






TAKING  
**COOPERATION**  
FORWARD

-  Carpathian Network of Protected Areas conference  
Visegrad, Hungary, 29th September 2021
-  **The Carpathian Network of Protected Areas and the Centralparks project**
-  Mircea Verghelet - Piatra Craiului National Park; Hanna Öllös - European Wilderness Society

# CARPATHIAN CONVENTION FRAME

Conference of Kiev, May 2003: Carpathian Convention

Article 4.5.

“The parties shall cooperate in developing an ecological network in the Carpathians, as an continent part of the Pan-European Ecological Network, in establishing and supporting a Carpathian Network of Protected Areas, as well as enhancing conservation and sustainable management in the areas outside of protected areas.”



## TYPES OF PROTECTED AREAS INCLUDED IN THE CNPA

- Protected areas larger than 100 ha
- Protected areas with their own staff or a responsible administrative body
- Active - national and nature parks and biosphere reserves



# OBJECTIVES OF THE CNPA

- Support the relevant work and activities from the Biodiversity Protocol of the Carpathian Convention
- Development of a thematic network
- Support for the creation of an ecological network
- Creating and running a communication network



# STRUCTURE

- CNPA Conference
- CNPA Steering Committee
- CNPA Unit



# ALPARC - QUESTIONARY RESULTS

## Priorities for the cooperation:

- Forest management inside PAs
- Protected area management (including GIS as a tool)
- Tourism (impacts of tourism and regional benefits by sustainable tourism)
- Implementation of EU legislation in nature protection (in particular the Natura 2000 network)
- Large carnivore management



# NATURA 2000 NEUKIRCHEN 2004



# INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS WORKSHOP - MALA FATRA (2006)





# MANAGEMENT OF TOURISM AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN PROTECTED AREAS - PIATRA CRAIULUI (2006)



## FIRST AND SECOND CNPA CONFERENCES - ROMANIA 2007 AND SLOVAKIA 2013



# SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF PAS ROMANIA 2013



# PROTOCOLS

- **CNPA UNIT - CC Secretariat - Romanian Association of Pas**
- **MOC - CNPA - Alparc - DANUBEPARKS**



# EDUCATION - YOUTH AT THE TOP

- 2021
- [Romania] Maramures Mountains Nature Park
- [Romania] Rodna Mountains National Park
- [Romania] Parcul Natural Apuseni
- [Slovakia] CHKO Poľana
- [Slovakia] Chránená krajinná oblasť Horná Orava
- [Slovakia] Slanske vrchy - Prešov Region
- [Romania] Parcul Național Retezat
- [Slovakia] Pieniny National Park
- [Poland] Babia Góra National Park
- [Romania] Parcul Național Călimani
- [Romania] Parcul Național Cheile Bicazului-Hășmaș
- [Romania] Parcul National Piatra Craiului



# AFTER 2014

- Activities slowed down
- Difficult to organise Steering Committee meetings
- Changes of members
- Interest in participation decreased
  
- Activities resumed within the Centralparks project



# THE CENTRALPARKS PROJECT OBJECTIVES

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

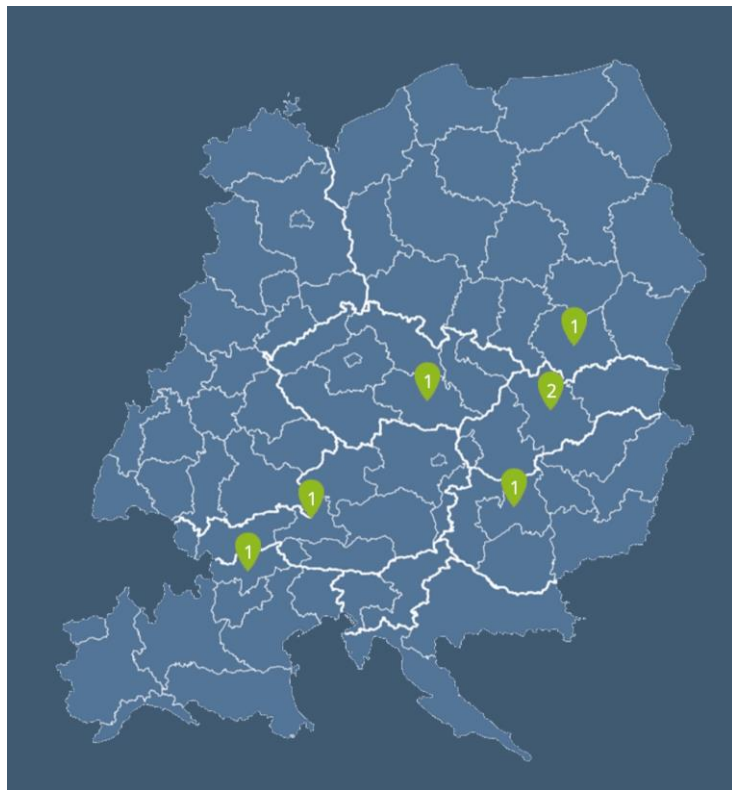
Improving integrated environmental management capacities of protected areas administrations and public sector dealing with the safeguarding and sustainable use of natural resources

Reconciling and linking the conservation of biological and landscape diversity to sustainable local socio-economic development

Promoting the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas as the framework and tool for transnational collaboration between the protected areas



# PROJECT PARTNERS



Centralparks unites 8 project partners from 7 European countries:

- Eurac Research - LP (IT)
- State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic (SK)
- NFA-Romsilva-Piatra Craiului National Park (RO)
- Ekopsychology Society (PL)
- Danube-Ipoly National Park Directorate (HU)
- Pronatur NGO (SK)
- European Wilderness Society (AT)
- Education and Information Centre of Bílé Karpaty Mountains (CZ)

supported by 8 associated partners:

- Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea in Italy
- Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic
- Ministry of Environment of Romania
- Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine
- DANUBEPARKS (AT)
- CEEweb for Biodiversity (HU)
- European Beech Forest Network (AT)





# WPT1 - INTEGRATION OF BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARPATHIAN REGION

Carpathian strategy for enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation outside and inside PAs

Strategy for local sustainable tourism development based on the natural and cultural heritage of the Carpathians

Guidelines on communication between protected areas and local communities in the Carpathians



# CARPATHIAN STRATEGY FOR ENHANCING BIODIVERSITY AND LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION OUTSIDE AND INSIDE PAS



**Objective:** Raise capacities of PA managers, integrate PAs into broader landscapes and improve ecological connectivity in surrounding areas



**Development:** by a Thematic Transnational Task Force involving 21 PPs' representatives and external experts from 7 countries. 3 transnational meetings for the drafting process



**Pilot workshops:** 4 out of 5 workshops completed in Pieniny National Park, Poland (June and September 2021), 5<sup>th</sup> taking place today in Krościenko community



**Implementation:** Upon the endorsement of the draft Strategy by the CC, it will become publicly available on the official website of the CC, Centralparks PPs and on the CNPA website



# STRATEGY FOR LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BASED ON NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE CARPATHIANS




**Objective:** Mitigate tourism pressure, socio-economic disparities and ensure economic stability



**Development:** by a Thematic Transnational Task Force involving 20 PPs' representatives and external experts from 7 countries. 5 transnational meetings for the drafting process



**Pilot workshops:** Preparatory workshop completed in Magura National Park, Poland (June 2021), 4 additional workshops planned in October 2021



**Implementation:** Upon the endorsement of the draft Strategy by the CC, it will become publicly available on the official website of the CC and Centralparks PPs, as well as will be considered by the CC WG on Sustainable Tourism and will be published on the CNPA website



# GUIDELINES ON COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PROTECTED AREAS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE CARPATHIANS



**Objective:** Conciliate and integrate nature protection with local socio-economic development



**Development:** by a Thematic Transnational Task Force involving 17 PPs' representatives and external experts from 6 countries. 4 transnational meetings for the drafting process



**Pilot training:** 3-day training completed for PA administrations in Poland (September 2021)



**Implementation:** Guidelines will become publicly available on the official website of the CC, on the CNPA website and Centralparks PPs



# WPT2 - BUILDING CAPACITIES OF CARPATHIAN PAS MANAGERS

## LiDAR - light detection and ranging tool

- Testing on 2 habitats
- Evaluation of LiDAR results

## Habitat mapping guidelines


- Several good methods for mapping habitats
- Better nature conservation management planning

## Pilot action in Börzsöny Mountains, Hungary

- Implementation of the habitat mapping
- Forest state evaluation
- Grasslands state evaluation




## WPT2 - BUILDING CAPACITIES OF CARPATHIAN PAS MANAGERS



**Objective:** Effective, integrated, science-based nature conservation management planning through innovative tools, methods and capacity building.



**Development:** Joint strategic document on raising good Pas Management capacities, Forest state evaluation protocol, Grassland state evaluation protocol, Evaluation of LiDAR results and feasibility study for external public authorities, Habitat Mapping Guidelines



**Pilot action in Börzsöny Mountains:** Implementation of the habitat mapping, and forest fauna evaluation in Börzsöny Mountains and the testing of innovative methods



**Implementation:** The outputs; Innovative habitat evaluation tool, Guidelines for proper integrated nature conservation planning and Integrated nature Conservation Management Plan for Börzsöny will become publicly available on the website of Centralparks PPs and on the CNPA website



## WPT3 - CARPATHIAN ECOSYSTEM SERVICES TOOLKIT (CEST)


A supporting tool for completing and using ESS assessment for decision making for Pas managers and public authorities

A guide and resource for evidence-based decision-making and management practices.


CEST is related to area-based planning, regulatory decision analysis, environmental damages assessment and management



## WPT3 - CARPATHIAN ECOSYSTEM SERVICES TOOLKIT (CEST)




**Objective:** To provide comprehensive information regarding the costs and benefits in environmental management decisions through a useful tool for analysis and decisions adapted to Carpathian conditions



**Development:** with the support of a Thematic Transnational Task Force, now the Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit (CEST) to be layouted, translations to CZ, SK, PL and HU in autumn. Step-by-step guide for using the CEST finalised in autumn 2021



**Pilot training:** CEST training for stakeholders in Nová Lhota, CZ (September 2021), workshops for local/regional authorities on CEST in SK and HU in October and November 2021



**Implementation:** The CEST and Step-by-step guide will become publicly available on the website of Centralparks PPs and on the CNPA website





# DISSEMINATION OF THE CENTRALPARKS PROJECT RESULTS

- Printed outreach material: Youth poster, Final brochure, Multimedia clips in Autumn 2021
- Centralparks digital channels: Centralparks website and social media channels  
Centralparks thematic newsletters to the CNPA SC
- Carpathian Convention website
- CNPA website to be revitalised, integrated knowledge hub



