

# International Conference

## Protected Areas - Cornerstones of Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians and Beyond

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### Day 1 - 28 September

| Time:         | Agenda item:  | Speaker(s)/Presenter(s):  |
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| 13:30 – 15:00 | Arrival, Registration & Welcome Coffee  | <u>Moderator of the day:</u> <b>Péter OLAJOS</b> , Delegate in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)  |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | Welcome Session<br><i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i>                         | <b>Bertalan BALCZÓ</b> , Deputy State Secretary, Deputy State Secretariat for Nature Protection, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture<br><b>Harald EGERER</b> , Head of the UNEP Vienna Programme Office, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention<br><b>Mircea VERGHELEȚ</b> , Steering Committee Chair, Carpathian Network of Protected Areas<br><b>Irene LUCIUS</b> , Conservation Director, WWF Central and Eastern Europe   |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Coffee break  |   |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | Keynote Speeches & Moderated Discussion<br><i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i> | <b>Nicola NOTARO</b> , Head of Unit, Nature Protection, European Commission - DG Environment, recorded message<br><b>Wendy ELLIOT</b> , Deputy Leader Wildlife Practice, WWF International, online<br><b>Gary TABOR</b> , Executive Director, Centre for Large Landscape Conservation/ Specialist Group Leader, IUCN Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group, online<br><b>Miklós MARTON</b> , Department of Environmental Development and Strategy, Ministry of Agriculture/ Steering Group Member of EU Danube Region Strategy, Priority Area 6 (EUSDR PA6), Biodiversity, |

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|                  |   | Landscapes and Quality of Air and Soils |
| 18:00 –<br>18:15 | ConnectGREEN Youth Video Contest Award Ceremony<br><i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i> | Award presented by WWF-CEE              |
| 18:15 –<br>19:15 | Press Conference<br><i>Press Corner in the Mozaik Conference Room</i>                           |   |
| 20:00 –<br>22:00 | Gala Dinner hosted by the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture<br><i>Gala Dining Room</i>          |   |

## Day 2 - 29 September

| Time:           | Agenda item:  | Speaker(s)/Presenter(s):   |
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| 9:00 –<br>10:30 | Parallel Workshop #1:<br>Identification of Ecological Corridors – the ConnectGREEN Methodology<br><i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i>  | <u>Moderation:</u> <b>Cristian-Remus PAPP</b> , WWF Romania<br><b>Zuzana OKANIKOVÁ</b> , State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic; <b>Martin STRNAD, Václav HLAVÁČ</b> , Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic<br><b>Kristyna VLKOVÁ &amp; Dušan ROMPORTL</b> , Silva Tarouca Research Institute for Landscape and Ornamental Gardening, Czech Republic<br><b>Filepné Dr. KOVÁCS Krisztina</b> , Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences<br><b>Christoph PLUTZAR</b> , Environment Agency Austria, online<br><b>Milan HUSÀR</b> , Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava - SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of EU |
| 9:00 –<br>10:30 | Parallel Workshop #2:<br>Integration of Ecological Corridors into Spatial Planning – How to Overcome Conflicts between Connectivity Conservation and Spatial Planning (tools and best practice)<br><i>Mozaik Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i> | <u>Moderation:</u> <b>Dr. VALÁNSZKI István</b> , Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences<br><b>Dr. TÖRÖK Katalin</b> , Ökológiai Kutatóközpont<br><b>Krisztián SCHNELLER</b> , Lechner Tudásközpont<br><b>Dr. KOLLÁNYI László</b> , Hungarian University for Agriculture and Life Sciences<br><b>Rastislav STANÍK</b> , Slovak Environment Agency, online<br><b>Vladimír ONDREJIČKA</b> , Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava - SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of EU   |

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| 10:30 –<br>11:00 | Coffee break   |   |
| 11:00 –<br>12:30 | <p>Parallel Workshop #3:<br/>Restoration of Natural Habitat Connectivity: Different EU Projects' Approaches to Combine Synergies and Potential Cooperation Opportunities</p> <p><i>Mátyás Conference room (stream, zoom)</i></p> | <p><u>Moderation:</u> <b>Isidoro DE BORTOLI</b>, Eurac Research, Italy</p> <p><b>Stefan FUCHS</b>, University of Vienna, Austria, online</p> <p><b>Irena BERTONCELJ</b>, Agricultural Institute of Slovenia</p> <p><b>Ján KADLEČÍK</b>, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic</p> <p><b>Filippo FAVILLI</b>, Eurac Research Academy, Italy</p> <p><b>Mircea VERGHELEȚ</b>, Piatra Craiului National Park Administration, Romania</p>  |
| 11:00 –<br>12:30 | <p>Parallel Workshop #4:<br/>Mainstreaming Ecological Connectivity into Policy – National Roadmaps &amp; Recommendations for the Improvement of the EIA/SEA Directive</p> <p><i>Mozaik Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i></p>    | <p><u>Moderation:</u> <b>Dr. NAGY Gabriella</b>, CEEweb for Biodiversity, Hungary</p> <p><b>Dr. Marina NENKOVIĆ-RIZNIĆ</b>, Institute of Architecture and Urban &amp; Spatial Planning of Serbia, online</p> <p><b>Rastislav STANÍK</b>, Slovak Environment Agency, online</p> <p><b>Oana POPESCU</b>, National Institute for Research and Development in Constructions, Urban Planning und Sustainable Spatial Development, Romania, online</p> <p><b>Dr. WEIPERTH András</b>, Hungarian University for Agriculture and Life Sciences</p> <p><b>Dr. MÉSZÁROS Szilvia</b>, ÖKO Zrt.</p> |
| 12:30 –<br>14:00 | <p>Buffet lunch</p> <p><i>Hotel lobby</i></p>  |   |
| 14:00 –<br>16:30 | <p><b>Carpathian Protected Areas Conference “A new age for the Carpathian Protected Areas Network”</b></p> <p><i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, zoom)</i></p>   |   |
| 14:00 –<br>16:30 | Welcome  | <p><b>Harald EGERER</b>, Head of the UNEP Vienna Programme Office, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p><b>Mircea VERGHELEȚ</b>, Chair of the CNPA Steering Committee</p>  |
|                  | Presentation of the Centralparks Project Results relevant for the Carpathian Protected Areas   | <p><b>Hanna ÖLLÖS</b>, European Wilderness Society</p> <p><b>Mircea VERGHELEȚ</b>, Chair of the CNPA Steering Committee</p>   |

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|               | Short Interventions by the CNPA Steering Committee Members   | <p><b>Martin STRNAD</b>, Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic</p> <p><b>Gyula TAR</b>, Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary</p> <p><b>Gabriela SZUBA</b>, Ministry of Climate and Environment of Poland</p> <p><b>Mircea VERGHELEȚ</b>, Piatra Craiului National Park Administration, Romania</p> <p><b>Nenad RADAKOVIĆ</b>, Djerdap National Park, and <b>Ivan SVETOZAREVIĆ</b>, Manifesto NGO, Serbia</p> <p><b>Ján KADLEČÍK</b>, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic</p> <p><b>Eduard ARUSTAMIANT</b>, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine</p> |
|               | Presentations by the Representatives of the PAs from the Carpathian Countries on best practices of protected areas management and networking                       | <p><b>Marie PETRU</b>, Education and Information Centre of the White Carpathians, Czech Republic</p> <p><b>Zoltán BIHARI</b>, Aggteleki National Park, Hungary</p> <p><b>Alin MOS</b>, Apuseni Nature Park, Romania</p>   |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Coffee break   |   |
| 17:00 – 18:30 | Presentations by the Representatives of the PAs from the Carpathian Countries on best practices of protected areas management and networking - <i>continuation</i> | <p><b>Ján KADLEČÍK</b>, <b>Peter PUCHALA</b>, <b>Martina LUKANOVA</b>, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic</p> <p><b>Mykola TARASYUK</b>, Carpathian Biosphere Reserve, Ukraine</p> <p><b>Mykola DERBAK</b>, <b>Fedir MATIICHYN</b>, National Nature Park “Synevyr”, Ukraine</p> <p><b>Taras YAMELYNETS</b>, Expert, Ukraine</p>  |
|               | Presentation of the Protected Area Management Effectiveness Tool   | <b>Cristian-Remus PAPP</b> , WWF Romania  |
|               | Presentation of the CNPA Status Quo - Need for Revision of the Strategic CNPA Documents and Discussing the Way Forward   | Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention  |
|               | Interactive Exercise – Future Activities relevant for the Carpathian PAs   | Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention  |
|               | Recommendations and Next Steps   | Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and the CNPA SC Chair  |

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|               | Wrap-up of the Carpathian Protected Areas Conference   | <b>Mircea VERGHELEȚ</b> , Steering Committee Chair, Carpathian Network of Protected Areas |
| 14:00 – 16:30 | <b>Connectivity Academy – part I</b> (in parallel to the CPA Conference):<br>ConnectGREEN's potential transferable outputs planned and ad-hoc meetings - Central and Eastern cooperation<br><i>Mozaik Conference Room (Zoom)</i> |   |
| 19:00         | Dinner   |   |

## Day 3 - 30 September

| Time:         | Agenda item:   | Speaker(s)/Presenter(s):  |
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| 8:30 – 10:30  | <b>Connectivity Academy – part II</b><br>Carpathian Wetland Initiative Workshop<br><i>Mozaik Conference Room (Zoom)</i>                                | <b>Ján KADLEČÍK</b> , State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic   |
| 9:00 – 9:30   | Workshops Wrap-up<br><i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, Zoom)</i>  | <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Csaba MEZEI</b> , CEEweb for Biodiversity<br>Workshop Rapporteurs  |
| 9:40 – 11:15  | <b>ConnectGREEN Final Conference</b><br><i>Mátyás Conference Room (stream, Zoom)</i><br><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Csaba MEZEI</b> , CEEweb for Biodiversity |   |
| 9:40 – 10:00  | Overall presentation of results & outputs including a moderated Q&A session  | <b>Cristian-Remus PAPP</b> , WWF Romania  |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Panel discussion on lessons learnt, experience made, recommendations for follow up activities and policy work  | <b>Zuzana OKÁNIKOVÁ</b> , State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic<br><b>Martin STRNAD</b> , Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic<br><b>Dr. NAGY Gabriella</b> , CEEweb for Biodiversity, Hungary<br><b>Dr. NENKOVIĆ-RIZNIĆ Marina</b> , Institute of Architecture and Urban & Spatial Planning, Serbia, online<br><b>Hildegard MEYER</b> , WWF Central and Eastern Europe<br><b>Cristian-Remus PAPP</b> , WWF Romania |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | Presentation of Conference Declaration addressing Higher   | <b>Cristian-Remus PAPP</b> , WWF Romania<br><b>Csaba MEZEI</b> , CEEweb for Biodiversity  |



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|               | Level Stakeholders & Agreement with Participants      |  |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Official Closing of the Conference                    | <p><b>Harald EGERER</b>, Head of the UNEP Vienna Programme Office, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p><b>Cristian-Remus PAPP</b>, WWF Romania</p> |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Coffee Break & Preparation for the “Walk shops”       |  |
| 12:00 – 19:00 | <b>“Walk shops” &amp; Press Field Visit</b>           |  |
|               | Walk shop 1: “River adventure on River Ipoly”         |  |
|               | Walk shop 2 “Walking adventure to Pilis Mountain”     |  |
|               | Walk shop 3 “Training adventure up to Nógrád Fortres” |  |