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Centralparks project - Building management capacities of Carpathian protected areas for the integration and harmonization of biodiversity protection and local socio-economic development



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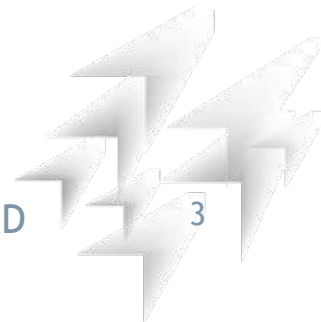
THE ROLE OF
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PROJECT PARTNERSHIP



1. **Italy:** European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen - Eurac Research (Lead Partner)
2. **Austria:** European Wilderness Society
3. **Czech Republic:** Education and Information Centre of Bílé Karpaty Mountains
4. **Hungary:** Danube-Ipoly National Park Directorate
5. **Poland:** Ekopsychology Society
6. **Romania:** NFA-Romsilva-Piatra Craiului National Park Administration R.A.
7. **Slovakia:** Pronatur NGO,
8. **Slovakia:** The State Nature Conservancy of the Slovakia



PROJECT PARTNERSHIP (APS)



1. **Italy: Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea - IMELS**
2. **Austria: DANUBEPARKS**
3. **Germany: European Beech Forest Network**
4. **Hungary: CEEweb for Biodiversity**
5. **Ukraine: Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine**
6. **Poland: Ministry of Environment of Poland**
7. **Romania: Ministry of Environment of Romania**
8. **Slovakia: Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic**



THE CARPATHIANS



THE CARPATHIANS

- One of the most important European wildlife refuges
- Harbours some of the last primeval beech forests
- One-third of European endemic and threatened plant species
- Supports vital populations of all large carnivores (brown bear, grey wolf, Eurasian lynx) and all big native herbivores (European bison)
- Of the main European ecological corridors allowing migrations of animal populations and genetic exchange



INCREASING THREATS

- Infrastructure development
- Tourism pressure
- **Habitat destruction and fragmentation**
- Poaching
- **Illegal logging**
- Pollution
- **Climate change**
- Over-harvesting
- Inappropriate natural resource
- **Management methods**



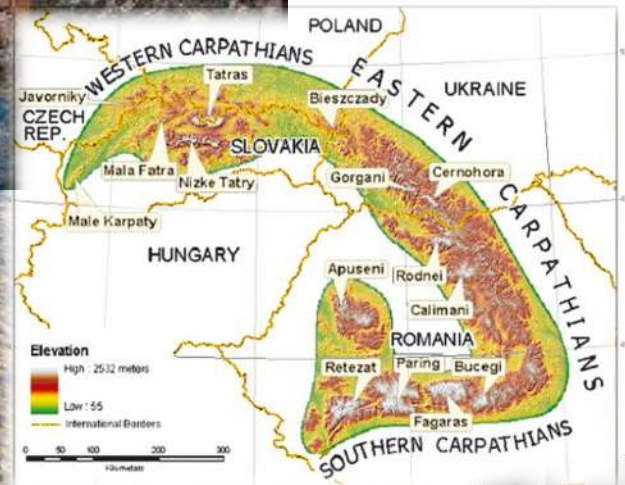
Nature conservation policies and management cultures vary among the Carpathian countries...

...Traditional approaches to natural resource management and biodiversity conservation will may no longer be sufficient to reach long-lasting economic benefits and provision of ecosystem services!



INCREASING THREATS

It's been known to happen..



PROJECT SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

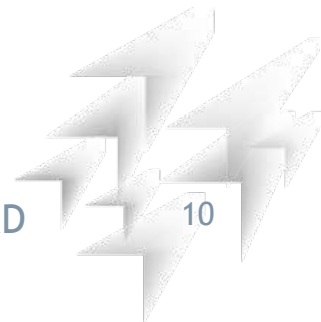
1. Improving integrated environmental management capacities of protected area administrations and other public sector entities dealing with the protection and sustainable use of natural resources
2. Reconciling and linking the conservation of biological and landscape diversity to sustainable local socio-economic development
3. Promoting the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas as the framework and tool for transnational collaboration between the protected areas of the Carpathian countries in the Central Europe cooperation area



PROJECT SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

TARGET GROUPS

1. Protected area administrations in the Carpathians
2. Local public authorities
3. National public authorities
4. Interest groups including NGOs
5. Nature conservation authorities
6. Higher education and research institutions active in the Carpathian region
7. General public

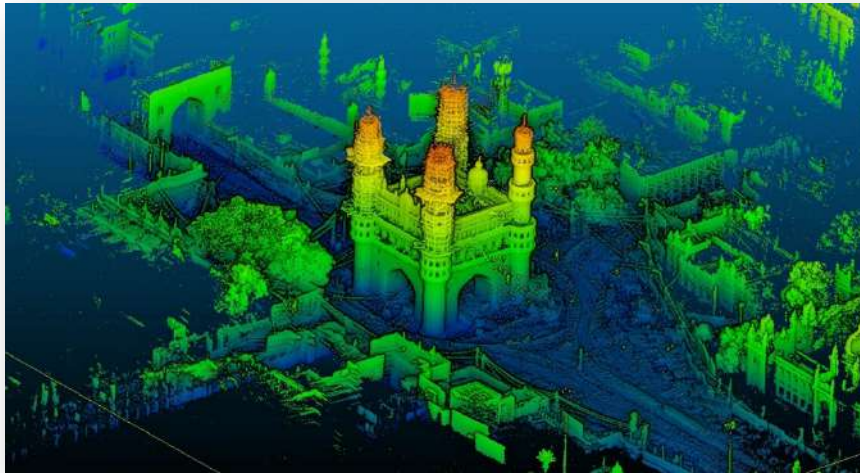


WP T1: Integration of biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in the Carpathian region

- Carpathian strategy for enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation outside and inside protected areas
- Pilot implementation on strategy for enhancing biodiversity conservation outside and inside protected areas
- Strategy for local sustainable tourism development based on natural heritage of the Carpathians
- Pilot workshops of the strategy for sustainable tourism development
- Guidelines on communication between protected areas and local communities in the Carpathians
- Training on effective communication between protected areas and local communities in the Carpathians



WP T2: Building capacities of Carpathian Protected Areas managers

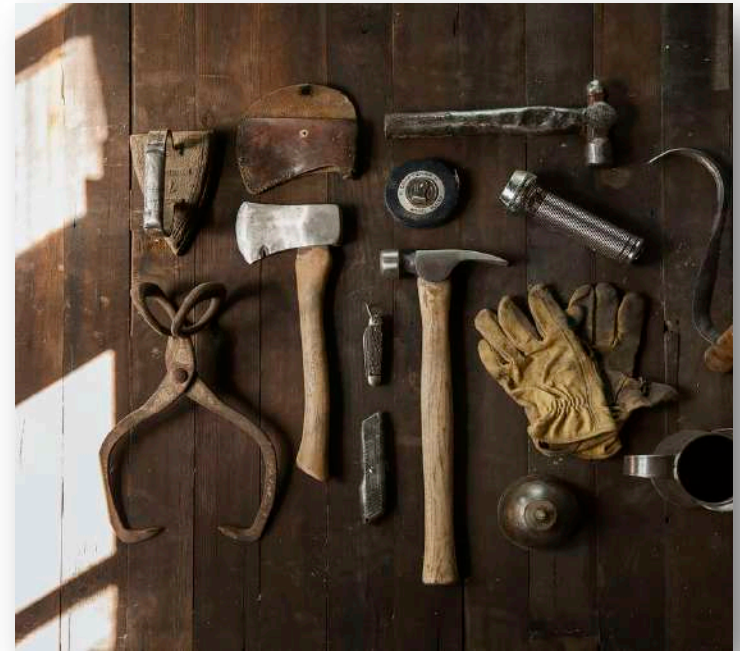


- Strategic document on raising good protected areas management capacities
- Innovative habitat evaluation tool (LiDAR) for forest and grassland state evaluation
- Guidelines for proper integrated nature conservation planning
- Integrated Nature Conservation Management Plan
- Pilot testing of the LiDAR laser scan study on mountainous and river valley in Hungary



WP T3: Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit

- Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit (CEST)
- Training programme for local/regional authorities for using the CEST



PROJECT CHALLENGES

- Reconciling nature conservation and local socio-economic development, raising support and involvement of local communities
- Encouraging transnational networking, harmonizing approaches at the international level, and facilitating the harmonization of measures undertaken in border areas and transboundary-protected areas



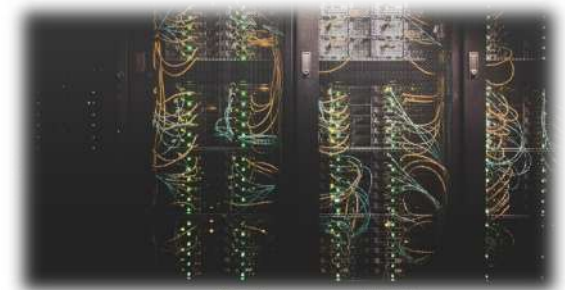
PROJECT CHALLENGES

- Promoting joint actions for integrated management of biodiversity, including joint transnational thematic task forces, involving experts from Carpathian countries
- Developing and testing innovative environmental management tools
- Strengthening the role of the Carpathian Convention in implementing the cohesion among the member states



THE ROLE OF CNPA

- Networking is a life skill, and it is in PAs managers' interest to acknowledge its importance and develop their own networking skills in the Carpathians area.
- Developing and maintaining relationships with others for the purpose of mutual benefit can help PAs search for and secure awareness opportunities, gain access to needed environmental information or resources— especially on short notice— and obtain guidance, political and social support



THE ROLE OF CNPA

- It is in the intent of the project to try to revitalize the CNPA, through the restarting of the main communication mechanisms within the official decision-making board.
- Activating specific round tables, involving the official members, guaranteeing the endorsement of the Carpathian Convention, promoting all the Carpathians-related project contents, to pave the way for drafting new Carpathian projects ideas.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!





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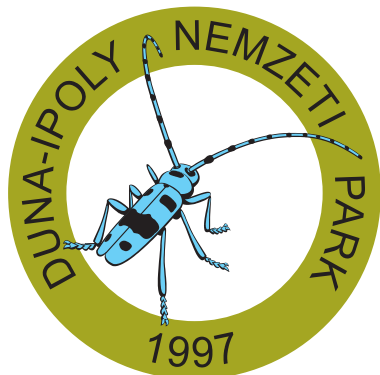
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