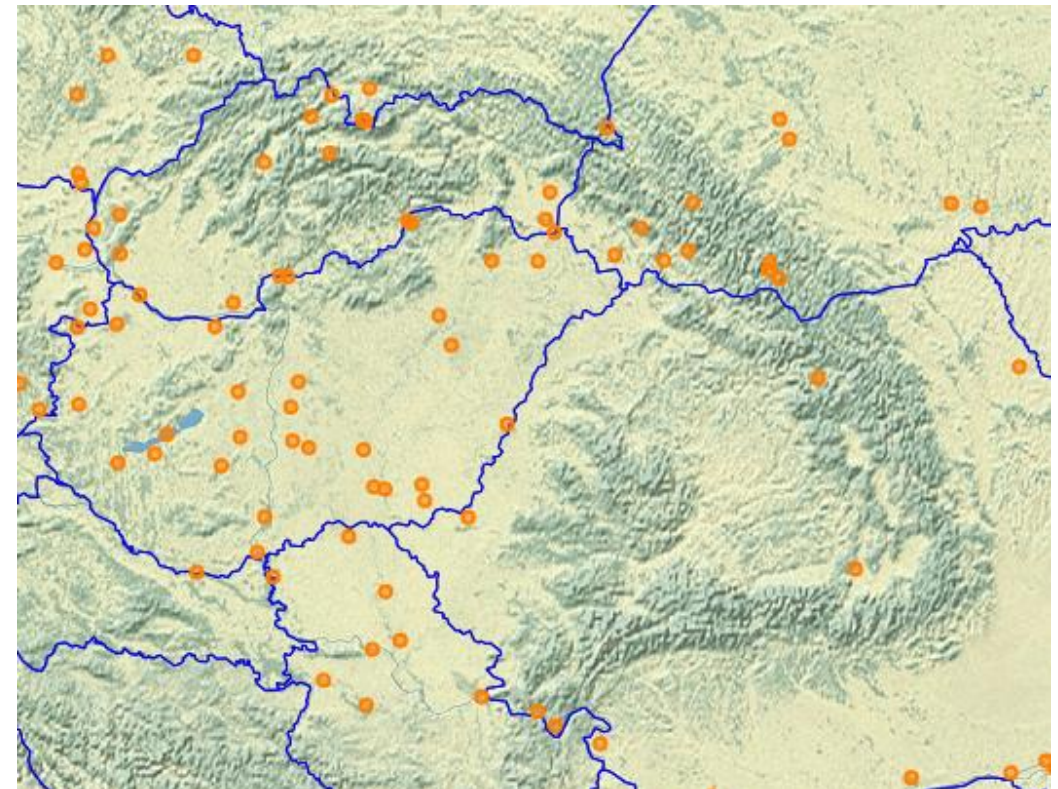
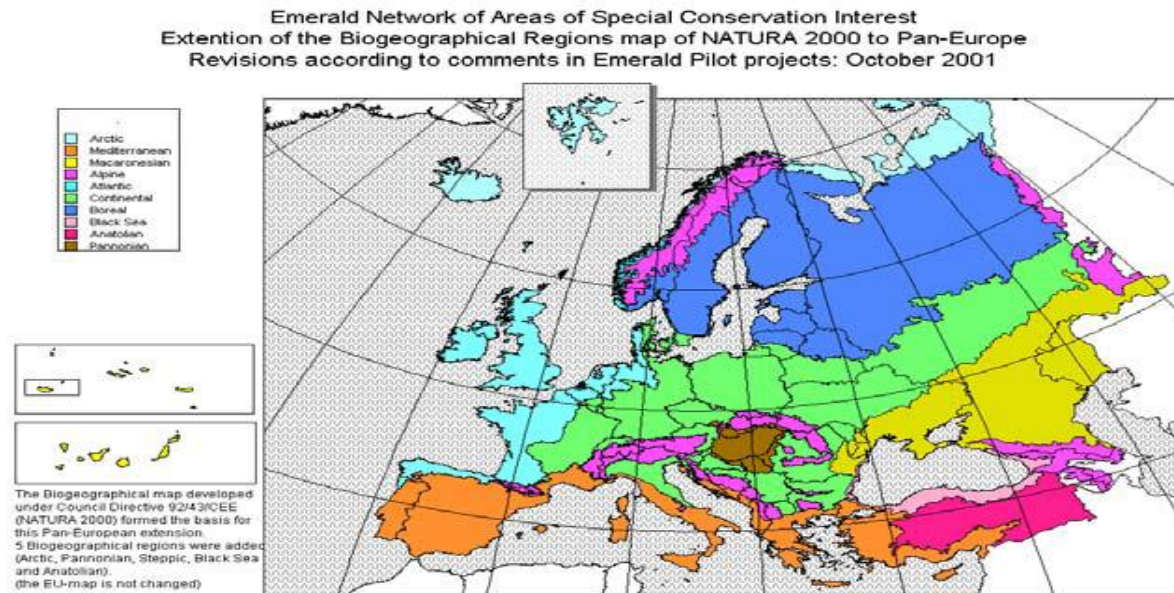




**International Training Course and Study Tour on Wetlands Restoration**  
**Czech Republic, 28 September - 3 October 2025**

- Part of the Alpine Biogeographical Region, partly in Pannonian Region
- Other regions dependent on water from the Carpathians; source of water, important biodiversity
- Trans-Carpathian cooperation; support for designation of new Ramsar Sites within Carpathians and beyond
- Transboundary RS, bilateral transborder wetlands



Ramsar Sites in the Carpathians

# Carpathian Wetland Initiative



- **Regional Initiative of the Ramsar Convention (RRI)**, launched in 2004, endorsed by Ramsar SC in 2009, one of 22 currently operating RRI in the world (5 in Europe)
- **RRI are a regional mechanism to support implementation of the Convention**
- **Memorandum of Cooperation between secretariats of the Ramsar and Carpathian Conventions (2006)**

## Mission

*To contribute to the implementation of the MoC between the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention) and Carpathian Convention signed on 13 December 2006 in Kyiv, Ukraine. 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.*



# CWI Structure



Partnership of

## Governments

of countries in the Carpathian region and other interested governments (7 Carpathian countries)



## Secretariats

of the Ramsar Convention (Gland, Switzerland)  
and the Carpathian Convention (UNEP Vienna, Austria)



**Intergovernmental organisations, international partner organizations, NGOs**  
and other entities with an interest in the Carpathian wetlands





## Partners and cooperation

DAPHNE – Institute of Applied Ecology

IUCN

Wetlands International

WWF – CEE

Carpathian Network of Protected Areas

ICPDR

Danube River Network of Protected Areas

ALPARC - Alpine Network of Protected Areas,

S4C - Science for the Carpathians, EUSDR PA6, etc.



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**Wetlands**  
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Science for the Carpathians

# Memorandum of Cooperation (2006)



## 8 joint areas of activities

1. Information base on wetland ecosystems
2. Exchange of wetland-related information
3. Network of Ramsar sites
4. Integration of wetlands into river basin management
5. Wetland restoration projects
6. Transboundary wetland ecosystems
7. Species and habitat monitoring
8. Capacity building and public awareness





# CWI work

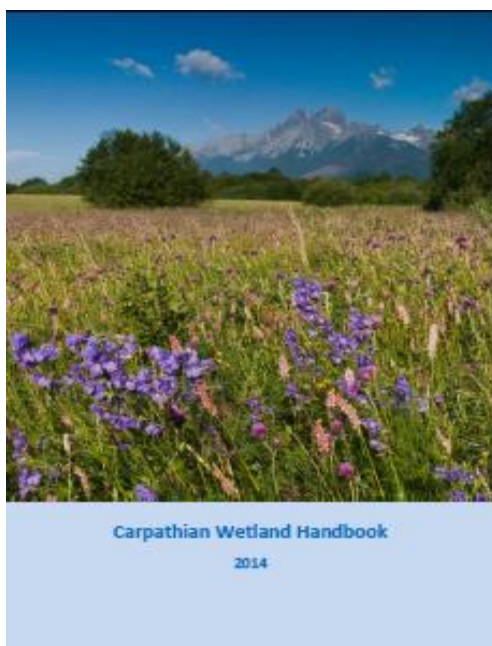


- Organization of conferences, workshops on conservation of wetlands, study tours
- Trainings - International training courses and study tours on wetlands management, restoration, education... (2011 - CZ; 2013 - SK; 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025 - CZ)
- Mainstreaming on importance of wetlands within the Carpathian Convention and its Working Groups
- The Carpathian Wetland Centre (opened 2014) in Banská Bystrica (SK)
- Fundraising, project proposals (involvement in several Carpathian and the Danube River Basin projects)





- For common understanding of wetland types in the Carpathians we developed Carpathian Wetland Handbook, including identification of Natura 2000 wetland and riverine habitat types
- Common integrated management measures (CIMM) elaborated within SEE Transboundary Programme BioREGIO Carpathians project - Strategic paper on CIMM of Carpathian natural assets, including wetlands
- Draft Red List of species and habitats and List of Invasive Alien Species





# Activities connected with culture



- EKOPLAGÁT (<http://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news>)
- International triennial exhibition and contest of posters (Žilina, SK)
- CWI awarding for the best poster on wetlands



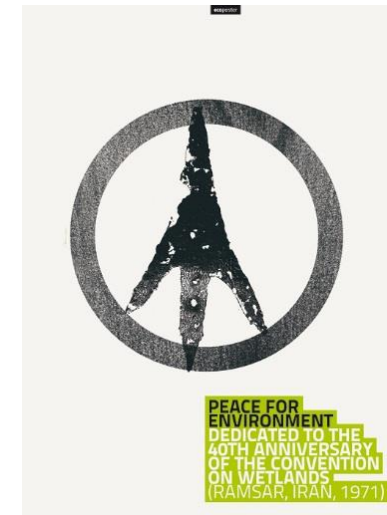
Andrej Haščák (2020)



Rita Nagyová (2017)



Scott Lazerow (2014)



Marcin Urbanczyk (2011)

# Project Ramsar Culture Network in the Carpathian Region

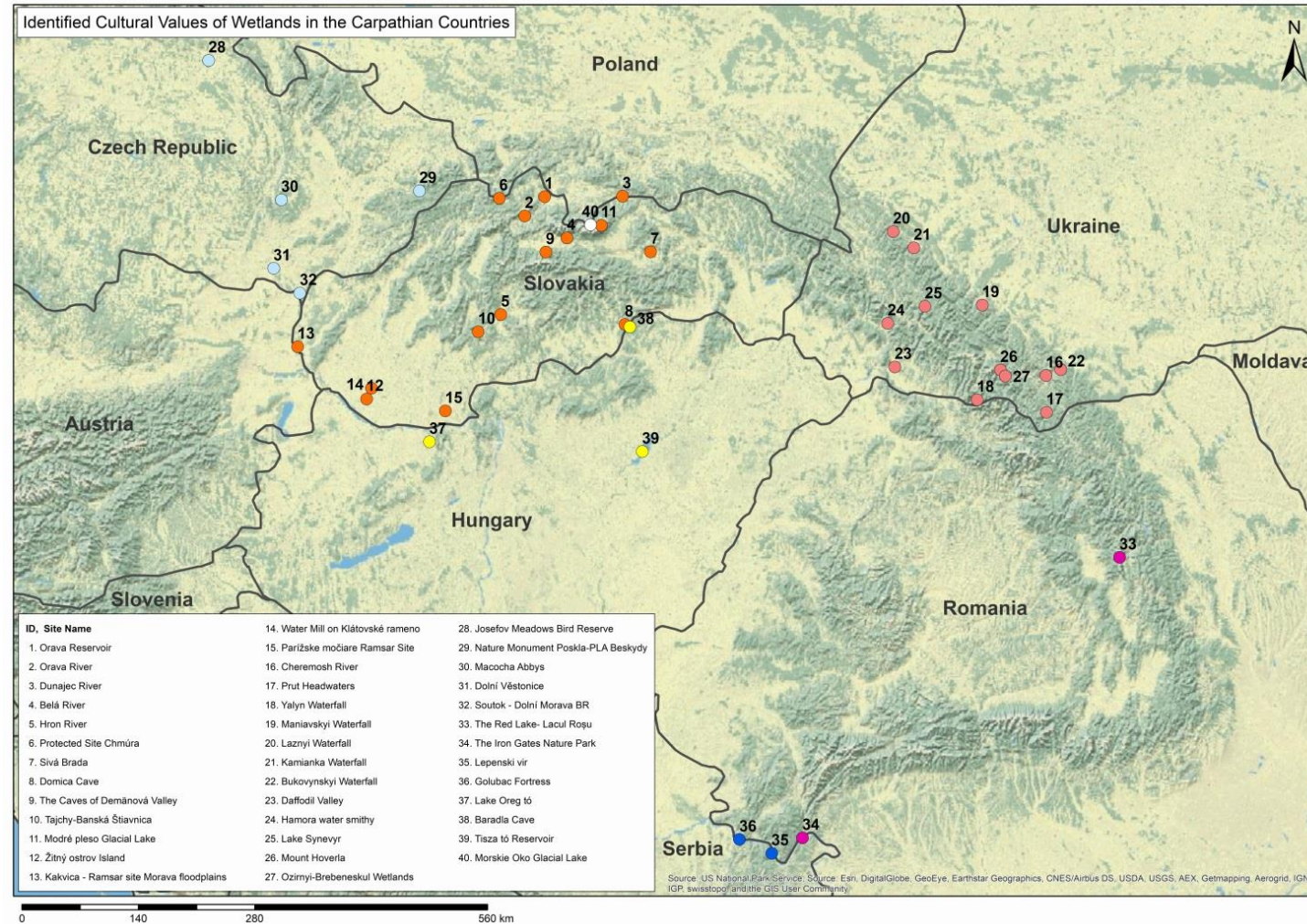


October 2017 – January 2018

- First inventory of cultural diversity and values linked to wetlands of international and national importance, [http://www.cwi.sk/files/carpathian\\_cultural\\_heritage\\_in\\_wetlands.pdf](http://www.cwi.sk/files/carpathian_cultural_heritage_in_wetlands.pdf)



# Ramsar Culture Network in the Carpathian Region





# CWI Work programme



- 1. Mainstreaming - *promote integration of wetlands and their services and benefits into sectoral policies***
- 2. River Basin Management - *projects integrating wetlands in river basin management***
- 3. Invasive Alien Species - *identification and prioritization of IAS, control, eradication, prevention of introduction***
- 4. Ecological Networks and Management of Sites - *development of ecological network, continuity and connectivity of habitats, designation of new Ramsar Sites, expansion of existing sites, maintenance and restoration of wetlands***
- 5. Prevention of environmental damages in wetlands - *exchange of information***
- 6. Wetland Inventories – *inventory of wetland habitats and species, development of Red Lists, cultural values in wetlands, common database and maps on wetlands in the Carpathians***
- 7. Wetlands conservation, restoration and maintenance - *priorities for common actions***
- 8. Climate Change - *Identify wetlands most at risk due to climate change, propose and implement measures***
- 9. Research, monitoring, information system - *species and habitats monitoring, research in wetlands***
- 10. Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness - *capacity development, Carpathian Wetland Centre***



Thank you for choosing the current training and good luck in wetlands restoration!

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