



13 September 2021

Invitation – Carpathian Wetland Initiative Board Meeting and Workshop

You are cordially invited to the meeting of members of the Board of the Carpathian Wetland Initiative (CWI) and friends and supporters of wetlands in the region which will be held in Visegrád, Hungary on **30th September 2021** between **8:30 and 10:30 a.m.** in Hotel Silvanus, Panoráma út 2, <https://hotelsilvanus.hu/en>.

The meeting is a side event of the International Conference “*Protected Areas - Cornerstones of Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians and Beyond*” that will take place on 28-30 September 2021 in Visegrád and online. If you are interested and haven't already done so, you still have chance (until 15 September) to register for the whole Conference at <http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/connectgreen/section/connectgreen-international-conference>.

Please find attached the updated agenda of the Conference.

After the Conference you can also enjoy (if weather conditions allow) one of the “Walk shops”, prepared by organizers, including “River adventure on River Ipoly”; the Ipoly Valley is one of the Slovak-Hungarian Transboundary Ramsar Sites.

Draft agenda of the CWI meeting

8:30 - 8:40 Introduction to the meeting (*CWI coordinator*)

8:40 - 9:10 Updates on the CWI work in 2020-2021 and on activities or projects on wetland conservation, management, restoration, education and awareness in the Carpathian region (*CWI coordinator and each participant*)

9:10 - 9:25 Wetlands in the global, European and regional strategies and plans and implications for the CWI future plans of activities and discussion

9:25 - 9:45 The role of wetlands in climate mitigation and adaptation and ecological connectivity of wetlands (*H. Zingstra, Wetlands International*)

9:45 - 10:10 Discussion on the CWI work plan and priorities for 2022

10:10 - 10:30 Short discussion on new Operational Guidelines for the Ramsar Regional Initiatives and issues of interest

10:30 Closure of the meeting

We look forward to meeting you in Visegrád.

Best regards,

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CWI coordinator