

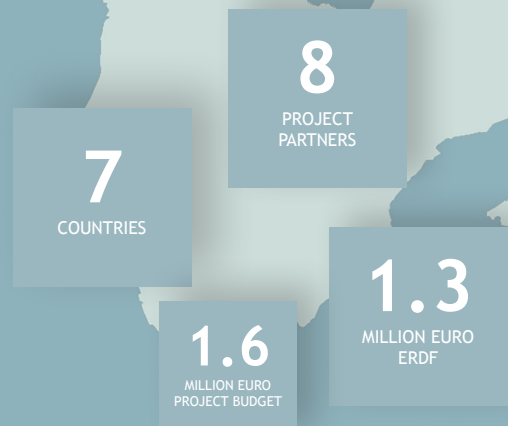
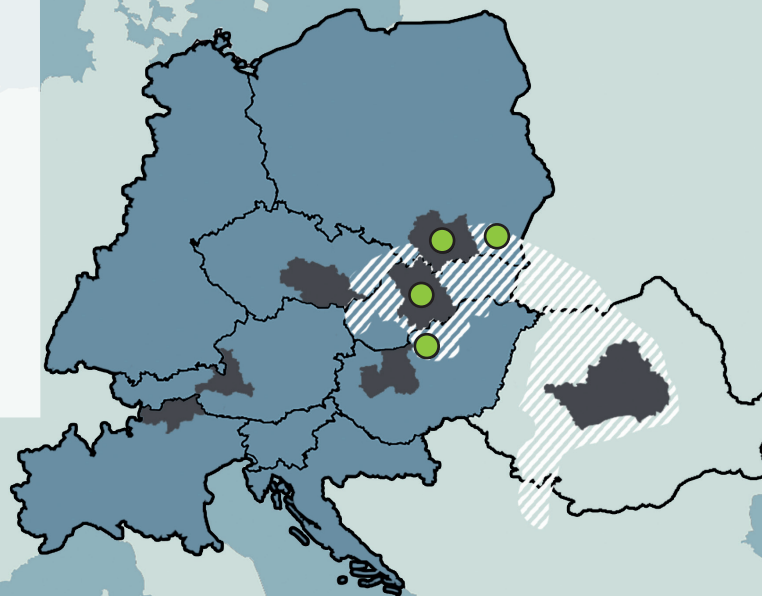
# Centralparks

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



## WHAT WE DO

The Interreg - CENTRAL EUROPE project Centralparks aims at building management capacities of Carpathian protected areas for the integration and harmonization of biodiversity conservation and local socio-economic development. The project will implement an innovative approach by reconciling both biological and landscape conservation policies as well as measures for the local socio-economic development, involving local communities in protected areas management. The project will improve knowledge and encourage adoption of best European practices in natural resource management for sustainable local development. Centralparks will stimulate integrated approaches to conservation, planning and management of natural resources and cultural landscapes.



TAKING COOPERATION FORWARD

## WHO WE ARE

The project consortium involves 8 project partners coming from 7 European countries:

### Austria

- European Wilderness Society

### Czech Republic

- Education and Information Centre of Bílé Karpaty Mountains

### Hungary

- Danube-Ipoly National Park Directorate

### Italy

- European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen - Eurac Research

### Poland

- Ekopsychology Society

### Romania

- NFA-Romsilva-Piatra Craiului National Park Administration R.A.

### Slovakia

- Pronatur NGO
- The State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic

and is supported by 8 associated partners.

## Vision

The Centralparks project intends to tackle the EU territorial challenges such as biodiversity loss in the Carpathians. The activities implemented in the project respond to the need to improve **integrated environmental management capacities** of protected areas administrations and other public sector entities dealing with the protection and sustainable use of natural resources, as well as to link different sectoral policies and administrative levels, based on long-term strategic vision, such as envisaged in the Carpathian Convention. Hence, there is a growing need for **international cooperation** between protected areas in all seven countries to coordinate nature conservation activities at the international level.

## Who funds us

Our project is funded by the **Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme**, which encourages cooperation on shared challenges in Central Europe.

With **246 million Euro** of funding from the European Regional Development Funds, the Programme supports institutions to work together beyond borders to improve cities and regions in Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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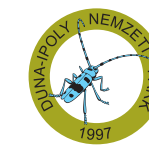
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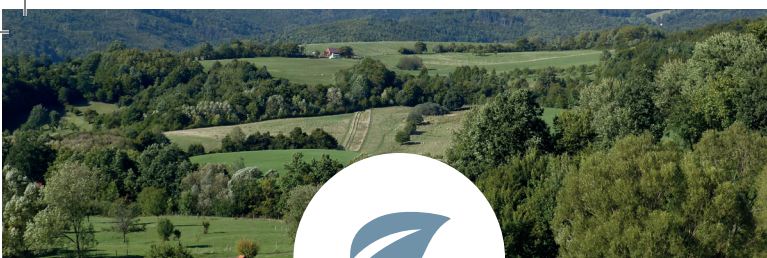
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## FACTS AND FIGURES

8 Project partners

13 Outputs planned

04.19-03.22 Project duration

## OUTPUTS

- Carpathian strategy for enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation and its pilot implementation in HU and PL
- Strategy for local sustainable tourism development based on natural and cultural heritage of the Carpathians and its pilot application in PL and SK
- Joint strategic document on raising good protected areas management capacities
- Guidelines for proper integrated nature conservation management planning and its pilot implementation
- Innovative habitat evaluation tool and its pilot implementation in Börzsöny, HU
- Guidelines on communication between protected areas and local communities in the Carpathians and its pilot implementation training in PL
- Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit and its training programme for local/regional authorities in SK, CZ and HU

## STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

Centralparks represents a perfect opportunity to create **common strategies** in the Carpathians, focusing on enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation, local sustainable tourism development, raising good protected area management capacities, integrated nature conservation planning, habitat evaluation and communication with local communities.

Common strategies elaborated under the project will be submitted for the **endorsement by the Carpathian Convention**, facilitating uptake to the policy level, and implementation in a **long-term perspective**.



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Strategies

## TRAINING

A training will be organised in order to strengthen **effective communication** between protected areas and local communities in the Carpathians. It will be targeted at managing authorities of all **19 large-scale protected areas** in the Polish part of the Carpathian region, and test the effectiveness of jointly prepared Guidelines prior to their application in other countries.

A training programme will be constructed for local and regional authorities in three target regions: the Carpathian part of Slovakia, Czech Republic and Hungary. The programme will be based on the technical aspects and use of the **Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit**. The training methodology will be jointly developed and implemented at transnational level, but will reflect specificities and needs of the Carpathians.

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Training target regions

## TOOLS

The **guidelines on communication** between protected areas and local communities in the Carpathians will bring effective communication of biodiversity conservation and sustainable development objectives to local communities.

The **LIDAR laser scan** surveying method for habitat evaluation and management planning will allow for new, innovative approaches to conservation planning in the Carpathians, next to the forest and grassland state evaluation methods, getting a better understanding of the tools to maintain a long-lasting desired biodiversity protection.

The **Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit** will be an expert technical guide on using ecosystem services assessment and analysis for decision making. This will offer practical guidance for protected area managers and public authorities.

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Innovative tools

## PILOT ACTIONS

- 4 workshops on the implementation of the Carpathian strategy for enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation outside Pieniny National Park, Poland
- 1 workshop on the implementation of the Carpathian strategy for enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation in Danube-Ipoly National Park, Hungary
- 5 workshops on the implementation of the strategy for local sustainable tourism development based on natural and cultural heritage in municipalities surrounding Magurski National Park, Poland
- 1 workshop on the implementation of the strategy for local sustainable tourism development based on natural and cultural heritage in Gemer region, Slovakia
- 1 pilot test of the LiDAR laser scan study on mountainous and river valley habitat types in Danube-Ipoly National Park, Hungary

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Pilot actions