



General Assembly 2007

5 – 7 December 2007

Brasov, Romania

CERI Workplan 2008 – NGOs funding under LIFE +

Objectives

- Stabilize international network (financially, administratively, politically)
- Maintain Secretariat
- Improve functioning of national networks
- Improve coordination of establish working groups
- Strengthen position at the international level
- Building new partnership
- Get more involved in international discussions, initiatives, activities for biodiversity conservation
- Highlight strategic position of the Carpathian Mountains in the central part of Europe
- Promote Carpathian experience



Objectives:

- implementation Habitats Directive and coherence and interconnectivity of NATURA 2000 (with special focus on Art 10) in the Carpathian countries
- enhance the Carpathian Biodiversity Information System
- enhance the activities towards the development of the Carpathian Ecological Network
- Complement 6th Environmental Action Programme
- Support implementation of the environmental acquis in EU member and Third countries in the Caprathians



Actions

Institutional and organisational activities

Communication activities

Policy and networking activities

Expert Activities

Education

Promote sustainable tourism



Activities:

Institutional and organisational activities:

- finalize CERI Development Strategy
- running CERI Secretariat on day-to-day basis
- organise Board Meetings
- organise CERI General Assembly 2008
- support for five EU Carpathian countries through National Focal Points

Communication activities:

- update and improving CERI website
- Maintain CERI e-mail conferences
- publishing two issues of CERI Newsletter, CERI Information materials.



Activities:

Policy and networking activities:

- inform EC and ETC on distribution of habitats of Annex I and species of Annex II in Carpathians in order to improve Natura 2000 network
- cooperate and maintain contacts with Interim Secretariat of Carpathian Convention (ISCC), Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA), other partners in the region
- Biodiversity Protocol to the Carpathian Convention – lobby for incorporation of NGO comments, CERI membership in Working Group on Biodiversity of Carpathian Convention
- participate at COP 2 to the Carpathian Convention in Romania

Expert Activities:

- prepare distribution maps of the Habitat Directive Annexed species and habitats in the Carpathians
- develop design of Carpathian Ecological Network
- enhance Carpathian Biodiversity Information System
- develop 2 management models for HD annexed species



Activities:

Education:

- elaborate CERI Educational Manual “World of Carpathians
- establish network of environmental education experts in Carpathian countries

Promote sustainable tourism:

- assess tourism certification in the Carpathians including the European Eco-label
- set up directory at the CERI homepage that informs on labelled tourist destinations, accommodations and tour operators including information on sustainable tourism certification labels
- design a Carpathian-wide project to support sustainable tourism in the region



Expected results

- a map of distribution of HD Annex species and habitats in the Carpathians sent EC and ETC
- draft design of Carpathian Ecological Network
- two pilot species management models
- document “Common Objectives and Principles for Management and Sustainable Use of Nature in Carpathians”
- educational manual – World of Carpathians
- set of teaching aids produced
- multiply the EU biodiversity policies and the examples of their implementation in Serbia and Ukraine
- statement on the assessment of tourism certification in the Carpathians
Carpathian-wide project for sustainable tourism submitted to donor
- fully operational CERi Secretariat
- CERi General Assembly 2008
- 2 Board meetings organized
- communication among CERi enhanced through e-mail conference, newsletters, and website



Budget

Total: 172 150 EUR

Other sources of funding: 52 320 EUR (Wageningen International, Institut für Biodiversität)

Contribution requested from the Commission: 119 830 EUR