

# BIOREGIO Carpathians

## Overview

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# Integrated management of biological and landscape diversity for sustainable regional development and ecological connectivity in the Carpathians

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under the EU South East Europe  
European Territorial Cooperation  
Programme



# Starting date?

Presently - slow motion

It will probably be postponed - Czech Republic and Poland are out of the scope of the SEE Program - special agreements have to be signed with JTS

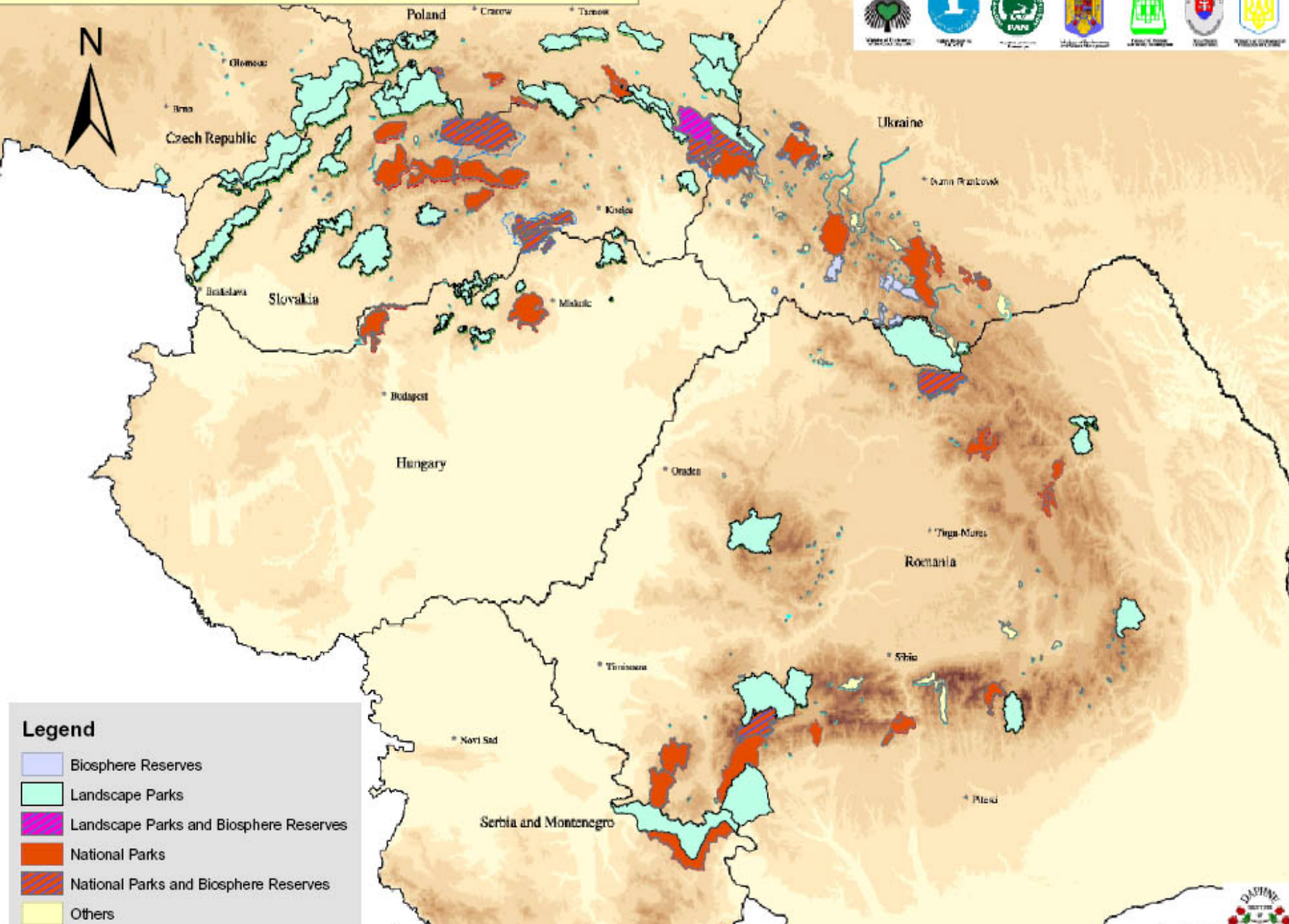
Serbia - has to close a separate contract with the EU Commission



# Summary

- The projects aims at implementing the main provisions of the Carpathian Convention article. 4.5. and of the Biodiversity Protocol
- Partnership: 16 Partners from all the 7 Carpathian Countries (RO, SK, PL, UA, HU, CZ, SRB) + Austria and Italy represented in an integrated consortium.
- The 7 Ministries for the Environment are observers
- Budget: 2.6 Million Euros
- Duration: 3 years

# Protected Areas in the Carpatian Mountains



## Legend

- Biosphere Reserves
- Landscape Parks
- Landscape Parks and Biosphere Reserves
- National Parks
- National Parks and Biosphere Reserves
- Others



# Partnership

- Lead Partner: Piatra Craiului National Park (RO)
- Austria:
  - UNEP Vienna – Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention,
  - WWF Danube Carpathian Program
- Hungary:
  - Duna-Ipoly National Park,
  - Szent István University
- Italy:
  - European Academy Bolzano EURAC,
  - Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea
- Romania:
  - Maramures Mountains Nature Park,
  - Iron Gates Nature Park,
  - Regional Environmental Protection Agency Sibiu



# Partnership

- Slovak Republic:
  - State Nature Conservancy,
  - National Forest Centre
- Czech Republic:
  - Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection
- Poland:
  - Polish Academy of Sciences - Institute of Nature Conservation
- Serbia:
  - Public Enterprise Djerdap National Park
- Ukraine:
  - The State Agency for Protected Areas - Carpathian Biosphere Reserve
- Observers: Ministries of the Environment of all the 7 Carpathian Countries, Environment Agency Austria



# Project Structure

WP 0: Preparation Activities

WP 1: Transnational project and financial management

WP 2: Communication Activities

WP 3: Database development

WP 4: Integrated management of Carpathian natural assets  
and protected areas

WP 5: Continuity and connectivity

WP 6: Pilot projects

WP 7: Intergovernmental platform and stakeholders  
involvement



# Project management and communication

## Project management:

- Operational Manual

## Communication activities:

- Internal and external communication strategy
- Mid Term and Final Conference
- Project web site
- Final publication
- Articles, contacts with media, etc...



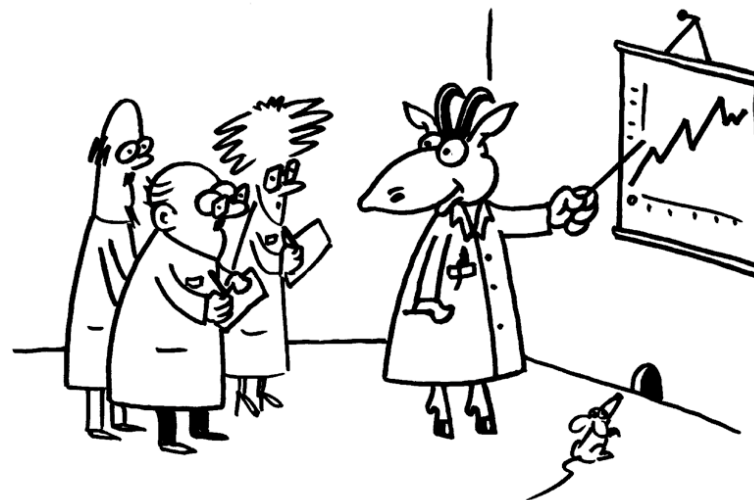
# Database development

## Objectives:

- Carpathian Red List of Species and Habitats
- List of invasive alien species
- Joint biodiversity information system

## Main outputs:

- Web based catalogue of most endangered species and habitats and invasive alien species
- GIS database on biodiversity and protected areas based on CPACHM and other existing tools
- Carpathian PAs Conference



# Integrated management of Carpathian natural assets and PAs

## Objectives:

- Identification of regional development opportunities for PAs
- Development of integrated and harmonized management of PAs

## Main outputs:

- Development of Common Integrated Management Measures (CIMM)
- Study on financial mechanisms and economic tools for PAs



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# Continuity and connectivity



## Objectives:

- Foster ecological continuity and connectivity in the Carpathians

## Main outputs:

- GIS database on barriers and potentials of connectivity in the Carpathians
- Drafting of recommendations
- (Experiences: Econnect, Alpine Carpathian Corridor – AKK, Towards an Ecological Network for the Carpathians...)

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# Pilot projects

## Pilot areas:

- Duna Ipoly NP (HU) – Poiplie (SK), Maramures Nature Park (RO) – Carpathian Biosphere Reserve (UA), Iron Gates Nature Park (RO) – Djerdap NP (RS)

## Objectives:

- Strengthening of trans-boundary cooperation between PAs
- Implementation of CIMM

## Main outputs:

- Development of common integrated management plans
- Cooperation Agreements implementing CIIM







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# Intergovernmental platform and stakeholders involvement

## Objectives:

- Stakeholders involvement
- Intergovernmental platform ensuring follow up of project results

## Main outputs:

- Stakeholders meetings and consultation
- Intergovernmental platform meetings
- Carpathian Day Event
- Carpathian PA's Conference
- Study on transferability of project results in the Balkans



# EU

Flagship project  
included in the  
EU Strategy for the Danube Region



# GEF Project - Improving the financial management of the CPA

- analysis of the financial current situation and needs of the Carpathian PAs
- looking at new financing sources and improving the current financial management - creating business plans for the parks
- offering reasons to the governments to put more money in the PAs
- exploring and finding ways to introduce PES
- improving cooperation on this topic between the CPAs

# Thank you for your attention

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