

PROJECT INFORMATION

Integrating nature protection and sustainable tourism development in the Carpathian region



Field trip to Bükk Mountains
and Hidegkút wood pasture,
Hungary

Source: Diamond Congress Ltd.

Background

The Carpathian region constitutes a major ecological, economic, cultural and living environment, shared by seven countries. These countries are parties to the Carpathian Convention – a regional treaty, which supports multi-sectoral international cooperation on protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians. The Secretariat of the Convention initiated the project in order to facilitate stronger links between science, policy and practice in the Carpathians, specifically through supporting collaboration and networking of the Convention stakeholders with the Science for the Carpathians network.

Project details

The project supported the implementation of the Forum Carpaticum 2018, the transdisciplinary biennial conference devoted to protection and sustainable development of the Carpathian region. The Forum provided space for inter-sectoral discussions and networking among scientists, practice experts, local stakeholders and policy-makers from the Carpathian countries, linking questions of conservation with those of sustainable livelihoods and tourism. Based on the results of the conference the Science for the Carpathians network provided recommendations to the Carpathian Convention and initiated closer cooperation with the Convention Focal Points, who represent Ministries of Environment of the Carpathian countries. The project facilitated implementation of key conference recommendations, including stronger dialogue between the scientists, practitioners and policy-makers in the field of Education for Sustainable Development, Biodiversity and Agritourism. Moreover, it enhanced collaboration between the Carpathian scientists and international networks in the field of agritourism and sustainable development of the mountainous regions.

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Beneficiary country: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Ukraine

Duration: 09/2018 – 06/2019

Beneficiaries: Scientists, policy-makers and practitioners in the field of biodiversity, sustainable tourism development in the Carpathians

Implementing organisation: UN Environment, Vienna Programme Office, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention

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