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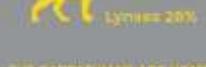
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# ConnectGREEN

Reducing the impact of infrastructure on ecological connectivity



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THE CARPATHIANS ARE HOME TO SIGNIFICANT PARTS OF EUROPE'S WILDLIFE

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10 Strategic Partners  
5 Countries

The planned infrastructure developments in the Danube-Carpathian region threaten to cut through the movement corridors of large carnivores and increase the fragmentation of their habitats.

Very few spatial planners have the knowledge and experience to ensure that conflicts between development and nature conservation are minimized as they develop new plans. More importantly, legally binding mechanism that takes into consideration the requirements of functioning ecological corridors is poorly implemented — mainly due to the lack of reliable data.

Through the ConnectGREEN project, partners from different countries and various fields of activity (i.e. spatial data planning, research, government, conservation) have joined forces to increase capacity in ecological corridors identification. Valuable knowledge and experience will be made available to spatial planners for adjusting their new infrastructure plans to ecological connectivity requirements.

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**A good start in the area**



**Long term solutions for wildlife movements**

The main objective of the project is to maintain and improve ecological connectivity between natural habitats, especially between Natura 2000 sites and other protected areas of transnational relevance in the Carpathian ecoregion, namely, in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Serbia.

Specifically, the project aims to:

- Develop innovative solutions and guidance to identify ecological corridors in a harmonized way across the Carpathian eco-region.
- Engage key stakeholders in an integrated approach for strengthening the capacity to identify and manage ecological corridors.
- Reconcile nature conservation with spatial planning and development in ecological corridors and Natura 2000 sites.

Maintaining or restoring ecological corridors will preserve one of the largest biodiversity hotspots and functioning ecosystems of the continent. Moreover, this novel joint approach is meant to put into practice much-awaited infrastructure developments that face the risk of being delayed due to non-conformity with safety and environmental standards.

You can support this process by prioritising biodiversity in the list of environmental criteria, by participating in consultations and by sharing knowledge.



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## ConnectGREEN Flyer:



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Restoring and managing ecological corridors in mountain areas as the green infrastructure in the Danube basin.

ConnectGREEN focuses on improving ecological connectivity in relation to spatial planning based on scientific knowledge and data.

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The ecological corridors will be identified based on a new Carpathian-wide methodology, while measures for mitigating threats to these corridors will be developed in 4 transnationally relevant pilot sites:

1. Piatra Craiului National Park (Romania), Bucegi Nature Park (Romania)
2. Apuseni mountains (Romania), Southwest Carpathians (Romania), National Park Djerdap (Serbia)
3. Western Carpathians (Czech Republic - Slovakia)
4. Bükk National Park (Hungary), Cerová vrchovina Protected Landscape Area (Slovakia)



**Project Partners:**  
 Bulgaria: WWR Danube Carpathian Programme Romania: Ionel I. Iacob National Institute for Research and Development in Construction, Ufesa Maritim and Sustechplus Spatial Development; Patra Craiului National Park Administration; Austria: WAVE Interregional Danube Carpathian Programme; Czech Republic: Masaryk University Agency for Environmental Research, Faculty of Education and Environment and Charles University; Hungary: EU-wide Biogeodiversity Strategy and Monitoring; Slovakia: Slovenské Prírodné Agentstvo, the State Nature Conservation Agency, Štátnej prírodovedeckej stanice v Bratislave, ŠPEC, IMA, Slovenský úrad pre ochranu životného prostredia a krajiny; National Park Authority; Serbia: Institut za Arhitekturu i Urbanističku Planiranju;

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