

**“Integrated Biodiversity Management and Ecological Connectivity in the
Carpathians”
BioREGIO Carpathians Project
Final Conference**

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Dear colleagues and friends,

We are pleased to announce our BioREGIO Carpathians project final conference, which will take place in AnaHotels Sport, Poiana Brasov on the 12th and 13th of June 2014. The BioREGIO closure event will be organized back to back with the final event of the UNDP-GEF project “Improving the financial sustainability of the Carpathian System of Protected Areas”.

The project partners will introduce you to the final project results on Thursday the 12th of June. Furthermore, we will be introduced to the results of the Green mountain project, the UNDP GEF project and we will receive an overview on the upcoming activities of the South Eastern Europe programm. In the afternoon of the 12th, you are invited to attend to different training workshops, organised by the BioREGIO partners (you can subscribe for up to two workshops in the registration form). On the last day, Friday the 13th, you will have the opportunity to go on an excursion in the beautiful Piatra Craiului National Park.

Please find attached the registration form as well as some logistic details.

We will be very happy to welcome you to the conference. Please fill in the complete registration form and send it to Ms. Mathilde Koeck : mathilde.koeck@unvienna.org until Monday 05.05.2014.

For any further information, please contact Ms. Mathilde Koeck (mathilde.koeck@unvienna.org / Tel : 0043-1-26060 4454) or Ms. Patricia Tudor (Tel. +40268 223165 and ptudor@pcrai.ro).

With best regards,
The BioREGIO project partners

Jointly for our common future

About the project: BioREGIO Carpathians is a transnational cooperation EU project co-financed under the 2nd call of the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme, priority area "Protection and Improvement of the Environment". The project duration went from January 2011 till June 2014 and showed how the integrated management of the Carpathians' natural assets can boost sustainable development as well as ecological connectivity. 16 international, national, and local authorities, organizations and scientific institutions joined forces to contribute to the protection and development of the Carpathian mountain region. The seven Carpathian Ministries of the Environment are observers to the project. BioREGIO Carpathians is also a flagship project in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). The project works in close cooperation with the Carpathian Convention, with the aim to ensure an adequate follow-up of the project outcomes at the political level. To find out more about the BioREGIO Carpathians project please visit the project website:

<http://www.bioregiocarpathians.eu/>

Date: Thursday 12th and Friday 13th of June 2014

Location: Hotel Sport in Poiana Brasov, Romania

For more information, please visit the following link: <http://www.anahotels.ro/sporthotel/default-en.html>



Day 1: Thursday 12.06.2014

Time	Activity	
9:00 – 9:30	Participants registration & arrival	
9:30 – 9:45	Welcoming speech by Bioregio Lead Partner	Mircea Verghelet Moderation: Sissi Samec
9:45- 10:45	Presentation of Bioregio results	Bioregio project partners
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:15 – 11:45	Green Mountain Project Presentation	Mr. Dragos Mihai
11:45 - 12:15	UNDP-GEF Project Presentation: Improving the financial sustainability of the Carpathian System of Protected Areas.	Mr. Dragos Mihai and Ms. Monica Moldovan
12:15 – 12:30	Presentation of the South Eastern Europe Program	Ms. Alexandra Pala (tbc)
12:30 – 14: 00	<i>LUNCH</i>	<u>PARALLEL BioREGIO PRESS CONFERENCE</u>
14:00 – 16:00	Workshop 1 by WWF DCP (RDO) Workshop 4 by EURAC	
16:00 – 16: 15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:15 – 18:15	Workshop 2 by WWF DCP (CIMM) Workshop 3 by UNDP GEF	<u>PARALLEL Carpathian Network for Protected Areas Steering Committee MEETING</u>
18:15 – 18:30	Closure of the Conference	
20:00	<i>Common Dinner</i>	<i>Restaurant Sura Dacilor</i>

Day 2: Excursion in the Piatra Criailiu National Park (2 options)

- 1) half day excursion: canyon walk, visit of traditional village
- 2) full day excursion, hike up to 2000m

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Workshop proposals:

<p>Workshop 1 – by WWF DCP</p> <p>Training workshop on RDO's - Regional development opportunities</p>	<p>Duration: 2h</p> <p>Moderation: Ms. Hildegard Meyer</p>
<p>Workshop 2 – by WWF DCP</p> <p>Training workshop on CIMM - Common integrated management measures for natural assets and protected areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - forests and grasslands - Common integrated management measures for large mammals and wetlands 	<p>Duration: 2h</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Christian-Remus Papp, Mr. Costel Bucur</p>
<p>Workshop 3 – UNDP-GEF Project</p> <p><i>Workshop on sustainable financing for PA – the link between financial analysis, business plans, eLearning course, strategic implementation of management plans and partnerships at the level of Carpathian Convention towards joint cooperation and common vision for the future.</i></p>	<p>Duration: 2h</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sebastian Catanoiu (Director at Vanatori Neamt Nature Park, also pilot park in GEF Project) and Alin Birda (economist at Maramures Nature Park, pilot park in GEF Project)</p>
<p>Workshop 4 – by EURAC – European Academy of Bolzano</p> <p>“Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians – what after the BioREGIO project?”</p> <p>The workshop aims at discussing the results of the ecological connectivity analysis done in BioREGIO and to develop ideas and strategies for follow-up projects.</p>	<p>Duration: 2h</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Christian Hoffmann and Mr. Filippo Favilli</p>