

International Conference

Protected Areas - Cornerstones of Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians and Beyond

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Day 1 - 28 September

Time:	Agenda item:	Speaker(s)/Presenter(s):	Online access
13:30 – 15:00	Arrival, registration & welcome coffee	Moderator of the day: Péter OLAJOS , Delegate in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)	
15:00 – 16:00	Welcome Session <i>Mátyás Conference room (stream, zoom)</i>	Bertalan BALCZÓ , Deputy State Secretary, Deputy State Secretariat for Nature Protection, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture Harald EGERER , Head of the UNEP Vienna Programme Office, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention Mircea VERGHELET , Steering Committee Chair, Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Irene LUCIUS , Conservation Director, WWF Central and Eastern Europe	Zoom link Youtube live streaming
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break		
16:30 – 18:00	Keynote speeches &	Nikola NOTARO , Head of Unit, Nature Protection, European Commission -	

	<p>moderated discussion</p> <p><i>Mátyás Conference room (stream, zoom)</i></p>	<p>DG Environment</p> <p>Wendy ELLIOT, Deputy Leader Wildlife Practice, WWF International</p> <p>Gary TABOR, Executive Director, Centre for Large Landscape Conservation/ Specialist Group Leader, IUCN Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group</p> <p>Miklós MARTON, Department of Environmental Development and Strategy, Ministry of Agriculture/ Steering Group Member of EU Danube Region Strategy, Priority Area 6 (EUSDR PA6), Biodiversity, Landscapes and Quality of Air and Soils</p>	
18:00 – 18:10	<p>ConnectGREEN Youth Video Contest Award Ceremony</p> <p><i>Mátyás Conference room (stream, zoom)</i></p>	<p>Award presented by WWF-CEE</p>	
18:10 – 19:00	<p>Press Conference</p> <p><i>Press Corner Mozaik Meeting room (closed for press and VIP)</i></p>		No Zoom
19:00 – 21:00	<p>Gala Dinner hosted by the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p><i>Gala Dining Room</i></p>		No Zoom

Day 2 - 29 September

Time:	Agenda item:	Speaker(s)/Presenter(s):	Zoom
9:00– 10:30	Parallel Workshop #1: Identification of ecological corridors – the ConnectGREEN Methodology <i>Mátyás</i> <i>Conference room</i> <i>(stream, zoom)</i>	Moderation: Cristian-Remus PAPP, WWF Romania Zuzana OKANIKOVÁ, Martin STRNAD, Václav HLAVÁČ, Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic Kristyna VLKOVÁ & Dusan ROMPORTL, Silva Tarouca Research Institute for Landscape and Ornamental Gardening, Czech Republic Christoph PLUTZAR, Environment Agency Austria Milan HUSÁR, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava - SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of EU	Zoom link Youtube live streaming
9:00 – 10:30	Parallel Workshop #2: Integration of ecological corridors into spatial planning – how to overcome conflicts between connectivity conservation and spatial planning (tools and best practice) <i>Mozaik</i> <i>Conference room</i> <i>(stream, zoom)</i>	Moderation: Dr. VALÁNSZKI István, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dr. TÖRÖK Katalin, Ökológiai Kutatóközpont SCHNELLER Krisztián CSÓSZI and Mónika, Lechner Tudásközpont Dr. KOLLÁNYI László, Hungarian University for Agriculture and Life Sciences Rastislav STANÍK, Slovak Environment Agency Milan HUSÁR, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava - SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of EU	Zoom link Youtube live streaming
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break		

11:30 – 13:00	<p>Parallel Workshop #3:</p> <p>Restoration of natural habitat connectivity: different EU projects' approaches to combine synergies and potential cooperation opportunities</p> <p><i>Mátyás Conference room (stream, zoom)</i></p>	<p>Moderation: Isidoro DE BORTOLI, Eurac Research, Italy</p> <p>Stefan Alexander FUCHS, University of Vienna, Austria</p> <p>Irena BERTONCELJ, Agricultural Institute of Slovenia</p> <p>Ján KADLEČÍK, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic</p> <p>Mircea VERGHELET, Piatra Craiului National Park Administration, Romania</p>	<p>Zoom link</p> <p>Youtube live streaming</p>
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Parallel Workshop #4:</p> <p>Mainstreaming ecological connectivity into policy – national roadmaps & recommendations for the improvement of the EIA/SEA Directive</p> <p><i>Mozaik Conference room (stream, zoom)</i></p>	<p>Moderation: Dr. NAGY Gabriella, CEEweb for Biodiversity, Hungary</p> <p>Dr. Marina NENKOVIĆ-RIZNIĆ, Institute of Architecture and Urban & Spatial Planning of Serbia</p> <p>Rastislav STANÍK, Slovak Environment Agency</p> <p>Oana POPESCU, National Institute for Research and Development in Constructions, Urban Planning und Sustainable Spatial Development, Romania</p> <p>Dr. WEIPERTH András, Hungarian University for Agriculture and Life Sciences</p> <p>Dr. MÉSZÁROS Szilvia, ÖKO Zrt.</p>	<p>Zoom link</p> <p>Youtube live streaming</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Buffet lunch</p>		
14:00 – 18:30	<p>3rd CPA Conference “A new age for the CPA network”</p> <p><i>Mátyás Conference room (stream, zoom)</i></p>		<p>Zoom link</p>
14:00 –	<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Harald EGERER, Head of the UNEP Vienna Programme Office,</p>	<p>Youtube live streaming</p>

18:30		Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention Mircea VERGHELEȚ , Chair of the CPA Steering Committee	
	Presentation of the Centralparks project results relevant for the CPA revitalization	Mircea VERGHELEȚ, Chair of the CPA Steering Committee Hanna ÖLLÖS, European Wilderness Society	
	Short interventions by the CPA Steering Committee Members	CPA Steering Committee Members	
	Presentations by the representatives of the CPA from each Carpathian country	Representatives of the CPA Member States	
	Presentation of the Protected Area Management Effectiveness Tool	Cristian-Remus PAPP, WWF Romania	
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break		
17:00 – 18:30	Presentation of the CPA status quo - Need for revisiting the strategic CPA documents and discussing the way forward of the CPA	Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention	<p style="text-align: center;">Zoom link</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Youtube live streaming</p>
	Interactive exercise – questions to the CPA Conference participants about the future activities of the CPA and ensuing discussion		
	Recommendations and next steps		

	Closing of the 3 rd CPA Conference	Mircea VERGHELEȚ, Steering Committee Chair, Carpathian Network of Protected Areas	
14:00 – 16:30	CEEweb Academy (in parallel to the CPA Conference) <i>Mozaik Conference room (zoom)</i>		Zoom link Youtube live streaming
19:00	Dinner		

Day 3 - 30 September

Time:	Agenda item:	Speaker(s)/Presenter(s):	
8:30 – 10:30	ConnectGreen potential transferable outputs planned and ad-hoc meetings part 2.- ConnectGreen potential transferable outputs for the Carpathian wetlands - Carpathian Wetland Initiative Board meeting <i>Mozaik Meeting room (zoom)</i>	Ján KADLEČÍK, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic	Zoom link Youtube live streaming
9:00 – 9:30	Workshops wrap-up <i>Mátyás Conference room (stream, zoom)</i>	Csaba MEZEI, CEEweb for Biodiversity	Zoom link Youtube live streaming
9:40 – 11:15	ConnectGREEN Final Conference		
9:40 – 11:00	Overall presentation of results & outputs including a moderated Q&A session	Cristian-Remus PAPP, WWF Romania	
	Panel discussion on lessons learnt, experiences made, recommendations for follow up	Zuzana OKÁNIKOVÁ, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic	

	activities and policy work	<p>Martin STRNAD, Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic</p> <p>Gabriella NAGY, CEEweb for Biodiversity, Hungary</p> <p>Marina NENKOVIC-RIZNIC, Institute of Architecture and Urban & Spatial Planning, Serbia</p> <p>Hildegard MEYER, WWF Central and Eastern Europe</p> <p>Cristian-Remus PAPP, WWF Romania</p>	
	Presentation of Conference Declaration addressing higher level stakeholders & agreement with participants	<p>Cristian-Remus PAPP, WWF Romania</p> <p>Csaba MEZEI, CEEweb for Biodiversity</p>	
11:00 – 11:15	Official closing of the Conference	<p>Harald EGERER, Head of the UNEP Vienna Programme Office, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>Cristian-Remus PAPP, WWF Romania</p>	
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break		
12:00 – 19:00	“Walk shops” within the SaveGREEN project – press field visit		NO zoom
	Walk shop 1: “River adventure on River Ipoly”		
	Walk shop 2 “Walking adventure to Pilis Mountain”		
	Walk shop 3 “Training adventure up to Nógrád Fortres”		