Annual Report and Workplan

Annual report for year 2023 and workplan for year 2024 (6 pages maximum)

Submission deadline: 20 January 2023

1. General information

- a. Name of Ramsar Regional Initiative (RRI): Carpathian Wetland Initiative
- b. Have the terms of reference (TORs) or equivalent documents been updated? Yes / No (https://www.cwi.sk/files/Annex4_CWIToRs.pdf)

NOTE: Following <u>Resolution XIII.9 paragraph 8</u>, TORs or equivalent documents must be developed, which contain rules of procedure, structure, governance and membership, including the status of the Convention Secretariat's participation in the RRI, and which should be consistent with the Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of the Parties.

c. Is the RRI eligible for core funding from the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands? Yes / No

2. Work and activities undertaken during year 2023

Objectives	Activities	Results/ Outcomes	Verifiable indi- cators	Means of verifica- tion / source of in- formation	Relevant Ramsar Strategic Plan Goals
1. Wetland benefits are featured in the Carpathian Convention policies, strategies and plans	1.1 Participation in the work of relevant Carpathian Convention working groups 1.2 Identification and prioritization of invasive alien species and pathways of their introduction and expansion, cooperation in preparation of management responses	Completed Outcomes: Wetlands, their services and benefits and nature- based solutions are integrated in relevant docu- ments of the Car- pathian Convention, in sectoral strategies and policies and in relevant projects Partly com- pleted Discussed within the Carpathian Biodiversity Frame- work adopted at the CC COP7 - Possible action on IAS to be discussed with the WG Biodiversity	Documents, strategies, meeting reports (WG Biodiversity, online consultations, CCIC, CC COP7 decisions and documents)	Reports of the meetings; Carpathian Convention and CWI web sites: http://www.carpathianconvention.org/2023/06/14/ 14th-meeting-of-the-carpathian-convention-implementation-committee/; http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/cop7.html; http://www.carpathianconvention.org/tl files/carpathianconvention.org/tl files/carpathianconvention.org/tl files/carpathianconvention.org/tl files/carpathianconvention.org/tl files/carpathianconvention.org/tl files/carpathianconvention.org/tl files/carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/officialdocurents/CC%20COP7%20DC7_Carpathian%20Biodiversity%20Framework_ADOPTED.pdfhttps://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news:	Goal 1: Addressing the Drivers of Wetland Loss and Degradation Goal 4: Enhancing Implementation
2. Ecological networks and integrated management of Ramsar Sites are strengthened	2.1 Cooperation in the development of the ecological network in the Carpathians, contribution to relevant projects on continuity and connectivity of habitats in the region, cooperation and advice in the designation of new Ramsar Sites, expansion of existing sites; joint management planning	Completed Outcomes: Project proposals consulted and de- veloped; Work- shops and meet- ings with CCIC and relevant WGs; promotion of NaturaConnect project; Participa- tion in workshops of the project; Carpathian Biodi- versity Frame- work; trans-	Project proposal TINY-ties pre- pared for submis- sion (Interreg Central Europe); participation in workshops of pro- jects on ecological connectivity; ac- tivities within the Carpathian Biodi- versity Frame- work adopted at CC COP7; cooper- ation of MoE of Romania and Ser-	Carpathian Convention and CWI web sites: http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/cop7.html; http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/officialdocuments/CC%20COP7%20DOC7_Carpathian%20Biodiversity%20Framework_ADOPTED.pdf; https://www.cwi.sk/i	Goal 2: Ef- fectively Conserving and Manag- ing the Ram- sar Site Net- work

	2.2 Development of network of Carpa- thian Ramsar Sites managers	boundary RS designation and management facilitated Completed Outcomes: List of contacts of Carpathian RS	bia on trans- boundary Ramsar Site Iron Gates - Djerdap, resulted in signing of the letter of designa- tion of the trans- boundary site on the occasion of CC COP7, on October 12 th in Belgrade, Serbia Address list of RS managers con- sulted with Par- ties	ndex.php?page=news; Document – Excel table	
	2.3 Cooperation with other net- works of protected areas (CNPA, AL- PARC, DANUBEP- ARKS) within exist- ing MoC and with other partners (Wetlands Interna- tional, EUSDR PA6, EUROPARC, Euro- site, IUCN) in devel- opment of new doc- uments and pro- jects on ecological connectivity	managers Completed Outcomes: Strategic documents; project drafts consulted and developed (with Wetlands International Europe); events of partner organizations promoted; CWI approved as observer to the EUSDR PA6 Steering Group; communication within EUSDR to engage CWI countries; proposal for cooperation	Meetings, meeting reports, project proposals prepared	E-mail communication; Information on the web site of the Carpathian Convention, CWI and partners (DANUBEPARKS, EUSDR PA6)	
	3.1 Initiating wet- lands inventory in the Carpathians	Completed Outcomes: Project proposal on wetlands distribution in the Carpathians discussed	Project proposal	Project documenta- tion	
3. Wetlands conservation, restoration and maintenance supported	3.2 Cooperation with the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and Science for the Carpathians in review of the Carpathian Red List of habitats and species and in research and monitoring	Partly completed Plan on Red Lists revision included in the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework; Forum Carpaticum promoted; communication with the Science for the Carpathians (S4C); consultations with the Eurac Research on expertise for	Meetings, meeting reports	E-mail communication; web sites: http://www.carpathianconvention.org/tl files/carpathiancon/Downloads/03%20Meetings%20and%20Events/Working%20Groups/Biodiversity/14th%20meeting/1907Biodiversityagenda.pdf; http://www.carpathianconvention.org/cop7/docs/officialdocuments/CC%20COP7%	Goal 3: Wisely Using All Wetlands

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		tion of ecosystem		thian%20Biodiver-	
		services		sity%20Frame-	
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	3.3 Sharing experi-	Completed	Events and pro-	E-mail communica-	
	ence on wetlands	Outcomes:	jects promoted;	tion; report of the	
	restoration in Eu-	Information on	participation in	study trip from partic-	
	rope	River Restoration	River Restoration	ipants;	
		Study Tour dis-	Study Tour (Vi-	https://www.cwi.sk/i	
		tributed, partici-	enna, Donau	ndex.php?page=news	
		pation supported;	Auen NP, AT) sup-	;	
		sharing infor-	ported (3 at-	https://www.sopsr.sk	
		mation on LIFE	tendees, 2	/pub-	
		platform meeting	women, 1 man);	likacie/chus/chus100	
		on benefits of	Czech Ramsar	<u>final.pdf</u> (p. 111)	
		peatland restora-	Committee – 15		
		tion in Europe;	participants; re-		
		promotion of the	ports		
		project on Ecohy-			
		drological restora-			
		tion of peatlands			
		in the Carpathi-			
		ans; Event in Vi-			
		enna (AT); Work-			
		shops, confer-			
		ences and study			
		tours to wetland			
		restoration exam-			
		ples – excursion			
		of the Czech Ram-			
		sar Committee to			
		the restoration			
		sites in Slovakia			
	3.4 Cooperation in	Completed	Project proposals	TINY-ties: Tiny Areas	
	preparation of pro-	Outcomes:	and documents;	for European Biodi-	
	jects aimed at wet-	Project proposals	conservation	versity (Interreg Cen-	
	land conservation, maintenance, resto-	consulted, devel-	management in a Ramsar Site in	tral Europe); "Sponges" concept	
	ration and wise use,	oped and submit-	Ukraine; Latorica	(Wetlands Interna-	
	climate adaptation	ted in coopera-	project ("Recon-	tional) https://eu-	
	and mitigation	tion with Wet-	necting the La-	rope.wet-	
	and magadon	lands Interna-	torica River flood-	lands.org/publica-	
		tional and part- ners from Central	plain landscape in	tions/sponge-restora-	
		Europe; investiga-	a transboundary	tion/; http://www.na-	
		tion of the possi-	context" – SK, UA	tureex-	
		bilities for a	Endangered	perts.org/en/eoca-	
		"sponges" project	Landscapes Pro-	rescue-the-narcissi-	
		in a catchment;	gramme)	valley/;	
		Rescue Narcissus		https://www.endan-	
		Valley project im-		geredland-	
		plemented in UA		scapes.org/project/la-	
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4. Wetlands	4.1 Preparation of	Completed	Presentations on	Information on the	
	publications and	Outcomes:	CWI (meetings of	web sites of the Car-	
conservation,	promotion of CWI	Presentations for	the WG Biodiver-	pathian Convention,	
management	and Carpathian	CC and other	sity, CCIC; Czech	CWI, ARLG,	Goal 4: En-
and wise use	wetlands, commu-	events; participa-	and Slovak Ram-	EKOPLAGÁT:	hancing Im-
mainstreamed	nication of CWI ac-	tion at 6 th Interna-	sar Committees;	http://www.carpathi-	plementa-
through com-	tivities; support of	tional Conference	COP7, training in	anconven-	tion
munication,	EKOPLAGÁT '23 In-	Water Resources	CZ); Abstract and	tion.org/cate-	CIOII
capacity de-	ternational Exhibi-	and Wetlands (13	poster in Interna-	gory/events/;	
1			tional conference	nttoc://www.cui.ck/i	
velopment,	tion and Contest;	– 17 Sept., 2023,	Water Resources	https://www.cwi.sk/i ndex.php?page=news	

education,	maintenance of	Tulcea, RO) with	and Wetlands	; https://www.limnol-	
participation and aware- ness	CWI web site 4.2 Promotion of	poster on CWI activities; International exhibition EKOPLAGÁT '23 co-organized and best wetland poster awarded; web site updated Completed	(Tulcea, RO); Exhibition EKOPLAGÁT '23 28 Sept. – 11 Nov. 2023, Žilina, SK; Updated information on the web Ramsar News-	ogy.ro/wrw2023/wrw 2023.html; https://www.ekoplag at.sk/en/home/; https://www.face- book.com/ekoplagat;	
	the World Wetlands Day in the Carpathi- ans	Outcomes: WWD events initiated and promoted within the CWI Board	letter and materials on WWD 2023 distributed	tion	
	4.3 Training and capacity building activities for wetland managers and other stakeholders	Completed Outcomes: Training/course prepared and implemented; participation in study tours promoted and supported; involvement in the Carpathian Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Expert Network; questionnaire filled-in	Study Trip River Restoration (Do- nau-Auen NP, AT, 4 – 5 May, 2023); Training and study tour on wetland restora- tion organized in cooperation with the Czech MoE (2- 6 Oct. 2023 in CZ; 10 participants – 7 women, 3 men); participation in relaunching the Carpathian ESD Expert Network; questionnaire	Information on the web sites: https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news;http://www.carpathianconvention.org/topics/awareness-raising-education-and-public-participation/	
	5.1 Support and advice for the DAN- UBEPARKS for establishment of the WILDISIand RRI	Completed Outcome: Consultations with DANUBEP- ARKS, meetings, supporting documents	Documents, meeting reports (DANUBEPARKS General Assem- bly)	E-mail communication; RRI documentation and information on the web: https://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news	
5. Cooperation with other regional initiatives and	5.2 Support and co- operation within the European Coali- tion of RRIs	Partly com- pleted Outcome: Supporting docu- ments, joint events,	Consultations within the RRIs, presentation on activities of the CWI	Annual meeting of the RRIs with Ramsar Secretariat 24 Jan. 2023	Goal 4: En- hancing Im- plementa-
partners strengthened	5.3 Initiation, reinforcement and/or formalization of cooperation with partner organizations	Completed Outcomes: Invitation for partnership to EUSDR PA6, ob- server status of CWI in EUSDR PA6 approved; com- munication with partner organiza- tions	Letters, docu- ments	Documentation, report	tion
6. Operation and governance of the	6.1 Communication and consultations with the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, CNPA	Partly com- pleted Outcome:	Informal consulta- tions with the CNPA chair, CC Secretariat and	http://www.carpathi- anconven- tion.org/cop7/docs/o fficialdocu- ments/CC COP7 DOC	Goal 4: En- hancing Im- plementa- tion

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	lishment of the CWI	cess	COP7/9 Conserva-		
	association		tion and sustaina-		
			ble use of biologi-		
			cal and landscape		
			diversity		
	6.2 Review of the	Not completed	Decision COP7/9	http://www.carpathi-	
	CWI Terms of Refer-	Revision of the	Conservation and	anconven-	
	ence according to	ToR postponed	sustainable use of	tion.org/cop7/docs/o	
	the new Opera-	due to unfinished	biological and	fficialdocu-	
	tional Guidelines for	transformation	landscape diver-	ments/CC COP7 DOC	
	RRIs	process and con-	sity	3 COP7%20DECI-	
		tinued discussions	,	SIONS ADOPTED.pdf	
		on the govern-			
		ance			
	6.3 Operation of	Completed	Report; CWI	E-mail communica-	
	the Carpathian	Outcomes:	Board address	tion, Information on	
	Wetland Centre,	Wetland Centre	list; voluntary	the web	
	CWI coordination,	maintained, wet-	contribution to	https://www.cwi.sk/i	
	fundraising, meet-	land library sup-	the CWI budget	ndex.php?page=con-	
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		Board address list			
		updated, Board			
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		raising with Board			
		members			
		members			

3. Key achievements / results during year 2023

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a. Please describe briefly the two or three main achievements / results during year 2023 (max. 200 words).

International training course and study tour on wetland restoration organized in cooperation with the Czech Ministry of Environment and the Czech Ramsar Committee; CWI work featured in the decisions and documents of the Carpathian Convention including COP7; EKOPLAGÁT ´23 – International Exhibition and Contest of posters co-organised, including CWI award-

b. For those RRIs receiving funding from the Convention in 2023 if there were changes to the work plan for year 2023, including postponement or delay, please indicate the reasons

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(max. 200 words).

c. Please describe briefly the two or three main challenges and lessons learned and planned measures to overcome or apply those (max. 200 words).

Capacities for coordination of the RRI, work overload of focal points in the respective countries and partners with other priorities;

Governance and legal entity of the RRI;

The challenges will be dealt with in further communication and consultations with the Secretariats of the Carpathian and Ramsar Conventions, Steering Committee of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, CWI Board members and partner organisations.

4. Financial report for year 2023

Total planned budget for year 2023: **31,200 EUR** (31,200 CHF) (as submitted in last year's plan) Average exchange rate EUR to CHF: 0.973

Details of sources of income and amounts:

Sources of income *	Income received
SNC SR SK	6,640.00 EUR
Ministry of Environment SK	2,786.00 EUR
Ministry of Environment CZ	7,003.00 EUR
Ministry of Agriculture HU	1,886.83 EUR
UNE Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention	755.08 EUR.
DANUBEPARKS Association	290.12 EUR
Wetlands International	1,000.00 EUR
Danube-Carpathian Programme NGO UA, EOCA, ORTIVOX	12,000 EUR
Ramsar funding – amount left from previous years	1,208.06 EUR
Total (CHF)	33,569.09 CHF

Detailed expenditure:

Budget Items	Planned expenditure	Actual expenditure (CHF)
1.1 Participation in the work of relevant Carpathian Convention working groups	1,000 EUR	1,471.03
1.2 Identification and prioritization of IAS, preparation of management responses	1,000 EUR	0.00
2.1 Cooperation in the development of the ecological network in the Carpathians, relevant projects, designation of Ramsar Sites	1,000 EUR	320.00
2.2 Development of network of Carpathian Ramsar Sites managers	500 EUR	0.00
2.3 Cooperation with other networks of protected areas, with other partners in development of new documents and projects	1,000 EUR	0.00
3.1 Initiating wetlands inventory in the Carpathians	1,000 EUR	0.00
3.2 Cooperation with the CC Secretariat and S4C in review of the Carpathian Red List, research, monitoring	1,000 EUR	0.00
3.3 Sharing experience on wetlands restoration in Europe	1,500 EUR	3,111.90
3.4 Cooperation in preparation of projects aimed at wetland conservation, maintenance, restoration, climate adaptation and mitigation	1,000 EUR	13,030.10
4.1 Preparation of publications and promotion of CWI and Carpathian wetlands, communication of CWI activities; web site	3,500 EUR	2,403.00
4.2 Promotion of the World Wetlands Day in the Carpathians	500 EUR	0.00
4.3 Training and capacity building activities for wetland managers and other stakeholders	7,000 EUR	6,421.31
5.1 Support and advice for the DANUBEPARKS for establishment of the WILDisland RRI	700 EUR	319.37
5.2 Support and cooperation within the European Coalition of RRIs	500 EUR	0.00

Total (CHF)	31,200 EUR	31,968.31 EUR=CHF	
tion, fundraising, meeting of CWI Board members	8,500 EUR	4,518.80	
6.3 Operation of the Carpathian Wetland Centre, CWI coordina-	8 E00 EUR	A E 19 90	
Operational Guidelines for RRIs	1,000 EOR	0.00	
6.2 Review of the CWI Terms of Reference according to the new	1,000 EUR	0.00	
CWI association	1,000 EOR	360.00	
6.1 Communication and consultations on establishment of the	1,000 EUR	360.00	
tion with partner organizations	300 EOK	12.80	
5.3 Initiation, reinforcement and/or formalization of coopera-	500 EUR	12.80	

Certified by Renáta Žišková (SNC SR) and Ján Kadlečík (CWI) on 29 December 2023

Financial balance

CWI Ramsar funding (24126) (amount left)	0.78 €
CWI budget from Hungary (24124) (voluntary contributions MoA HU)	9,844.73 €
CWI budget from the Czech Republic (24125) (voluntary contrib. MoE CZ)	497.29 €
CWI budget from the Slovak Republic (24127) (voluntary contrib. MoE SK)	2,330.83 €

Total amount of unspent and uncommitted balance to be carried over to 2024: 12,673.63 EUR=CHF

5. Work and activities planned for 2024

Objectives	Activities	Expected results/ outcomes	Verifiable in- dicators	Means of veri- fication / source of in- formation	Relevant Ram- sar Strategic Plan Goals (<u>link</u>)
1. Wetland benefits are featured in the Carpathian Convention policies, strategies and plans	1.1 Participation in the work of relevant Carpathian Convention working groups, contribution to revision of the work plans of WGs for the period 2024 – 2026 and implementation of the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework 1.2 Identification and prioritization	Wetlands, their services and benefits and nature-based solutions are integrated in relevant documents of the Carpathian Convention, relevant Protocols, strategies, action plans and projects Draft List of invasive alien species	Documents, project proposals Updated List of IAS in the Carpa-	Information on the web site of the Carpathian Convention and CWI	Goal 1: Addressing the Drivers of Wetland Loss and Degradation
	of invasive alien species and pathways of their introduction and expansion, cooperation in preparation of management responses 2.1 Cooperation	in the Carpathians reviewed Workshops and	thians At least one work-	the Carpathian Convention and CWI	
2. Ecological networks and integrated management of Ramsar Sites are strengthened	in the development of the ecological network in the Carpathians, contribution to relevant projects on continuity and connectivity of habitats in the region, cooperation and advice in the designation of new Ramsar Sites, extension of existing sites; joint management planning	meetings with CC Biodiversity WG and other rele- vant WGs; RISs and maps devel- oped; trans- boundary RS des- ignation and man- agement facili- tated	shop / meeting; documents on Ramsar Sites	the web site of the Carpathian Convention and CWI	Goal 2: Effec- tively Conserv- ing and Manag- ing the Ramsar Site Network
	2.2 Development of network of Car- pathian Ramsar Sites managers	Network of Car- pathian Ramsar Sites managers developed and in- volved in the CWI work	RS managers contacted and involved, participation in the activities	Information on the CWI web site	

	2.3 Cooperation with other networks of protected areas (CNPA, ALPARC, DANUBEPARKS) within existing MoC and with other partners (Wetlands International, EUSDR PA6, EUROPARC, Eurosite, IUCN, CEEweb) in development of new documents and projects	Strategic docu- ments; project drafts consulted and developed	Meetings, meeting reports, project drafts prepared	Information on the web site of the Carpathian Convention, CWI and partners	
3. Wetlands conservation,	3.1 Initiating wetlands inventory in the Carpathians 3.2 Cooperation with the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and Science for the Carpathians in review of the Carpathian Red List of habitats and species and in research and moni-	Project proposal on wetlands dis- tribution, values in the Carpathians discussed, fund- ing opportunities identified Work plan on Red Lists revision and involvement of CWI	Meetings, meeting reports, project draft prepared	Information on the web site of the Carpathian Convention, CWI and partners	Goal 3: Wisely
restoration and maintenance supported	toring 3.3 Sharing ideas and experience on wetlands restoration planning to harmonise national restoration plans under the EU Nature Restoration Law with a view to wetland habitats and species protected by the Habitats and Birds Directives, as well as to Nature-based Solutions and Ecosystem-based adaptation	Workshops, webinars, conferences and study tours to wetland restoration examples with focus on peatlands conservation, restoration and paludiculture, to emphasize the crucial role of peatlands in climate change adaptation	At least one event facilitated	Information on the CWI web site	Using All Wet- lands

	3.4 Cooperation in preparation of projects aimed at wetland conservation, maintenance, restoration and wise use, climate adaptation and mitigation, search for potential areas to increase the "sponge" capacity of the landscape as a nature-based adaptation to the impacts of climate change	Potential sites for restoration identified; relevant project proposals consulted and developed; approved projects implemented	Project proposals; project activities implemented	Project documen- tation; project websites	
4. Wetlands conservation, management and wise use mainstreamed through com-	4.1 Preparation of publications and promotion of CWI and Carpathian wetlands, communication of CWI activities; maintenance of CWI web site; involvement to the Carpathian ESD Expert Network	Publications on CWI and the Car- pathian wetlands and their func- tions and ser- vices; web site updated	Updated information on the web	Information on the CWI web site;	Goal 4: Enhanc- ing Implementa-
munication, ca- pacity develop- ment, educa- tion, participa-	4.2 Promotion of the World Wet- lands Day in the Carpathians	WWD events initi- ated and pro- moted	Information of WWD events	Information on the CWI web site	tion
tion and aware- ness	4.3 Training and capacity building activities for wetland managers and other stakeholders	Training/course/ study trip on wet- lands/rivers resto- ration, free-flow- ing rivers, fish mi- gration prepared and implemented	At least one training event	Information on the CWI web site	
	5.1 Support and cooperation within the Euro- pean Coalition of RRIs	Supporting documents, joint events, statements	Documents	Information on the web	
5. Cooperation with other regional initiatives and partners	5.2 Consultations with DANUBEP- ARKS and Danube Wild Islands RRI	Meetings, sup- porting docu- ments	Documents	Documentation; Information on the web	Goal 4: Enhanc- ing Implementa- tion
strengthened	5.3 Initiation, re- inforcement and/or formaliza- tion of coopera- tion with partner organizations	Invitation, letters of support and/or agreements with partner organizations	Documents	Documentation	

	6.1 Communica-	Conclusions of	Documents	Documentation	
6. Operation	tion and consultations with the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, CNPA Steering Committee, members, SNC SR and partners on establishment of the CWI	the meetings and consultation pro- cess			
and governance of the CWI rein- forced	association 6.2 Review of the CWI Terms of Ref- erence according to the new Opera- tional Guidelines for RRIs	ToR consulted, updated and pre- pared for adop- tion at the CCIC and CC COP7	Document	Information on the web	Goal 4: Enhanc- ing Implementa- tion
	6.3 Operation of the Carpathian Wetland Centre, CWI coordination, fundraising, meeting of CWI Board members	Wetland Centre maintained, wet- land library sup- plemented, staff supported, CWI Board meeting or- ganized	Report	Information on the web	

6. Financial plan for year 2024

For those RRIs <u>not</u> receiving funding from the Convention in 2023, please provide the necessary information in the table below.

Total planned budget: 46,673 CHF Average exchange rate EUR to CHF: 1:1

Details of planned income sources and amount:

Sources of income	Forecast / budgeted income (EUR/CHF)
State Nature Conservancy SNC SR / MoE SK	15,500.00
Ministry of Environment CZ	5,000.00
Ministry of Agriculture HU	1,000.00
UNE Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention	2,500.00
DCP UA, EOCA, ORTOVOX, WFN (project funding)	10,000.00
CWI budget from MA Hungary (24124)	9,844.73
CWI budget from MoE Czech Republic (24125)	497.29
CWI budget from MoE Slovak Republic (24127)	2,330.83
Total	46,672.85 CHF

Details of planned expenditure:

Activities	Planned expenditure	Sources of income	
1.1 Participation in the work of relevant Carpathian	1,000 EUR	SNC SR	500
Convention working groups	1,000 EOR	UNE SCC	500
1.2 Identification and prioritization of IAS and path-	1.000 EUR	SNC SR	500
ways of their introduction and expansion	1,000 EUR	UNE SCC	500

2.1 Comparation in the development of the coolering		
2.1 Cooperation in the development of the ecological	4 000 5115	SNC SR 500
network in the Carpathians, designation of new Ram-	1,000 EUR	CWI budget HU 500
sar Sites, joint management planning		
2.2 Development of network of Carpathian Ramsar	500 EUR	SNC SR 500
Sites managers		
.3 Cooperation with other networks of protected ar-		SNC SR 500
eas and with other partners on ecological connectivity	1,000 2011	CWI budget HU 500
3.1 Initiating wetlands inventory in the Carpathians	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500
	1,000 LON	CWI budget HU 500
3.2 Cooperation with the Secretariat of the CC and S4C	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500
in review of the Carpathian Red Lists	1,000 EUR	UNE SCC 500
3.3 Sharing experience on wetlands restoration in Eu-		CWI budget CZ 500
rope	1,500 EUR	CWI budget HU 500
		CWI budget MoE SK 500
3.4 Cooperation in preparation of projects on wetland		SNC SR 500
conservation, maintenance, restoration and wise use,	11,000 EUR	UNE SCC 500
climate adaptation and mitigation	,	UA donors 10,000
4.1 Preparation of publications and promotion of CWI		SNC SR 500
and Carpathian wetlands, communication of CWI ac-	3,000 EUR	CWI budget HU 2,000
tivities; maintenance of CWI web site	0,000 =0	CWI budget MoE SK 500
4.2 Promotion of the World Wetlands Day in the Car-		
pathians	500 EUR	SNC SR 500
4.3 Training and capacity building activities for wet-		MoE CZ 5,000
land managers and other stakeholders	7,000 EUR	CWI budget HU 1,500
	7,000 2011	SNC SR 500
5.1 Support and cooperation within the European Coalition		
of RRIs	700 EUR	CWI budget HU 700
5.2 Consultations with DANUBEPARKS and Danube Wild Is-	500 5115	SNG 5D 500
lands RRI	500 EUR	SNC SR 500
5.3 Initiation, reinforcement and/or formalization of	500 5115	SNG 5D 500
cooperation with partner organizations	500 EUR	SNC SR 500
6.1 Communication and consultations with the CC Sec-		2112.22
retariat, CNPA SC, members and partners on establish-	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500
ment of the CWI association	,	CWI budget MoE SK 500
6.2 Review of the CWI ToR according to the new Oper-		SNC SR 500
ational Guidelines for RRIs, consultations	1,000 EUR	UNE CC 500
6.3 Operation of the Carnathian Wetland Centre, CWI		SNC SR 8,000
coordination, fund raising, meeting of CWI Board	8,500 EUR	CWI budget MoE SK 500
Total (CHF)	41,700	41,700
Total (CITI)	71,700	41,700

This report is certified by Dr. Ján Kadlečík, CWI coordinator on 29 December 2023

Explanatory notes

1. Terms of reference of RRIs

<u>Following Resolution XIII.9 paragraph 8</u>, RRIs must develop terms of reference, which cover their own rules of procedure, structure, governance, membership, including the status of the Convention Secretariat's participation in the RRI, and which should be consistent with the Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of Parties (<u>Resolution XIII.9</u>). Equivalent documents must cover the same items.

2. Eligible for core funding from the Secretariat

Following the Operational Guidelines, financial assistance to an RRI from the core budget is provided for a limited period of time, in principle only for a period corresponding to Resolution XIII. 9 paragraph 8.g).

3. Items in activity tables

To fill out the table for undertaken activities and planned activities, please make sure that "Objectives", "Activities", "Results/outcomes", "Verifiable indicators" and "Means of verification / source of information" are consistent with the submitted plan for the year.

- Objectives: Please indicate a specific statement narrating a desired accomplishment or outcome (e.g. to improve capacity of the RRI members in the management of wetlands).
- Results/outcomes: Please indicate whether planned activities are completed or not. If you organized a workshop/seminar/training course, please specify the number of attendees including gender information (e.g. XX trainings were organized, XX people attended (XX women, XX men)). This information will enable assessment of achievements and results.
- Verifiable indicators: Indicators are to measure progress and achievement. Please include indicators to verify to what extent progress is being made towards results/outcomes and how those results/outcomes are achieved (e.g. the number of training courses, the number of publications).
- Means of verification / source of information: Please add means of verification, which show how the information about the indicator can be obtained (e.g. training reports, modules).
- Relevance to the Ramsar Strategic Plan: Please indicate which of the goals of the Ramsar Strategic Plan each of the objectives most contributes to.