



Sustainable regional development model project in the Carpathian Mountains

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Project history

- **Member organisations and previous projects**
- **Working groups**
- **Carpathian convention**

Signed by:

Czech Republic, **Hungary**, **Romania**, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia and Ukraine

Strategic priorities for:

- protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians,
- improving quality of life,
- strengthening local economies and communities,
- conserving natural values and cultural heritage.

- **Donor conference**



Basic principles

- sustainability
 - use of local resources
 - existing traditional organic cultures
 - principle of co-existence with nature in rural areas





Main objectives

Rural communities in the Carpathian region

- live in an adaptive way to the natural conditions
- implement sustainable natural resource use
- maintain (semi-)natural habitats

The project should

- discover, understand and support the still existing self-sustaining mechanisms, and
- help developing such models





Mission of the project

„utilise local resources for the locals’ benefits”

- saving the organic cultures
- sustainable co-existence of humans and nature

The planned two-year project can only be the **start up!**



Project management

- **Implemented by CEEWEB**
 - Project coordinator
 - Network of some 60 nature conservation NGOs in 18 CEE countries

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- **Partnership with Milvus Group**
 - Local coordinators:
Márton Kelemen
Csaba Domokos

www.milvus.ro
- Environmental Partnership Foundation**
 - Laszlo Potozky

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The Project

Phase 1

**Development of a
sustainable rural
development plan**

Phase 2

**Implementation
of the RDP at the
project site**



Project I.

The project site

- Romanian part of the Carpathian Mountains
 - Romania
 - ✓ Before EU accession
 - ✓ Pre-accession programs

- The exact project location:
 - Small village (up to 1.000 inhabitants)
 - Alive traditional agricultural practices, land-use patterns
 - Rich biodiversity (potential Natura 2000 site)
 - Traditional social structure
 - Inhabitants' strong link to the village
 - Willingness to take part in the project



Project II.

- Project set up (3 months)
- Future vision of the community (3 months)
 - Environmental Partnership Foundation
- Study visit
- Development Plan (strategic, operative)
- Implementation (14 months)
- Closing of the project (2 months)
 - conference



Project III.

Basic project data

<u>Total budget:</u>	<u>135.000 EUR</u>
<u>DOEN contribution</u>	<u>100.000 EUR</u>
<u>Practical activities</u>	<u>65 000 EUR</u>
<u>Project duration</u>	<u>24 months</u>
<u>Contract start:</u>	<u>01.03.2005</u>
<u>Contract ends:</u>	<u>01.03.2007</u>





Expected results and outcomes

- 1 A future vision for the community
- 2 Model for community development on Natura 2000 sites
- 3 Locally implemented small-scale practical activities
- 4 Model strategy and action plan for sustainable rural development in the Carpathians
- 5 Practical contribution to the implementation of the Carpathian Convention
- 6 Strengthening the community



Thank you for your kind attention!



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