

Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity

Alpine Convention ABB – Restoration Pillar



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Organisation process within the ABB

TWBs

CC, CBD, EEA..

ABB Plenary for overall validation



Drafting Alpine Biodiversity Action Plan 2030

4 CORE GROUPS – output: pragmatic and effective actions



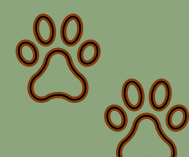
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Pillar - Restoration

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EU Nature Restoration Law: specific focus on topics with high relevance at the Alpine level



Restore drained peatlands



Healthier forests with improved biodiversity

standing and ground deadwood, irregular high forest, common forest birds, soil organic carbon stock



Restore river continuity

- ➔ Identify obstacles and eliminate them
- ➔ Free Flowing River to 25000km



Reverse the decline of pollinators

➔ Improve population status

Identify Key Pollination Areas, delineate BUZZ LINES, pollinator monitoring



Improve biodiversity on farmland

➔ Increase agricultural biodiversity indicator value

Grassland butterfly index, farmland bird, soil organic carbon stock, agricultural land with high diversity landscapes features



Restoration Core Group



Objective

Ensure that national Strategies (restoration plans) include transalpine and cross-border specificity



Priority Activity

Analysing the various restoration issues at Alpine level and possible opportunities for transboundary cooperation



Challenges

Collective political endorsement, NRPs' timeline, data interoperability, Perimeter EUSALP/AC

What has ABB/CG done on Restoration so far?

- **Nov. 2024: Online Workshop** on Nature restoration in the Alpine region:
 - state of the art on Nature Restoration in the AC Member States
 - Action/potential Support by EU COM, Biodiversa+, Carpathian Convention
- **Feb. 2025: Comment/Request into the format** for the National Restoration Plans to add transboundary issues - request accepted!

4.2.11 Synergies with the national restoration plans of other Member States, where possible (Art. 14(17))	<p>a) cross-cutting overview (free text, suggested max. 3 000 characters)</p> <p>b) article-specific overview – indicate one or more article(s) from the code list of articles (optional)</p> <p>c) article-specific overview – free text, suggested max. 3 000 characters (optional)</p>
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- **Feb. 2025: Application** for support from the BiodivRestore Knowledge Hub of Biodiversa+ - in progress
- **March 2025: Report** from Workshop on Nature restoration in the Alpine region - to be put on AC website

=>link: [Nature restoration in the Alpine region: a challenge and an excellent opportunity for cooperation](#)

Next Steps on Nature Restoration

- **Recent launch of the Core Group** on Nature Restoration
- **The group is currently developing a work plan** for 2025-2026 enabling :
 - Ensuring a Political support at the National and European level
 - Identification of relevant Nature Restoration activities at Alpine Level
 - Building of a solid network of restoration experts
- **Contribution to the Alpine Biodiversity Plan by the beginning of 2026**

What is currently in the Pipeline?



- **Alpine case study through the BiodivRestore Knowledge Hub** – with support from Biodiversa+
- **Technical Workshops in 2025/26** on:
 - Identifying transboundary/alpine-wide restoration
 - action to be considered in National Restoration Plans
 - *Best practices* and tools for restoration
- **Strategic meetings** with national experts, formal validation through our permanent committees

THANK YOU!



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