

# **TRANSGREEN. Integrated Transport and Green Infrastructure Planning in the Danube-Carpathian Region for the Benefit of People and Nature**

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# The Carpathians



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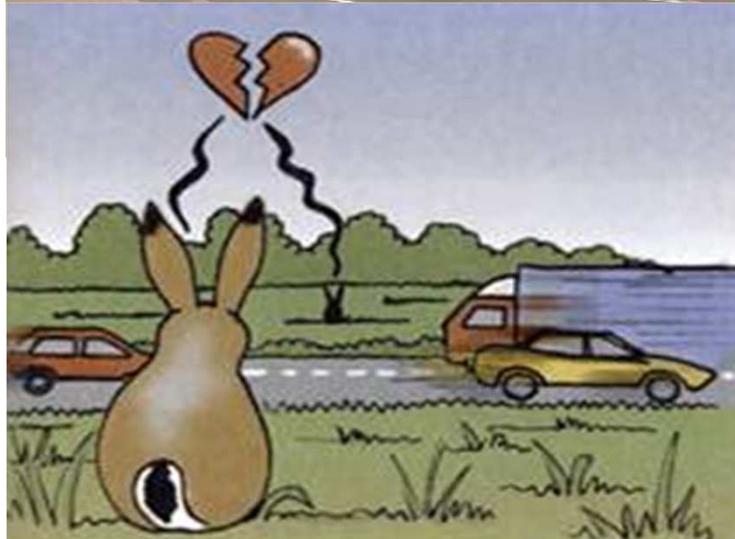
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...means **better connected** Carpathian region with transport infrastructure that takes **nature** conservation into account.

...aims to contribute to **safer and environmentally-friendly road and rail networks** in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Ukraine.

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Increase of **transport infrastructure** due to development causes

- Landscape fragmentation
- Land use change
- Wildlife barriers
- Positive impact on rural business

# Value of eco-corridors



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Impact on **ecological corridors / Green Infrastructure** in the region which are important for

- Biodiversity
- Migration routes for wildlife
- Stability & resilience of ecosystems
- Ecosystem services
- Prosperity of the region

## Integrated transport planning prioritized by international policies and regulations...

- EU Strategy for the Danube Region
- EU 7<sup>th</sup> Environmental Action Plan
- EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy
- EU Communication on Green Infrastructure
- TEN-T – Trans-European Network of Transport
- Carpathian Convention Protocol on Sustainable Transport

**...call for balanced approach on infrastructure development taking nature conservation into account to elaborate most sustainable solutions.**

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# Memorandum of Cooperation



Increased collaboration by

- Strengthening networks
- Closer coordination
- Contribution to alignment of funding
- Danube-Carpathian projects
- Cross-sectoral cooperation

# The project in numbers

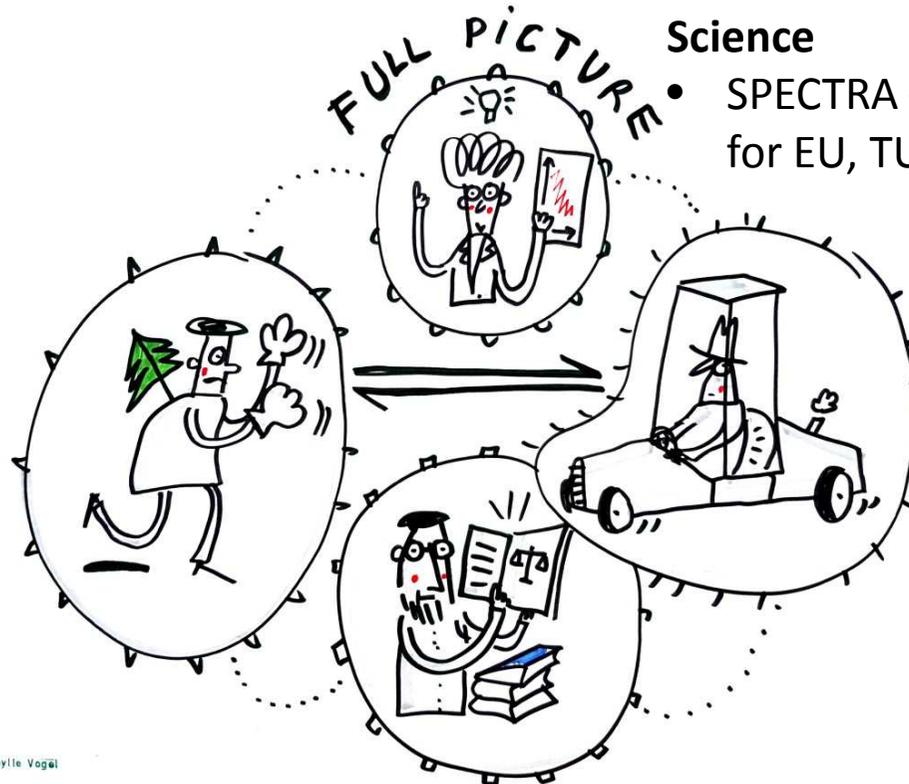
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- **Duration:** 1 January 2017 – 30 June 2019, 2.5 years
- **10 Project Partners** from 5 European Countries
- **9 Associated Strategic Partners** from 3 more countries
- **Lead Partner:** WWF International Danube-Carpathian Programme
- **Project value:** ~ 2.5 Mio EUR, 2.1 Mio EU ERDF Funds

# Project consortium

## NGOs

- Friends of the Earth – CZ
- CEEweb – HU
- Milvus – RO
- WWF – AT, RO



- SPECTRA – Centre of Excellence for EU, TU Bratislava – SK

## Transport sector

- Czech Transport Research Centre
- Motorway Company - SK

## Public authorities

- Nature Conservation Agency - CZ
- State Nature Conservancy - SK

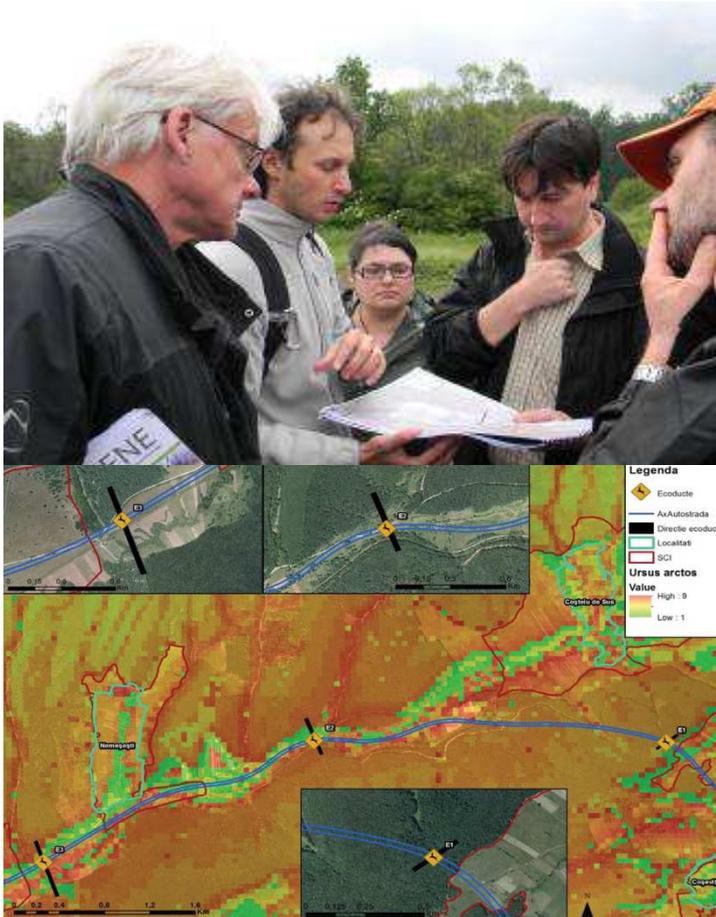
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# Project Associated Strategic Partners

- **Austria:** Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology
- **Czech Republic:** Ministry of the Environment
- **Hungary:** National Infrastructure Dev. Private Company Ltd.
- **Poland:** Ministry of Infrastructure and Construction
- **Romania:** Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Transport
- **Slovenia:** Ministry of Infrastructure
- **Ukraine:** Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources,  
Transcarpathian Regional State Administration

The **main objective** of the project is to contribute to **an environmentally-friendly and safer road and rail network in the Carpathians** as part of the wider Danube river basin by integrating **Green Infrastructure** elements into TEN-T related transport infrastructure development at the **local, national and transnational** level across relevant sectors.



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# Specific Objectives

1. **Cooperation** among relevant partners from transport, spatial planning and environmental sector is improved.
2. **Scientific knowledge** base for sound decision-making is created.
3. **Conflicts** between transport planning and Green Infrastructure objectives are **minimised**.

# Target groups



- National public authorities
- Regional public authorities
- Sectoral agencies
- Infrastructure and (public) Service Provider
- Interest groups including NGOs (e.g. hunters, foresters etc.)

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## Expected outputs



- Planning toolkit
- Workshops on integrated transport infrastructure
- Catalogue of measures for each pilot area
- Actions focusing on conflict minimisation
- EIA training events
- Web-based database
- Draft text of Carpathian Convention Strategic Action Plan
- Multi-sectoral meetings and/or fora

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- It is important to act now!
- Towards solutions for economic development that are compatible with nature conservation goals.
- For the sake of people living in the Danube Basin!

# Thanks!



How the transport sector sees environmental NGOs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ok822J0HJMk>

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