



To safeguard ecological connectivity in the Danube-Carpathian region, through networking, regional strategic cooperation and policy efforts, SaveGREEN calls for:

- » An acceleration of the official identification and designation of ecological corridors;
- » A drive to strengthen institutional knowledge and capacity on the planning, implementation, monitoring and maintenance of mitigation measures;
- » A push to increase the awareness of the value of Green Infrastructure and the importance of sectoral integration, sufficient funding allocation, and standardisation.

A joint Political Declaration on Ecological Connectivity was endorsed by major regional players and was presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> EUSDR Annual Forum.

*"It is of the utmost importance that we keep working together, as it is only through cooperation that we can preserve the biological diversity of our region for all of us, our children and grandchildren."*

**Michal Blaško,**  
EUSDR National Coordinator for Slovakia



Thanks to everybody who joined us on our journey!

### Project Partners

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# SAVEGREEN

Safeguarding the functionality of transnationally important ecological corridors in the Danube basin

**- A Retrospective -**

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The Standardised Monitoring Methodology aims to support fieldwork for the assessment of structural and functional connectivity in bottleneck areas with human-wildlife conflicts in order to generate best solutions for their improvement.



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- » The CCIBIS portal, including maps, a GIS data-base and library of publications on ecological connectivity and related fields,
- » A customised QField app for experts to monitor ecological connectivity in the field
- » The Road&Rail-Kill app, allowing the general public to report wildlife-vehicle collisions



The SaveGREEN team carried out extensive monitoring activities in the project's 8 pilot areas to assess the permeability of ecological corridors in specific bottleneck areas.

<b>RO:</b>	12 camera traps	1383 videos
<b>AT:</b>	46 camera traps	25 887 pictures
<b>CZ:</b>	42 camera traps	17 688 pictures
<b>BG:</b>	20 camera traps	1800 pictures
<b>SK:</b>	30 camera traps	7700 pictures
<b>UA:</b>	2 cameras	52 pictures
<b>HU:</b>	12 cameras	4401 pictures

Cross-sectoral operation plans were created in cooperation with local stakeholders on possible next steps in the pilot areas to improve the functionality of ecological corridors.

*The war in Ukraine continues to have devastating effects for all Ukrainians and their livelihoods, while also posing a threat to the environment and biodiversity. Our hearts and thoughts are with everyone who is affected by this war, especially the people of Ukraine who are suffering and all those in the impacted regions.*



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Guidance documents (Environmental Assessment Toolkit, Handbook on Best Practices) were developed to aid decision-makers, construction and management companies, consultants and planners on how to integrate ecological connectivity into their specific sectors.



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Transnational Experience Exchange Workshops were held covering each pilot area and hosting exchanges between international experts and project partners on measures to mitigate habitat fragmentation.

43 local authorities	62 national authorities	123 press releases
52 regional authorities	27 sectoral agencies	460k social media reach
246 interest groups	19 infrastructure providers	1000+ event participants