

Mainstreaming Ecological Connectivity - Challenges, Ideas and Possible Solutions

SaveGREEN Final Conference
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Agenda

Location: Ministry of Climate Action, Radetzkystrasse 2, 1030 Vienna, Austria & hybrid

Date: 6-7 December 2022, 14:00-18:00; 9:00-13:00

Moderation: Csaba Mezei, CEEweb for Biodiversity, Hungary

Day 1:

Time	Agenda point	Speaker
13:00	Registration and finger food lunch	
14:00 - 14:20	Welcome by the host, the Federal Ministry for Climate Action	Mag. Sabine Kühschelm Group lead "Infrastructure Planning and Traffic Security"
	Welcome by WWF Central and Eastern Europe	Andreas Beckmann, Managing Director
14:20 - 15:35	Keynote speeches:	
	The global state of ecological connectivity and efforts to preserve it	Wendy Elliot, WWF International, online
	Translating scientific knowledge into policy - the role of ecological connectivity in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Henrique M. Pereira, German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research, online
	Ecological connectivity in the EU Green Deal and Biodiversity Strategy 2030: expectations towards Member States regarding implementation and coherence across borders	Przemyslaw Oginski, Nature Conservation Unit, DG Environment, EU, online

	Q&A and discussion	
15:35 - 16:05	COFFEE BREAK	
16:05 - 16:15	Brief outline of SaveGREEN	Hildegard Meyer, WWF-CEE
16:15 - 17:50	Project outputs presentation:	
	Standardized methodology for assessing functionality of ecological corridors & Application Toolbox	Florian Danzinger, Environment Agency Austria
	Pilot area actions: stakeholder engagement, CSOP, datasets	Radu Mot, Zarand Association
	Capacity building program & related training events	Silvia Borlea, EPC Consulting
	Policy: mainstreaming ecological connectivity into EU and global policies	Ioana Ismail, WWF Romania
	Communication efforts	Eszter Sebestyén, CEEweb
	Moderated panel discussion on success stories and lessons learnt with activity leaders and associated strategic partners & Q&A	Panellists: Harald Egerer, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention Elke Hahn, Austrian Ministry for Climate Change Lazaros Georgiadis, IENE Governance Board Svitlana Matus, Policy Expert Ukraine Jana Čuláková, State Nature Conservancy, SK
17:50 - 18:00	Wrap up & closure of day	Moderator
19:30	Dinner , covered by the project, at the restaurant 'Stöckl im Park' (Prinz Eugen-Straße 25, 1030 Vienna)	

Day 2:

Time	What	Who
9:00 - 9:10	Introduction to the day	Moderator
9:10 - 10:00	Keynote speeches:	
	Planning of ecological connectivity across Europe - challenges and possible implementation	Marita Böttcher, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, branch office Leipzig
	Ecological connectivity and agriculture - opportunity or restriction?	Razvan Popa, ADEPT Foundation, Romania
	Q&A and discussion	
10:00 - 11:00	Exchange of Experience with other projects/initiatives:	
	DaRe to Connect (Interreg DTP)	Martin Kuba, Bund für Naturschutz, Germany
	MagicLandscapes (Interreg Central Europe)	Thomas Wrбка, University of Vienna, Austria
	Open Borders for Wildlife in the Carpathians (ENI Cross-border Cooperation Programme)	Calin Ardelean, WWF Romania
	DinAlp Connect (Interreg Adrion)	Peter Laner, EURAC research, Italy
	Moderated discussion (20 minutes)	
11:00 - 11:30	COFFEE BREAK	
	A look to the future:	
11:30 - 11:45	NaturaConnect (HORIZON Europe)	Piero Visconti, Intl. Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria
11:45 - 12:05	Group exercise on gaps and opportunities related to research, policy, and implementation relating to ecological connectivity	
12:05 - 12:50	Report back, collection of results, discussion	
12:50 - 13:00	Wrap up & end of conference	Moderator