	Planned expenditure	Actual expenditure (CHF)
1.1 Participation in the work of relevant Carpathian Convention working groups	1,000 EUR	1,471.03
1.2 Identification and prioritization of IAS, preparation of management responses	1,000 EUR	0.00
2.1 Cooperation in the development of the ecological network in the Carpathians, relevant projects, designation of Ramsar Sites	1,000 EUR	320.00
2.2 Development of network of Carpathian Ramsar Sites managers	500 EUR	0.00
2.3 Cooperation with other networks of protected areas, with other partners in development of new documents and projects	1,000 EUR	0.00
3.1 Initiating wetlands inventory in the Carpathians	1,000 EUR	0.00
3.2 Cooperation with the CC Secretariat and S4C in review of the Carpathian Red List, research, monitoring	1,000 EUR	0.00
3.3 Sharing experience on wetlands restoration in Europe	1,500 EUR	3,111.90
3.4 Cooperation in preparation of projects aimed at wetland conservation, maintenance, restoration, climate adaptation and mitigation	1,000 EUR	13,030.10
4.1 Preparation of publications and promotion of CWI and Carpathian wetlands, communication of CWI activities; web site	3,500 EUR	2,403.00
4.2 Promotion of the World Wetlands Day in the Carpathians	500 EUR	0.00
4.3 Training and capacity building activities for wetland managers and other stakeholders	7,000 EUR	6,421.31

5.1 Support and advice for the DANUBEPARKS for establishment of the WILDisland RRI	700 EUR	319.37
5.2 Support and cooperation within the European Coalition of RRIs	500 EUR	0.00
5.3 Initiation, reinforcement and/or formalization of cooperation with partner organizations	500 EUR	12.80
6.1 Communication and consultations on establishment of the CWI association	1,000 EUR	360.00
6.2 Review of the CWI Terms of Reference according to the new Operational Guidelines for RRIs	1,000 EUR	0.00
6.3 Operation of the Carpathian Wetland Centre, CWI coordination, fundraising, meeting of CWI Board members	8,500 EUR	4,518.80
<b>Total (CHF)</b>	<b>31,200 EUR</b>	<b>31,968.31 EUR=CHF</b>

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on 29 December 2023

#### Financial balance

<b>CWI Ramsar funding (24126)</b> (amount left)	<b>0.78 €</b>
<b>CWI budget from Hungary (24124)</b> (voluntary contributions MoA HU)	<b>9,844.73 €</b>
<b>CWI budget from the Czech Republic (24125)</b> (voluntary contrib. MoE CZ)	<b>497.29 €</b>
<b>CWI budget from the Slovak Republic (24127)</b> (voluntary contrib. MoE SK)	<b>2,330.83 €</b>

Total amount of unspent and uncommitted balance to be carried over to 2024: **12,673.63 EUR=CHF**



## 5. Work and activities planned for 2024

Objectives	Activities	Expected results/ outcomes	Verifiable indicators	Means of verification / source of information	Relevant Ramsar Strategic Plan Goals ( <a href="#">link</a> )
1. Wetland benefits are featured in the Carpathian Convention policies, strategies and plans	1.1 Participation in the work of relevant Carpathian Convention working groups, contribution to revision of the work plans of WGs for the period 2024 – 2026 and implementation of the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework	Wetlands, their services and benefits and nature-based solutions are integrated in relevant documents of the Carpathian Convention, relevant Protocols, strategies, action plans and projects	Documents, project proposals	Information on the web site of the Carpathian Convention and CWI	Goal 1: Addressing the Drivers of Wetland Loss and Degradation
	1.2 Identification and prioritization of invasive alien species and pathways of their introduction and expansion, cooperation in preparation of management responses	Draft List of invasive alien species in the Carpathians reviewed	Updated List of IAS in the Carpathians	Information on the web site of the Carpathian Convention and CWI	
2. Ecological networks and integrated management of Ramsar Sites are strengthened	2.1 Cooperation in the development of the ecological network in the Carpathians, contribution to relevant projects on continuity and connectivity of habitats in the region, cooperation and advice in the designation of new Ramsar Sites, extension of existing sites; joint management planning	Workshops and meetings with CC Biodiversity WG and other relevant WGs; RISs and maps developed; trans-boundary RS designation and management facilitated	At least one workshop / meeting; documents on Ramsar Sites	Information on the web site of the Carpathian Convention and CWI	Goal 2: Effectively Conserving and Managing the Ramsar Site Network
	2.2 Development of network of Carpathian Ramsar Sites managers	Network of Carpathian Ramsar Sites managers developed and involved in the CWI work	RS managers contacted and involved, participation in the activities	Information on the CWI web site	

	2.3 Cooperation with other networks of protected areas (CNPA, ALPARC, DANUBEPARKS) within existing MoC and with other partners (Wetlands International, EUSDR PA6, EUROPARC, Eurosite, IUCN, CEEweb) in development of new documents and projects	Strategic documents; project drafts consulted and developed	Meetings, meeting reports, project drafts prepared	Information on the web site of the Carpathian Convention, CWI and partners	
3. Wetlands conservation, restoration and maintenance supported	3.1 Initiating wetlands inventory in the Carpathians	Project proposal on wetlands distribution, values in the Carpathians discussed, funding opportunities identified	Project proposal	Project documentation	Goal 3: Wisely Using All Wetlands
	3.2 Cooperation with the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and Science for the Carpathians in review of the Carpathian Red List of habitats and species and in research and monitoring	Work plan on Red Lists revision and involvement of CWI	Meetings, meeting reports, project draft prepared	Information on the web site of the Carpathian Convention, CWI and partners	
	3.3 Sharing ideas and experience on wetlands restoration planning to harmonise national restoration plans under the EU Nature Restoration Law with a view to wetland habitats and species protected by the Habitats and Birds Directives, as well as to Nature-based Solutions and Ecosystem-based adaptation	Workshops, webinars, conferences and study tours to wetland restoration examples with focus on peatlands conservation, restoration and paludiculture, to emphasize the crucial role of peatlands in climate change adaptation	At least one event facilitated	Information on the CWI web site	

	3.4 Cooperation in preparation of projects aimed at wetland conservation, maintenance, restoration and wise use, climate adaptation and mitigation, search for potential areas to increase the “sponge” capacity of the landscape as a nature-based adaptation to the impacts of climate change	Potential sites for restoration identified; relevant project proposals consulted and developed; approved projects implemented	Project proposals; project activities implemented	Project documentation; project websites	
4. Wetlands conservation, management and wise use mainstreamed through communication, capacity development, education, participation and awareness	4.1 Preparation of publications and promotion of CWI and Carpathian wetlands, communication of CWI activities; maintenance of CWI web site; involvement to the Carpathian ESD Expert Network	Publications on CWI and the Carpathian wetlands and their functions and services; web site updated	Updated information on the web	Information on the CWI web site;	Goal 4: Enhancing Implementation
	4.2 Promotion of the World Wetlands Day in the Carpathians	WWD events initiated and promoted	Information of WWD events	Information on the CWI web site	
	4.3 Training and capacity building activities for wetland managers and other stakeholders	Training/course/study trip on wetlands/rivers restoration, free-flowing rivers, fish migration prepared and implemented	At least one training event	Information on the CWI web site	
5. Cooperation with other regional initiatives and partners strengthened	5.1 Support and cooperation within the European Coalition of RRIs	Supporting documents, joint events, statements	Documents	Information on the web	Goal 4: Enhancing Implementation
	5.2 Consultations with DANUBEP-ARKS and Danube Wild Islands RRI	Meetings, supporting documents	Documents	Documentation; Information on the web	
	5.3 Initiation, reinforcement and/or formalization of cooperation with partner organizations	Invitation, letters of support and/or agreements with partner organizations	Documents	Documentation	

6. Operation and governance of the CWI reinforced	6.1 Communication and consultations with the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, CNPA Steering Committee, members, SNC SR and partners on establishment of the CWI association	Conclusions of the meetings and consultation process	Documents	Documentation	Goal 4: Enhancing Implementation
	6.2 Review of the CWI Terms of Reference according to the new Operational Guidelines for RRI	ToR consulted, updated and prepared for adoption at the CCIC and CC COP7	Document	Information on the web	
	6.3 Operation of the Carpathian Wetland Centre, CWI coordination, fundraising, meeting of CWI Board members	Wetland Centre maintained, wetland library supplemented, staff supported, CWI Board meeting organized	Report	Information on the web	

## 6. Financial plan for year 2024

For those RRI not receiving funding from the Convention in 2023, please provide the necessary information in the table below.

Total planned budget: 46,673 CHF

Average exchange rate EUR to CHF: 1 : 1

Details of planned income sources and amount:

Sources of income	Forecast / budgeted income (EUR/CHF)
State Nature Conservancy SNC SR / MoE SK	15,500.00
Ministry of Environment CZ	5,000.00
Ministry of Agriculture HU	1,000.00
UNE Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention	2,500.00
DCP UA, EOCA, ORTOVOX, WFN (project funding)	10,000.00
CWI budget from MA Hungary (24124)	9,844.73
CWI budget from MoE Czech Republic (24125)	497.29
CWI budget from MoE Slovak Republic (24127)	2,330.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,672.85 CHF</b>

Details of planned expenditure:

Activities	Planned expenditure	Sources of income
1.1 Participation in the work of relevant Carpathian Convention working groups	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500 UNE SCC 500
1.2 Identification and prioritization of IAS and pathways of their introduction and expansion	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500 UNE SCC 500

2.1 Cooperation in the development of the ecological network in the Carpathians, designation of new Ramsar Sites, joint management planning	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500 CWI budget HU 500
2.2 Development of network of Carpathian Ramsar Sites managers	500 EUR	SNC SR 500
2.3 Cooperation with other networks of protected areas and with other partners on ecological connectivity	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500 CWI budget HU 500
3.1 Initiating wetlands inventory in the Carpathians	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500 CWI budget HU 500
3.2 Cooperation with the Secretariat of the CC and S4C in review of the Carpathian Red Lists	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500 UNE SCC 500
3.3 Sharing experience on wetlands restoration in Europe	1,500 EUR	CWI budget CZ 500 CWI budget HU 500 CWI budget MoE SK 500
3.4 Cooperation in preparation of projects on wetland conservation, maintenance, restoration and wise use, climate adaptation and mitigation	11,000 EUR	SNC SR 500 UNE SCC 500 UA donors 10,000
4.1 Preparation of publications and promotion of CWI and Carpathian wetlands, communication of CWI activities; maintenance of CWI web site	3,000 EUR	SNC SR 500 CWI budget HU 2,000 CWI budget MoE SK 500
4.2 Promotion of the World Wetlands Day in the Carpathians	500 EUR	SNC SR 500
4.3 Training and capacity building activities for wetland managers and other stakeholders	7,000 EUR	MoE CZ 5,000 CWI budget HU 1,500 SNC SR 500
5.1 Support and cooperation within the European Coalition of RRIs	700 EUR	CWI budget HU 700
5.2 Consultations with DANUBEPARKS and Danube Wild Islands RRI	500 EUR	SNC SR 500
5.3 Initiation, reinforcement and/or formalization of cooperation with partner organizations	500 EUR	SNC SR 500
6.1 Communication and consultations with the CC Secretariat, CNPA SC, members and partners on establishment of the CWI association	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500 CWI budget MoE SK 500
6.2 Review of the CWI ToR according to the new Operational Guidelines for RRIs, consultations	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500 UNE CC 500
6.3 Operation of the Carpathian Wetland Centre, CWI coordination, fund raising, meeting of CWI Board	8,500 EUR	SNC SR 8,000 CWI budget MoE SK 500
<b>Total (CHF)</b>	<b>41,700</b>	<b>41,700</b>

This report is certified by Dr. Ján Kadlečík, CWI coordinator on 29 December 2023

## Explanatory notes

### 1. Terms of reference of RRI

Following [Resolution XIII.9 paragraph 8](#), RRI must develop terms of reference, which cover their own rules of procedure, structure, governance, membership, including the status of the Convention Secretariat's participation in the RRI, and which should be consistent with the Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of Parties ([Resolution XIII.9](#)). Equivalent documents must cover the same items.

### 2. Eligible for core funding from the Secretariat

Following the Operational Guidelines, financial assistance to an RRI from the core budget is provided for a limited period of time, in principle only for a period corresponding to [Resolution XIII.9 paragraph 8.g](#)).

### 3. Items in activity tables

To fill out the table for undertaken activities and planned activities, please make sure that "Objectives", "Activities", "Results/outcomes", "Verifiable indicators" and "Means of verification / source of information" are consistent with the submitted plan for the year.

- Objectives: Please indicate a specific statement narrating a desired accomplishment or outcome (e.g. to improve capacity of the RRI members in the management of wetlands).
- Results/outcomes: Please indicate whether planned activities are completed or not. If you organized a workshop/seminar/training course, please specify the number of attendees including gender information (e.g. XX trainings were organized, XX people attended (XX women, XX men)). This information will enable assessment of achievements and results.
- Verifiable indicators: Indicators are to measure progress and achievement. Please include indicators to verify to what extent progress is being made towards results/outcomes and how those results/outcomes are achieved (e.g. the number of training courses, the number of publications).
- Means of verification / source of information: Please add means of verification, which show how the information about the indicator can be obtained (e.g. training reports, modules).
- Relevance to the Ramsar Strategic Plan: Please indicate which of the goals of the Ramsar Strategic Plan each of the objectives most contributes to.