



TAKING
COOPERATION
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Work Session 2

for protected areas & tourism practitioners



Conference on Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas

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The CEETO project

Sustainable Tourism in protected areas (PAs)

- An effective tool to enhance natural heritage, to contribute to its conservation and to take part to wellbeing of local communities.
- An open challenge in central Europe: share appropriate, cost-effective and low-impact models of sustainable tourism management.

The project objectives

- "implementing an innovative governance system for tourism,
- based on a participatory planning approach
- that will help improve managing capacities of PA managers".
- "identifying and testing innovative management and monitoring tools
- focused on different sustainable tourism activities".



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→ **Manual of sust. tourism governance for PA managers**

Manual for PA managers, local administration, local stakeholders
(by 03/2020).

>> as an operational tool for setting up a sustainable tourism governance model based on a participatory planning and including management / monitoring tools tested in CEETO pilot actions.

Contributions from PPs:

- >> O.T.1.1 Handbook
- >> O.T.2.1 Sustainable Tourism Action Plans adopted
- >> O.T.3.1 Guidelines for developing Sustainable Tourism in PAs (WS1)

- + feedback from participatory planning sections
- + feedback from management/monitoring tools tested in CEETO



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Workshop objectives (focus on the HOW TO)

Sharing experience around most successful practices, particularly about:

- Establishing and implementing an effective sust. tourism governance model
- developing sustainable tourism, while ensure conservation
- Synergies between Pas and tourism professionals (e.g., tour operators).

Workshop selected topics - groups

- a) **Governance** (*cooperation/multi stakeholders approach*)
Decision-making process
- b) **monitoring and visitor monitoring**
Collecting, using and sharing data
- c) **Protected Areas and Tour Operators**
Cooperation needs
 - ◆ d) other topics, questions, concerns and solutions to share

Expected outcomes

Recommendations by participants based on their practical experience

- contribution to **manual of sustainable tourism governance for PA managers**



Overarching ECST PRINCIPLES

1. Giving priority to protection
2. Contributing to sustainable development
3. Engaging all stakeholders
4. Planning sustainable tourism effectively
5. Pursing continuous improvement



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Examples of questions x topic / group

Group A >> **governance**

- Skills needed in PAs?
- How to increase capacity of PAs in planning and managing sustainable tourism?
- Who should lead and initiate the process and how?

Group B >> **monitoring & visitor management**

- What are the methods you are using for visitors monitoring?
- Easy/cheap way of doing it? With own capacity / competences of staff PAs?
- What to measure and how?
- Indicators? (progress vs impact)

Group C >> **cooperation PAs and Tour Operators**

- Is there a need for closer cooperation?
- Expectations from both sides?
- How to achieve a good synergy/cooperation between PAs and Tour Operators?



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Presentations to foster our WS

- The importance of participatory planning process in PAs (Giacomo Munegato, Agenda21/FEDERPARCHI)
- Experience and challenges (by Kresimir Šakić, Krka National Park, HR)
- Establishing indicators system (by Izidora Marković Vukadin, Institute for Tourism, HR)
- Sustainable tourism-business sector needs (by Milan Manger, Intrepid Group)
- DESTIMED project-lessons learned (by Mosor Prvan, WWF Adria)

Others ?



**MANY THANKS
FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

And now FOR YOUR COOPERATION

...individual presentations...

