

## Programme proposal

### International exchange on ecological networks between the Alps and the Carpathians

#### Project description

In 2008, in the frame of the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of parties of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) in Bonn, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the CBD, the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention.

In order to fill the Memorandum with life and to reinforce the cooperation in the field of ecological connectivity between the two mountain ranges of the Alps and the Carpathians a 2 day exchange is proposed by the French presidency and the former German presidency of the Platform Ecological network of the Alpine Convention. This event should be linked to the 6<sup>th</sup> official Platform meeting.

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

Location: Mikulov (Czech-Austrian border)

#### **Programme proposal**

##### Monday, 20.09.2010

Meeting at 13h00 at Vienna (Westbahnhof)

Meeting of the participants in Vienna (Austria) and common trip along the Alps-Carpathian Corridor by bus. The corridor between the Alps and the Carpathians is a traditional migration route for wildlife and connects the Eastern border of the Alps with the Little Carpathians in Slovakia. After an intensive preparation phase an international project was started in December 2008 involving several partners from Austria and Slovakia. This trip will be accompanied by experts of the project.

Link to the official project homepage: <http://www.alpenkarpatenkorridor.at/> (de)  
<http://www.alpskokarpatskykoridor.sk>

Further information about the project: <http://www.wwf.at/de/akk/>

*Public:* members of the Platform Ecological network

*Language:* English

##### Tuesday, 21.09.2010

6<sup>th</sup> official meeting of the Platform Ecological network of the Alpine Convention.

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*Language:* German, French, Italian, Slovenian

**Simultaneously:**

Discussion on a possible proposal for a Platform on Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians

*Public:* CNPA members, national and regional administrations, ecological network specialists, partner organisations

*Language:* English

Wednesday, 22.09.2010

International workshop on ecological connectivity for representatives of the Alps and the Carpathians. This event will be an opportunity to present the main activities on international level in both mountain regions (for example ECONNECT, the Ecological Continuum Initiative, BIOREGION Carpathians project proposal). In the afternoon there will be place for exchange and discussions on cooperation possibilities, common projects, and future possibilities of exchange.

*Public:* members of the Platform ecological networks of the Alpine Convention, guests from alpine countries (national and regional administrations, protected areas), representatives from Carpathian countries (national and regional administrations, members of the working group biodiversity of the Carpathian convention, protected areas, NGOs)

*Language:* English

Thursday, 23.09.2010

Excursion to Palava Landscape protected area, located nearby Mikulov. Presentations by local experts on ecological network examples in the Carpathians. Besides these theoretical explanations this field trip should also give the opportunity to show some concrete activities fostering ecological connectivity on the ground and to facilitate the informal exchange between the participants from different countries in order to foster future cooperation and projects.

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End at 16hoo. A shuttle service back to Vienna (Westbahnhof and Airport) is foreseen.

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This project will be financed by the French presidency of the Platform (MEEDDM) and the former German presidency of the Platform (BfN, BMU). There may also be a financial contribution from the ECONNECT WP8 dealing with knowledge transfer to other mountain ranges.

