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Carpathian Wetland Initiative
supporting restoration projects in the Carpathians



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Carpathian Wetland Initiative (CWI)

Ramsar Regional Initiative (RRI)

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- RRI aimed to facilitate international cooperation and to provide support for improved implementation of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention) in the Carpathian region, through cooperation on wetland-related issues of common concern.
- **Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)** between secretariats of the Ramsar and Carpathian Conventions signed during CC COP1 (Kyiv, UA, 2006)
- **Mission:** *To contribute to the implementation of the MoC between the Ramsar Convention and Carpathian Convention. The CWI facilitates collaboration between the two Conventions and their Parties in their efforts in conservation and wise use of wetlands in the Carpathian region and beyond, through local, national, regional and international activities.*
- **Activities:**



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Carpathian Wetland Initiative and partners



- The CWI serves as a platform for relevant projects development and it has cooperated with partners, including Wetlands International Europe and Daphne - Institute of Applied Ecology, in preparation of several project proposals.
- Wetlands restoration, climate change adaptation and mitigation among CWI priorities.



Project Ecohydrological Restoration of Peatlands in the Western Carpathians

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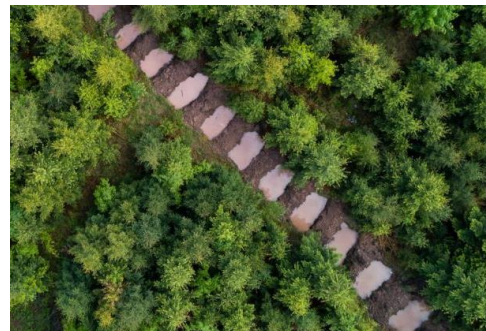


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- **Daphne – Institute of Applied Ecology** is partner organization of the CWI focused on nature conservation and environmental education, management and restoration of non-forest ecosystems, mapping and monitoring of species and habitats.
- The project (funded from Norway grants) aims to reduce CO₂ emissions by restoring fragile wetland habitats - degraded peatlands and regenerating their function as carbon sinks.
- It deals with the restoration of 12 sites in Slovakia to stop their degradation applying well targeted hydrological restoration measures and climate-responsible management; the sites are used for demonstration of best-practice peatland management to relevant stakeholders to increase awareness about peatland related climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.



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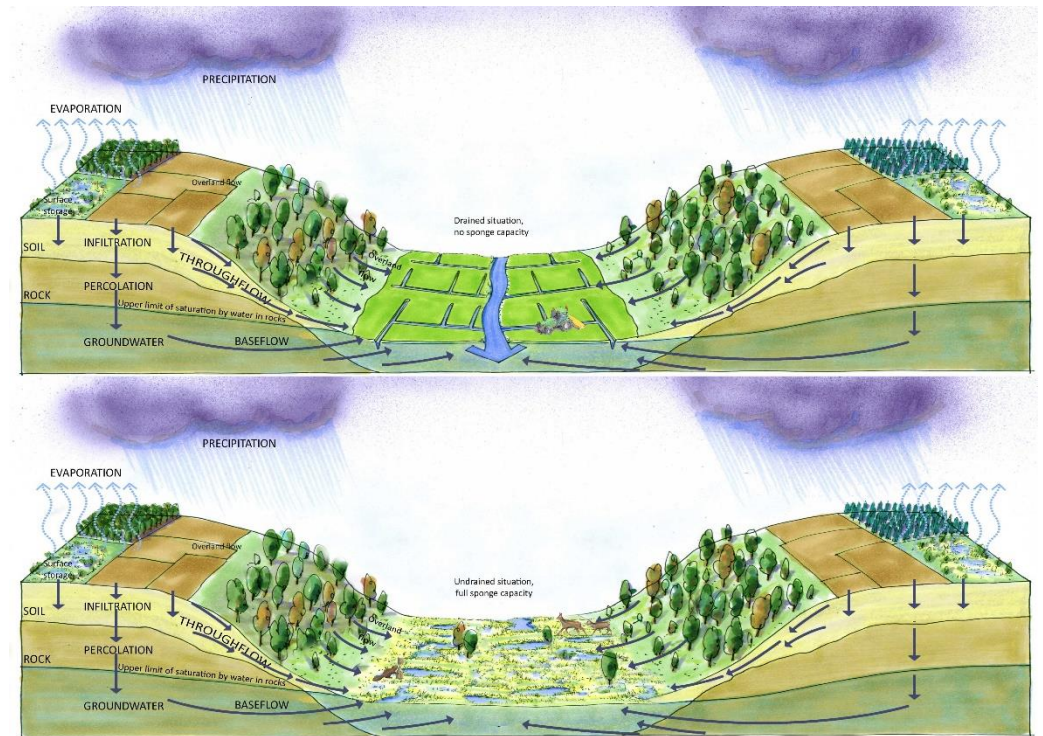
Wetlands International - European Association

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- **Wetlands International Europe** is partner organization of the CWI. It strives to raise awareness about wetland ecosystems and to advocate the sustainable use of wetlands for people and nature, in particular by linking science, policy, and practice.
- **Sponge restoration** aims to adapt to climate change and restore biodiversity by repairing the natural water-absorbing capacity of drained soils including the restoration of wetlands in middle-mountain regions.
- Wetlands International is asking for support to identify areas in the Carpathians where this innovative approach can be implemented.



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