

# Ecological Club “Carpathians”

Designated in 1983.

Officially registered as an NGO in 30.10.1996.

Sources of funding – voluntary donations and grants.

14 full-time members.

Approximately 10 volunteers.



## **Main trends of activity:**

- collecting data about the present state of environment and data analyses;**
- conservation of landscape and biological diversity of the Carpathians;**
- designation of new protected areas and regime optimization within the existing ones;**
- ecological education;**
- ecological expert assessment and elaboration of recommendations on nature protection;**
- conservation of cultural and historical heritage of mountain dwellers;**
- eco-tourism development;**
- support of sustainable development of the region.**

## **Main projects**

**1997** – Biodiversity Support Program (BSP) “Optimization of sites belonging to the Nature-Protection fund of Transcarpathian region and improvement of nature-protection regime within them”;

**1998** – BSP project – Illustrated guidebook “Nature-Protection Fund of Transcarpathian Region”.

**1999-2000** – participation in TACIS-WWF project “Providing the general public with information about the Global Campaign on forest certification and its implementation in the Carpathians”

**2000** – organization of the III International Conference “State and prospective of bats investigation in the Carpathians at the edge of the century” (Rakhiv, September 8-12 2000).

**2000-2002** – participation in WWF project “Carpathian Ecoregion Initiative”

**2002** – the Carpathian Fund Project “Organization of the cultural action ”Cultural Heritage in the Center of Europe”.

**2002-2003** - project “Kyiv-2003” within the process “Environment for Europe”

**2004** – FORZA project (Swiss-Ukrainian project of forestry development in the Transcarpathian region, Ukraine) „Elaboration of general concept of hiking tourist trails in the Thranscarpathia – Transcarpathian Tourist Hiking Trial (TTHT)”.

## Participation in WWF project “Carpathian Ecoregion Initiative”

- Collecting data for the final report “The Status of the Carpathians”.
- Translation, correction, edition and distribution of the final report “The Status of the Carpathians” within Ukraine.
- Preparation, edition and distribution of materials containing information about CEI.
- Preparation and edition of proceedings of the International Conference held by CEI.
- Promotion of the CEI project through the mass-media
- Participation in Summit “Green light for Europe” (Bucharest, 2001)
- Project “Improvement of infrastructure for sustainable development of ecological tourism on the territory of the Carpathian Biosphere Reserve”



# Carpathian Biosphere Reserve

Designated in 1968

Officially established as  
a biosphere reserve in  
1993

Was awarded with the  
European Diploma in  
1996

Location – southern  
macroslopes of the  
Ukrainian Carpathians

Total area – 53.600 ha

Structure of the  
territory – 8 isolated  
massifs

Staff – 350 people



## **Main trends of activity**

- natural complexes conservation;
- investigation of natural environment and its monitoring;
- ecological education;
- ecological tourism and recreation;
- sustainable development of the region, etc.

# **1. Installation of 2 eco-tourist trails within the Kuziy-Svydovets and Trybushany forestries (CBR) – “To the Falcon Rock” and “The Center of Europe – trout breeding station”**

- Elaboration of the concept for eco-tourist trails within the CBR
- Definition and description of tourist routes
- Establishing tourist routes in nature, installation of hiking paths
- Installation of information boards at the beginning of each trail
- Marking of trails with information signs
- Installation of rest-places for tourists
- Installation of places for camping (fireplaces, garbage containers, toilets, etc.)







## **2. Edition and distribution of information guidebooks, leaflets, etc.:**

- Information guidebooks with maps and descriptions of ecological tourist trails
- Creation of a web-page on the official web-site of the CBR dedicated to the ecological tourism  
<http://cbr.nature.org.ua>

### **3. Information, decorative and technical arrangement of visit centers in the Carpathian Biosphere Reserve**

- Information complex center in the Geographic Center of Europe
- Installation of the sign – decorative sculpture composition near the Museum of Mountains' Ecology
- Information arrangement of the Visit Center in the Central Office of the CBR
- Supply of the Visit Center with video- and audio-equipment





## 4. Sharing of experience in the sphere of tourism with protected areas of other countries of the Carpathians

- Training (one week) in the Bieszczady National Park (Poland) for 5 representatives of the CBR; the program included hikes along the tourist trails, attending Visit Centers, etc.



## 5. Improvement of the hotel situated in the Central Office of the CBR making it corresponding to the European level:

- Repairing of kitchen, bathroom and toilet (using tiles)
- Sanitary equipment engineering
- Acquisition of a refrigerator, tableware, etc.



**Thank you for your attention!**

