



**International Training Course Sustainable Agriculture in Wetlands**  
**Třeboň, CZ, 23 September 2019**

# Carpathian Wetland Initiative



- **Regional Initiative of the Ramsar Convention (RRI)**, launched in 2004, endorsed by Ramsar SC in 2009, one of 19 currently operating RRIs in the world
- **RRIs 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**

and other entities with an interest in the Carpathian wetlands



## Partners and cooperation

DAPHNE – Institute of Applied Ecology

IUCN – Programme Office for South-Eastern Europe

Wetlands International

WWF – Danube-Carpathian Programme

Carpathian Network of Protected Areas

ICPDR

Danube River Network of Protected Areas

ALPARC - Alpine Network of Protected Areas,

S4C - Science for Carpathians, etc.



# 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, especially rich fens (2009), on wetlands and tourism (2010), wetland inventory (2011), on CWI priorities (2012), integrated wetland management in Carpathian protected areas (2013); workshop on Alpine Rivers Restoration in cooperation with EC (2014), project preparation (2015), World Fish Migration Day, study tours, etc.
- Trainings - International training course “Wetlands as Waterfowl Habitats” (2011, CZ), training on education programme about Carpathian and Danube wetlands (2013, SK), Sustainable Agriculture in Wetlands (2019, CZ)
- The Carpathian Wetland Centre was opened in June 2014 in Banská Bystrica (SK) as information and training centre for national and Carpathian wetland managers and for public awareness
- Fundraising, project proposals (involvement in several Carpathian projects)

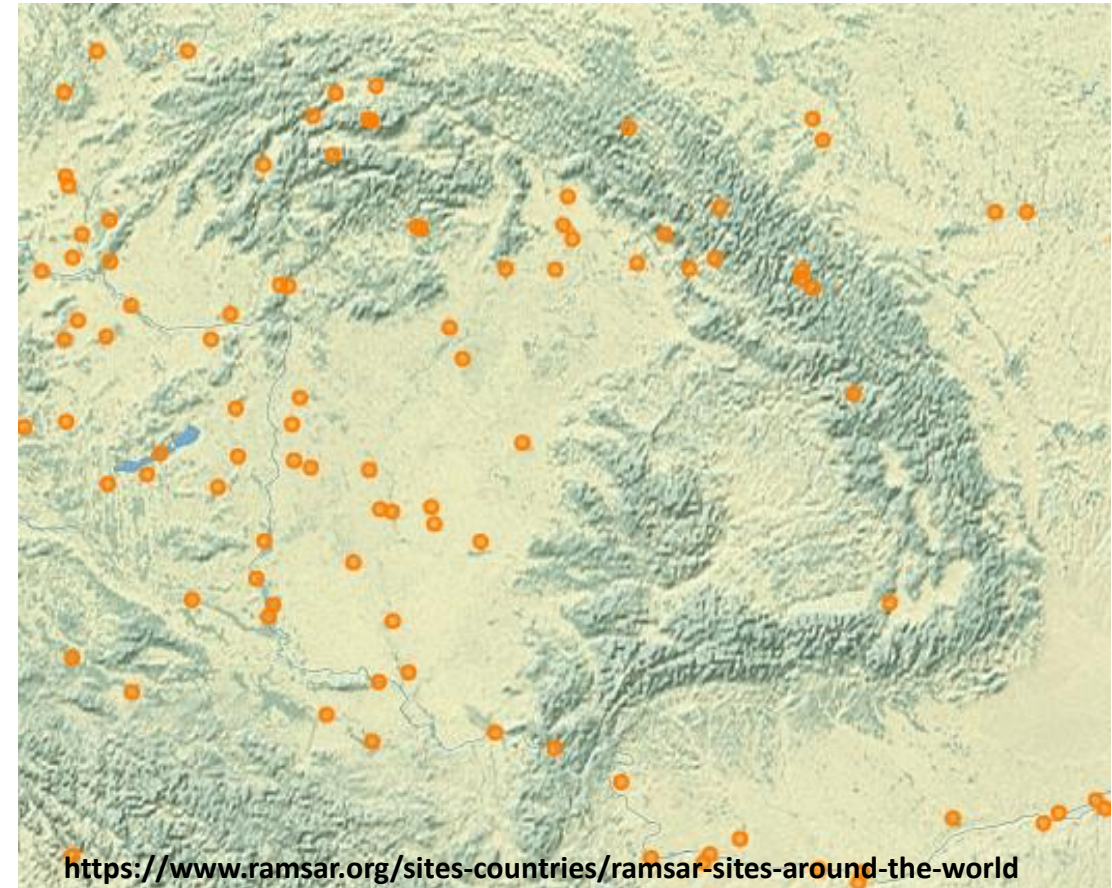
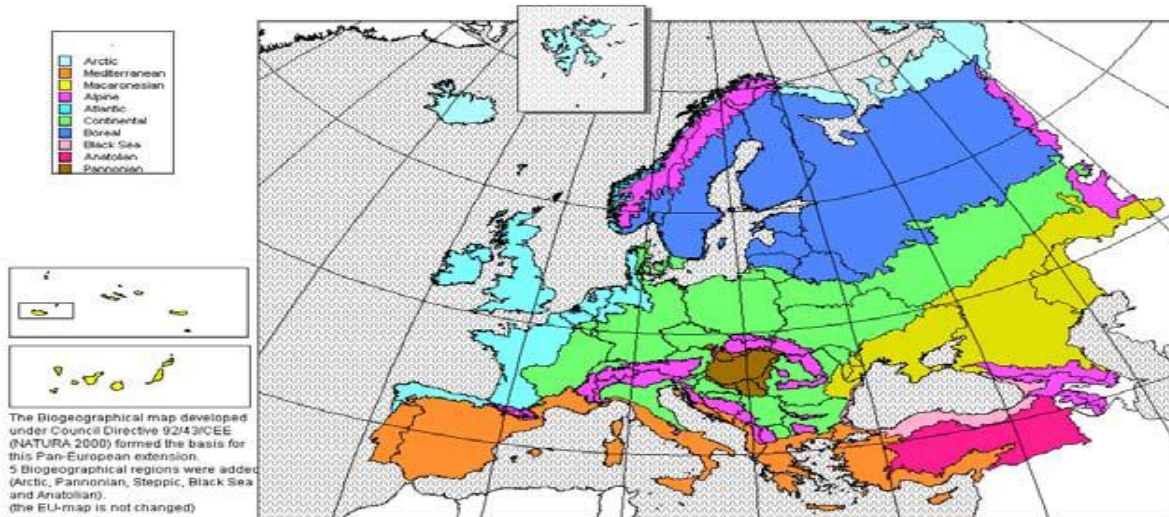




# Carpathians in Europe

- Part of the Alpine Biogeographical Region
- Other regions dependent on water from Carpathians
- Support for designation of new Ramsar Sites within Carpathians and beyond
- Transboundary RS, bilateral transborder cooperation

**Emerald Network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest  
Extension of the Biogeographical Regions map of NATURA 2000 to Pan-Europe  
Revisions according to comments in Emerald Pilot projects: October 2001**

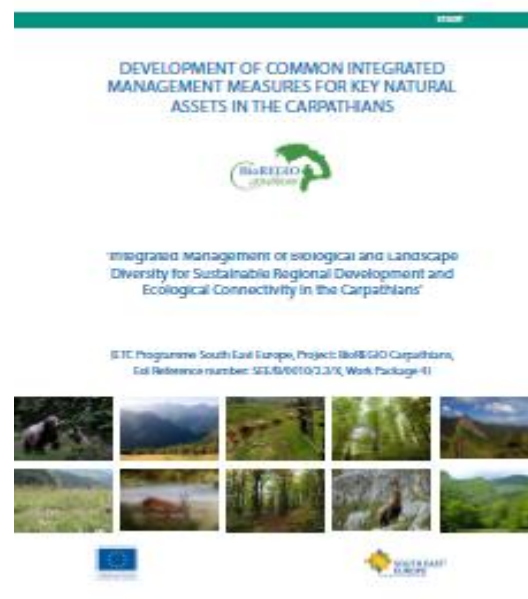
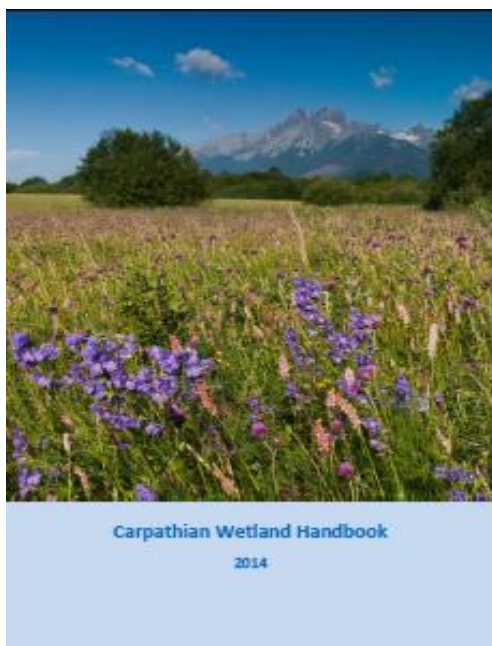


Ramsar Sites in the Carpathians



# Carpathians in the Natura 2000 processes

- 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





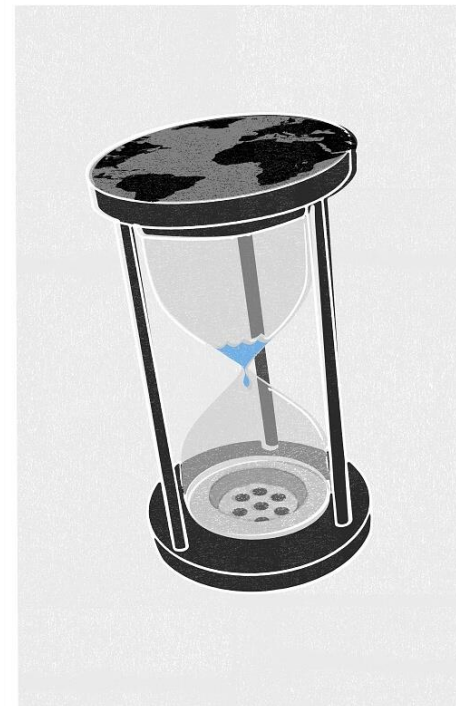
# Activities connected with culture



- 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



Rita Nagyová (2017)



Scott Lazerow (2014)



Marcin Urbanczyk (2011)

# Project Ramsar Culture Network in the Carpathian Region

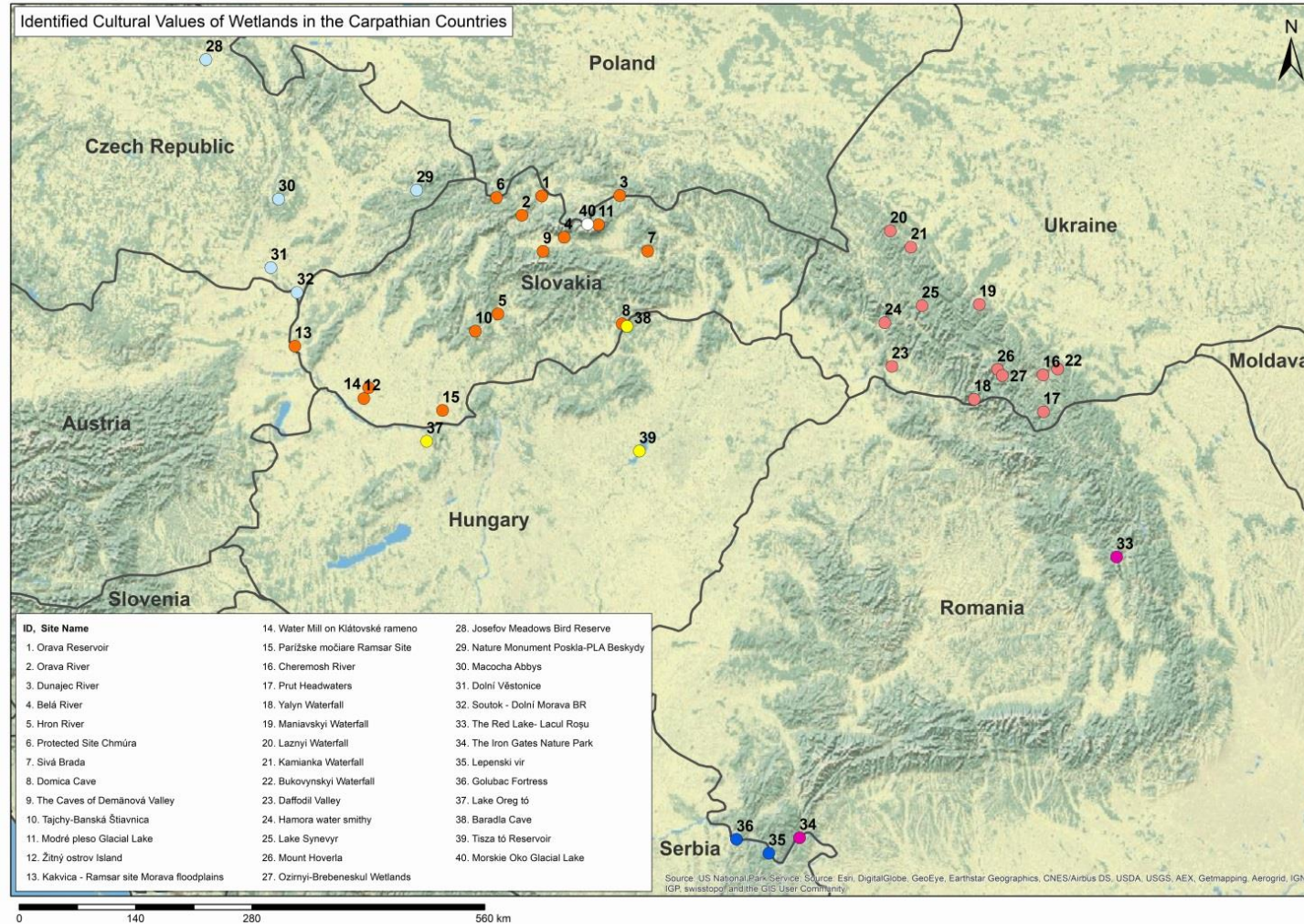


October 2017 – January 2018

- 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 / strategy 2019-2024



based on already by Carpathian Parties agreed documents

- Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024,
- Strategic Action Plan for the implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol of the Carpathian Convention,
- Decisions of the Carpathian Convention COP5 and Programme of Work 2018-2020,
- Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ramsar Convention and Carpathian Convention,
- ToR CWI

# CWI Work programme / strategy 2019-2024



- 1. Mainstreaming - *Promote integration of wetlands and their services and benefits into sectoral policies***
- 2. River Basin Management - *Cooperate on development and implementation of projects integrating wetlands in river basin management***
- 3. Invasive Alien Species - *Cooperate on identification and prioritization of invasive alien species and pathways of their introduction and expansion, on control and eradication of priority invasive alien species, and on preparation and implementation of management responses to prevent their introduction and establishment***
- 4. Ecological Networks and Management of Sites - *Cooperate on development of ecological network, continuity and connectivity of habitats in the Carpathians, including through integrated management of Ramsar Sites, designation of new Ramsar Sites, expansion of existing sites, maintenance and restoration of wetlands***
- 5. Prevention of environmental damages in wetlands - *Facilitate exchange of information on risk of change in ecological character of wetlands (including transborder rivers), addressing the threats to wetlands***

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- 6. Wetland Inventories – *Support of inventory of wetland habitats and species, development of Red Lists, inventory of cultural values in wetlands, common database and maps on wetlands in the Carpathians, documentation, promotion and dissemination of their functions, values, conservation and effective management***
- 7. Wetlands conservation, restoration and maintenance - *Identify priorities for common actions and for wetlands restoration and develop and implement common projects aimed at long-term conservation, maintenance, restoration and sustainable use of wetland habitats and species to be jointly undertaken in the Carpathians, in particular in border areas and transboundary protected areas***
- 8. Climate Change - *Identify wetlands most at risk due to climate change based on an assessment of the vulnerability of Carpathian wetlands to climate change impacts, propose and implement measures to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change***

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- 9. Research, monitoring, information system - *Facilitate cooperation in species and habitats monitoring, research in wetlands, development of joint information system and joint guidelines and methodologies to make them available to decision makers and practitioners***
- 10. Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness - *Develop and implement CWI Programme on communication, capacity development, education, participation and awareness, develop Carpathian Wetland Centre***
- 11. Capacities and financing - *Provide personal and financial support for implementation of the CWI strategy and related strategies and actions plans, mobilize financial resources for CWI work***

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