

**Combined annual reporting and forward planning format  
for Ramsar Regional Initiatives (Annex I of DOC. SC41-13)**

Annual Summary Report for Year 2010 and Plan for Year 2011

(4 pages maximum)

**1. Title of your Regional Initiative: *Carpathian Wetland Initiative***

**2. Work and activities undertaken during Year 2010**

objectives	activities	results/outputs	indicators
1. Platform of basic data on wetlands	1.1 Organizing the CWI workshop	“Wetlands and Tourism” Workshop was held on 8 Sept. 2010 in Rytro, PL; 15 representatives of 4 Carpathian countries, UNEP ISCC, UNWTO and NGOs participated; Recommendations agreed regarding sustainable tourism in wetlands for both Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention and to the Carpathian Convention WG on Sustainable Tourism. Ukrainian national CWI workshop, was held in the Carpathian National Nature Park, Yaremche, 22-23 Sept. 2010, presented Carpathian Institutions and national focal points members, regional governments, research scientists and PAs managers, - 53 participants; contribution to draft of national development plan.	Report of the workshop <a href="http://www.cwi.sk">www.cwi.sk</a> ; proposals included in the documents of the Carpathian Convention - Protocol on Tourism and reports of the Implementation Committee <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org">www.carpathianconvention.org</a> Report on Ukrainian workshop prepared, contribution to draft of national development plan.
	1.2 Distribution of the guidelines for wetland inventory, wetland inventories in countries, data storing, collection of information on research of wetlands and projects	Consultations with Daphne – Institute of Applied Ecology on the guidelines, to be continued in 2011 with the support from Slovakia and projects; testing of draft guidelines in Slovakia; finalization of the project “Building of Carpathian Biodiversity Information System and design of the ecological network for Western Carpathians (CERI)”.; Preparation of dataset and stakeholder process on new Ramsar sites establishment in the Ukrainian Carpathians - Leded by the State Museum of Natural History, National Academy, Amsterdam University, Wetlands International and Interecoenter with other institutions of Ukraine prepared RIS and stakeholders agreements on new potential Ramsar Sites in the Ukrainian Carpathian.	Interim report of the project on wetlands in Slovakia in pilot regions; publication on the project results; Prepared Ramsar sheets and stakeholder agreement documents in 15 Ukrainian Ramsar Sites; National database on Ramsar sites improved.
	1.3 Development of the Carpathian wetland handbook / classification system in all Carpathian languages	Draft of the handbook under development, completion in 2011 needs additional funding.	
	1.4 Coordination of research activities with the Science for Carpathians (S4C) initiative and	Communication with S4C Steering Committee; poster on CWI at the 1 <sup>st</sup> Forum Carpathicum presented (15-17	Participants expressed interest in cooperation and communication. Report of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Forum Carpathicum at <a href="http://www.cwi.sk">www.cwi.sk</a>

	participation in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Forum Carpaticum (Sept. 2010, Krakow, Poland)	Sept. 2010, Krakow, PL), networking with participants, discussion and consultations.	
2. Platform for cooperation	2.1 Organizing of meetings and electronic communication and consultations of members of the CWI Board, participation in meetings of the Carpathian Convention bodies and other partners	Meetings with members of the CWI Board during various events; electronic communication on relevant issues; discussions in meetings of the Carpathian and Ramsar Convention bodies and other partners (6 meetings - CZ; RS; NL; SK); CWI issues and interests were enforced and included in relevant documents (Strategic Action Plan for implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol to the Carpathian Convention, Platform for Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians, Wetlands International programme documents).	Reports/minutes of the meetings with results achieved, documents ( <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org">www.carpathianconvention.org</a> ;
	2.2 Establishment of a working group(s) of active practitioners, specialists and NGO representatives, national networks of experts and cooperating institutions	The CWI Board members and relevant ministries asked for nominations of representatives to working groups and national networks, some updates included.	Updated list of experts and national networks of experts and institutions
	2.3 Involvement of administrations of protected areas in the CWI work and cooperation with the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) and the DANUBEPARKS Network	Carpathian protected areas administrations informed and involved in the CWI project proposals (e.g. BIOREGIO Carpathians), regular cooperation and information sharing with CNPA Steering Committee, DANUBEPARKS and ALPARC (4 meetings – RO, CZ, A).	A number of protected areas involved and informed, BIOREGIO Carpathians project proposal submitted and approved in January 2011
	2.4 Fund-raising and project proposals for financing of the Initiative in consultation with national institutions	Participation in development of BIOREGIO Carpathians project (SEE programme, all 7 Carpathian countries involved), project Development of nature conservation and of protected areas in the Slovak Carpathians (Swiss Financial Mechanism); CWI programme issues enforced and included.	Project proposals submitted to relevant financial mechanisms; BIOREGIO Carpathians project approved in January 2011; Project intent for the Swiss Financial Mechanism approved by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in September 2010
3. Platform for integrated river basin management especially in shared catchments	3.1 Involvement in the preparation of relevant documents on sustainable and integrated water/river basin management of the Carpathian Convention	Participation in meetings of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (A, SK).	Documents, meeting reports <a href="http://www.carpathianconvention.org">www.carpathianconvention.org</a>
	3.2 Facilitation of bilateral consultations in shared wetlands and catchments on common objectives and principles of their management, participation in the Network of Transboundary Ramsar Sites initiative	Meetings of experts and relevant stakeholders, proposals for activities and projects – participation in consultations on restoration activities in Slovak-Polish transboundary wetlands of Orava-Nowotarg Basin; including of development of harmonized management plan for transboundary Ipel / Ipoly River Basin Ramsar Sites in Slovakia and Hungary to the project proposal; consultations with University in Uzhgorod on Latorica transboundary sites; participation in	Minutes of meetings, BIOREGIO Carpathians project proposal submitted and approved

		conference and consultations in the CZ; participation in the trilateral (A-CZ-SK) workshop on management planning (A).	
	3.3 Cooperation with ICPDR especially in the Tisa/Tisza River Basin and other IRBM projects	Participation in workshop on integrated land management and water in the Tisa River Basin (HU)	Information on <a href="http://www.icpdr.org">www.icpdr.org</a>
4. Platform for wetland restoration activities	4.1 Development of the wetland restoration strategies/policies	Draft wetland restoration strategy/policy included in the project Wetlands management in Slovakia (2009-2012).	Draft document will be developed by 2012
	4.2 Sharing experience on wetland restoration in Europe	Consultations on wetland restoration guidelines and projects with the Czech Republic in February 2011	Information on the web
	4.3 Development of the project proposal on inventory and control of invasive alien species in transborder catchments	The subject of inventory of invasive alien species in all Carpathian countries was included in the BIOREGIO Carpathians project proposal.	BIOREGIO Carpathians project proposal submitted to SEE programme and approved in January 2011
5. Platform for capacity building and public awareness	5.1 Development of the training programme on wetland management and restoration and support of other trainings	Training programme will be developed in the spring 2011 in cooperation with CZ, preparation of the first training course.	
	5.2 Establishment of a database of educational and training institutions and experts aimed at wetlands and communication with them	The process of building database started, waiting for the database to fill up.	Database planned to be put on the website.
	5.3 Maintenance of CWI web site and newsletter	Website established, updated with relevant information. Its own domain registered.	<a href="http://www.sopst.sk/cwi">www.sopst.sk/cwi</a> , later own domain <a href="http://www.cwi.sk">www.cwi.sk</a>
	5.4 Development of a brochure and leaflet on CWI and Carpathian wetlands, translation of relevant guidelines	Draft brochure and leaflet prepared for comments; articles on CWI for Enviromagazin (SK) sent, preparation of the English version for 2011.	Draft brochure and leaflet prepared to be printed in early 2011, ENVIROMAGAZIN MC2/2010 published.
	5.5 Development of the programme of Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) within the CWI	CWI CEPA draft programme will be developed in 2011.	
	5.6 Participation in the Field Symposium of IMCG members in Slovakia and Poland (July 2010) and study tours	Support of development of information and promotion materials for the IMCG Field Symposium "Mire Ecosystem Dynamics and Conservation of Biodiversity" and study tours, support of participation of some representatives of Carpathian countries and guides from Slovakia and Poland (5-18 July, SK-PL), presentation on CWI for participants.	A number of participants of the Symposium and study tours, reports, presentation on CWI; the final report will be produced in first half of 2011.
	5.7 Development of the Terms of Reference of the Carpathian Wetland Centre and establishment of the regional Wetland Centre, CWI coordination	Consultations with the Slovak State Nature Conservancy Directorate on providing building (room space) in Banska Bystrica (SK) for starting of the operation of the Carpathian Wetland Centre; the start of the operation has been postponed by spring 2011; public procurement for small restoration works in the facility; Establishment of the	BIOREGIO Carpathians project approved in January 2011; Project intent for the Swiss Financial Mechanism approved by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in September 2010; Wetland Centre will be operating and working for coordination and promotion of CWI and training from spring 2011

		Wetland Centre and its furnishing was included in the BIOREGIO project proposal and into the project of the Swiss Financial Mechanism. One new staff member of the SNC SR was employed as assistant of the CWI coordinator from July 2010 to support the implementation of the CWI work plan with funding from the CWI budget and was equipped with PC.	
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### 3. Financial report for Year 2010

If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average **exchange rate to the CHF**: 1.48

activities	planned expenditures (€)	real expenditure (EUR)
1.1 Organizing the CWI workshop	12,000	5,257.18
1.2 Wetland inventory and database	6,500	2,104.20
1.3 Development of the Carpathian Wetland Handbook	3,400	0
1.4 Cooperation with the S4C and participation in the Forum Carpathicum	1,000	887.57
2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1 Meetings of the CWI Board, working groups, the CC bodies and the CNPA	1,800	3,878.03
2.4 Fund raising	1,100	1,040.73
3.2 Facilitation of bilateral consultations, participation in the Network of Transboundary Ramsar Sites	2,300	345.5
3.3 Cooperation with ICPDR and IRBM projects	200	221.9
4.1 Development of wetland restoration strategies	2,000	0
4.2 Sharing experience on wetland restoration	2,000	1,139.91
4.3 Development of the project proposal on invasive species	100	0
5.1 Training programme on wetland management	2,000	0
5.3 Maintenance of CWI web site and newsletter	500	403.68
5.4 Development and printing of publications, translations	5,000	0
5.5 Development of CEPA programme	200	66.62
5.6 Participation in the IMCG Field Symposium and study tours	1,000	2,606.21
5.7 Development of the ToR of the Carpathian Wetland Centre and its establishment, CWI coordination	35,000	10,581.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,100</b>	<b>28,533.04</b>

sources of income (donors)	income received
SNC SR	7,979.11 EUR
MoE Hungary	2,000.00 EUR
CERI/Daphne/DBU	1,000.00 EUR
WWF-DCP	206.00 EUR
ALPARC	300.00 EUR
UNEP	525.00 EUR
Wetlands International	300.00 EUR
MoE CZ	120.00 EUR
BROZ Bratislava	160.00 EUR
Other (Ukrainian institutions)	2,000.00 EUR
<b>Ramsar core budget</b> (where applicable)	<b>15,942.93EUR</b>
<b>total</b>	<b>30,533.04 EUR</b>

**Financial balance on 31 December 2010:** amount left to be carried over to 2011, or deficit.

<b>Ramsar core budget</b>	<b>7,194.88 €</b>
<b>Budget from Hungary</b>	<b>5,956.58 €</b>
<b>Budget from the Czech Republic</b>	<b>4,537.41 €</b>

#### 4. Work and activities planned for Year 2011

objectives	activities	results/outputs	indicators
1. Platform of basic data on wetlands	1.1 Organizing the CWI conference at the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Ramsar Convention	Meeting of experts on wetlands inventory and management during 17th International Environmental Film Festival (May 2011, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia), with recommendations	A number of experts and national focal points participating; report of the conference, recommendations; conference proceedings
	1.2 Testing of the guidelines for wetland inventory, data storing, collection of information on research of wetlands and projects; methodological recommendations	Database on Carpathian wetlands established and filled in with data from wetland inventory, database on wetland research and projects on wetlands conservation, management and restoration; prepared methodological toolkit on Ramsar Sites establishment for Carpathian region	Database on Carpathian wetlands available on the web site; prepared toolkit
	1.3 Development of the Carpathian wetland handbook / classification system, identification of endangered habitats and species; development of the book on potential Carpathian Ramsars sites and valuable wetlands	Draft Carpathian wetland handbook / classification system developed; draft methodology for Carpathian Red List of habitats and species; information on biota of valuable wetland sites	The drafts for consultation; prepared book
	1.4 Coordination of research activities with the Science for Carpathians (S4C) initiative and with national institutions	Information on research of wetlands, experts and on projects	Information available on the web site
2. Platform for cooperation	2.1 CWI Board members updating, electronic communication and consultations; Organizing of the meeting of the CWI Board during 7th European Regional Ramsar Meeting (Sept. 2011, Slovakia) with celebration of the 40 <sup>th</sup> Ramsar anniversary; participation in meetings of the Carpathian Convention bodies (including COP3 in Bratislava, SK) and of other partners (WI)	List of CWI Focal Points; Presentations during important meetings; One meeting of the CWI Board and electronic communication on relevant issues; presentations in meetings of the Carpathian Convention bodies and other partners	List of national CWI focal points; Report/minutes of the meetings with results achieved
	2.2 Establishment of a working group(s) of active practitioners, specialists and NGO representatives, national networks of experts and cooperating institutions, exchange of experts	The working group and national networks established and communicated, national experts and Ramsar committees exchange	The working group and national networks of experts and institutions on the web, report of the exchange of experts and members of the Ramsar committees of the Carpathian countries
	2.3 Involvement of administrations of protected areas in the CWI work and cooperation with the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA), the DANUBEPARKS Network and the Trilateral Ramsar Platform (A-CZ-SK), stakeholders involvement	Carpathian protected areas administrations contacted, informed and involved in the CWI projects, regular cooperation and information sharing with CNPA Steering Committee, DANUBEPARKS, Trilateral Ramsar Platform and other networks	A number of protected areas involved and informed; project results
	2.4 Fund-raising and projects proposals for	Project proposals for funding and involvement in project	Project drafts submitted, involvement in different project

	financing of the Initiative in consultation with national institutions	drafts	proposals
3. Platform for integrated river basin management especially in shared catchments	3.1 Involvement in the preparation of relevant documents on sustainable and integrated water/river basin management of the Carpathian Convention	Documents developed, involvement in relevant projects, communication with the Carpathian Convention secretariat	Documents, meeting reports
	3.2 Facilitation of bilateral consultations in shared wetlands and catchments on common objectives and principles of their management, pilot project, support of the Network of Transboundary Ramsar Sites initiative, cooperation with ICPDR	Meetings of experts and relevant stakeholders, relevant projects implementation, proposal for Carpathian Rivers Network	A number of meetings and reports, results of the project, information distributed to partners
4. Platform for wetland restoration activities	4.1 Development of the wetland restoration strategies/policies, data on continuity and connectivity	Draft wetland restoration strategy/policy in a country, data on barriers	Draft document
	4.2 Sharing experience on wetland restoration in Europe	Overview of wetland restoration guidelines and projects	Information on the web
	4.3 Implementation of the project on inventory and control of invasive alien species in transborder catchments	Coordination of the IAS inventory with BIOREGIO project	Database of invasive species
5. Platform for capacity building and public awareness	5.1 Development of the training programme on wetland management and restoration, establishment of a database of educational and training institutions and experts aimed at wetlands and communication with them	Training programme developed, database with information established and communication	Training programme; database on the web site
	5.2 Wetland management training for wetland managers in the Czech Republic (Sept. 2011), support of other trainings and study tours	Cooperation in organization of the training and study tours with MoE CZ; wetland managers participating	Training course "Wetlands as habitat for water birds"; a number of participants of the training and study tours, reports
	5.3 Maintenance of CWI web site and newsletter	Web site updated with relevant information	Web site with updated information
	5.4 Printing of a brochure and leaflet on CWI and Carpathian wetlands, translation of relevant guidelines	A brochure and leaflet on CWI and the Carpathian wetlands and their functions and services, guidelines translated	Brochure and leaflet printed, guidelines in national languages and placed on the web
	5.5 Development of the programme of Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) within the CWI	CWI CEPA draft programme consulted with partners and existing Ramsar CEPA programme	Draft CWI CEPA programme on the web
	5.6 Art competition "Small Eco-poster" on the theme "wetlands" for children of the Carpathian countries on occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Ramsar Convention	Exhibition of the children's art (paintings) during different international events (European Ramsar meeting, Eco-Poster exhibition...) with production of the catalogue and calendar for 2012	Exhibition, catalogue, calendar on the arts
	5.7 Training of environmental education	Environmental education specialists of the Carpathian protected areas trained and	A number of environmental education specialists trained and

	specialists on the educational programme World of the Carpathians	provided with the handbook	information on the web
	5.8 Development of the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Carpathian Wetland Centre and establishment of the regional Wetland Centre, building of its library, CWI coordination	ToR consulted with partners, the Wetland Centre reconstructed, furnished and established with staff, Carpathian wetland library supplemented	ToR of the Carpathian Wetland Centre, Wetland Centre operating and working for coordination and promotion of CWI and training

## 5. Financial plan for the year 2011

average exchange rate to the CHF: 1,3

activities	planned expenditures	expected income (EUR) and source
1.1 Organizing the CWI conference	13,700 EUR	8,000 Ramsar budget 3,700 SNC SR 2,000 CWI budget Hungary
1.2 Wetland inventory and database	14,000 EUR	9,000 Ramsar budget 1,000 SNC SR 4,000 BIOREGIO project
1.3 Development of the Carpathian Wetland Handbook and Carpathian Red lists of species and habitats, book on Carpathian wetlands	7,200 EUR	1,000 Ramsar budget 1,000 SNC SR 1,200 CWI budget CZ 4,000 BIOREGIO project
1.4 Coordination of research with the S4C and national institutions	1,000 EUR	500 Ramsar budget 500 CWI budget Hungary
2.1 CWI Board members meetings during various events, celebration of Ramsar 40, Carpathian Convention COP3	6,000 EUR	2,500 Ramsar budget 2,000 SNC SR 1,000 MoE SK 500 UNEP ISCC
2.2 Working Groups, exchange of experts	3,500 EUR	1,500 Ramsar budget 1,000 MoE CZ 1,000 CWI budget CZ
2.3 Cooperation with CNPA, DANUBEPARKS and Trilateral Ramsar Platform	3,600 EUR	1,000 Ramsar budget 1,000 SNC SR 1,000 MoE CZ 600 WWF-DCP
2.4 Fund raising	1,100 EUR	1,000 SNC SR 100 Ramsar budget
3.1 Cooperation on documents on sustainable and integrated water/river basin management	2,000 EUR	500 Ramsar budget 1,000 BIOREGIO project 500 UNEP ISCC
3.2 Facilitation of bilateral consultations in shared wetlands, support of the Network of Transboundary Ramsar Sites, cooperation with ICPDR	5,700 EUR	1,200 Ramsar budget 200 SNC SR 300 CWI budget CZ 4,000 BIOREGIO project
4.1 Development of wetland restoration strategies, data on continuity and connectivity	3,500 EUR	500 Ramsar budget 1,000 SNC SR 2,000 BIOREGIO project
4.2 Sharing experience on wetland restoration	1,500 EUR	1,000 Ramsar budget 500 MoE CZ
4.3 Implementation of the project proposal on invasive species	2,100 EUR	100 Ramsar budget 2,000 BIOREGIO project
5.1 Training programme on wetland management, database of educational and training institutions and experts	1,500 EUR	500 Ramsar budget 1,000 MoE CZ
5.2 Wetland management training, support of other trainings and study tours	9,900 EUR	3,500 Ramsar budget 3,200 MoE CZ 3,200 WWF-DCP
5.3 Maintenance of CWI web site and newsletter	400 EUR	100 Ramsar budget 300 SNC SR
5.4 Printing of publications, translations	5,000 EUR	4,000 Ramsar budget 1,000 SNC SR
5.5 Development of CEPA programme	1,500 EUR	1,000 CWI budget CZ 500 MoE CZ

5.6 Children art competition Eco-poster and calendar	6,000 EUR	1,000 5,000	Ramsar budget SNC SR
5.7 Training World of the Carpathians	7,000 EUR	6,500 500	Ramsar budget Daphne
5.8 Development of the ToR of the Carpathian Wetland Centre and its establishment, CWI coordination	28,000 EUR	14,000 14,000	Ramsar budget SNC SR
<b>total</b>	<b>124,200 EUR</b>	<b>56,500</b> <b>31,200</b> <b>17,000</b> <b>7,200</b> <b>3,500</b> <b>2,500</b> <b>1,000</b> <b>3,800</b> <b>1,000</b> <b>500</b>	<b>Ramsar budget</b> <b>SNC SR</b> <b>BIOREGIO project</b> <b>MoE CZ</b> <b>CWI budget CZ</b> <b>CWI budget HU</b> <b>MoE SK</b> <b>WWF-DCP</b> <b>UNEP ISCC</b> <b>Daphne</b>
<b>Requested from Ramsar core budget in 2011</b>		<b>25,000 EUR</b>	
<b>Total unspent from Ramsar core budget 2009 and 2010</b>		<b>31,539 EUR</b>	

It is proposed to use the amount left (about 31,500 EUR) in 2011 for the activities not completed in 2010 and for the additional activities planned for 2011.

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**Acronyms:**

A	Austria
ALPARC	Alpine Network of Protected Areas
BROZ	Bratislava Regional Nature Conservation Association
CEPA	Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness programme
CERI	Carpathian EcoRegion Initiative
CNPA	Carpathian Network of Protected Areas
COP3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Conference of Contracting Parties
CWI	Carpathian Wetland Initiative
CZ	Czech Republic
Daphne	Institute of Applied Ecology Bratislava
DBU	Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt foundation
HU	Hungary
ICPDR	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
IMCG	International Mire Conservation Group
MoE	Ministry of Environment
NL	Netherlands
PL	Poland
RO	Romania
RS	Serbia
SK	Slovakia
SNC SR	State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic
ToR	Terms of reference
UNEP ISCC	UNEP Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
UNWTO	UN World Tourism Organisation
WG	Working Group
WI	Wetlands International
WWF-DCP	WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme