

1. Title of the Regional Initiative: *Carpathian Wetland Initiative*

2. Work and activities undertaken during the Year 2019

Objectives	Activities	Results/Outputs	Indicators
1. Mainstreaming	1.1 Promote integration of wetlands and their services and benefits into sectoral policies, development of proposals for CC Working Groups and for sectors	Wetlands and their services and benefits and activities of CWI included in proposals for update/revision of the EUSDR Action Plan and in the work of CC Working Groups; participation and presentation on current and planned activities of the CWI at 9 th meeting of Biodiversity WG (30-31 May 2019, Ostrava, CZ); active participation at meeting of WGs on Climate Change, Sustainable Transport; update on CWI work at 10 th meeting of the CC Implementation Committee (11-13 Dec. 2019, Budapest, HU); proposals for Strategic Action Plans for Biodiversity and Landscape Protection, for Sustainable Transport, as well as in draft national action plans (nature and landscape protection, climate change adaptation, etc.)	Relevant documents, meeting reports
2. River Basin Management	2.1 Development of Carpathian projects integrating wetlands in river basin management; consultations with ICPDR, Water Platform of the Alpine Convention	CWI involved in the project proposal “Improving water quality in the Danube River and its tributaries by integrative floodplain management based on ecosystem services” (IDES); other project drafts (LIFE) consulted and developed within DANUBEPARKS	Project drafts prepared and submitted to DTP3 and LIFE
	2.2. Cooperation in implementation of the JOINTISZA project	Questionnaires filled in; communication with ICPDR	Project outputs
	2.3 Facilitation of bilateral consultations in shared wetlands and catchments on common objectives and principles of their management; participation in international conferences	Participation in meetings of experts and relevant stakeholders, meetings and final conferences of projects TRANSGREEN (24-26 June 2019, Bucharest, RO) and DANUBEPARKS-CONNECTED (11-13 June 2019, Novi Sad, RS)	Reports of the conferences, recommendations; guidelines
3. Invasive Alien Species (IAS)	3.1 Identification and prioritization of invasive alien species and pathways of their introduction and expansion	Work on the updated list of invasive alien species in the Carpathians has been postponed	
	3.2 Cooperation in control and eradication of IAS and in preparation and implementation of management responses	Work on project drafts and meetings within CC Biodiversity WG have been postponed	
4. Ecological Networks and Management of	4.1 Cooperation in the development of the ecological network in the Carpathians, contribution to relevant projects on continuity	Participation at meetings of the CC Biodiversity WG and other relevant WGs; participation in the implementation of TRANSGREEN, Connect-	Meeting reports; project reports; Ramsar Sites database

Sites	and connectivity of habitats in the region, cooperation in the designation of new Ramsar Sites, expansion of existing sites; joint management planning	GREEN and Centralparks projects enhancing wetland connectivity issues; support (co-sponsoring) of a motion for the IUCN Congress 2020 on protecting rivers as corridors in a changing climate; 7 new Ramsar Sites designated in the Ukrainian part of the Carpathians with additional 4 sites on rivers flowing from the Carpathians (total area of over 11.000 ha)	
	4.2 Cooperation with CNPA, DANUBEPARKS, ALPARC within existing MoC in development of new projects on ecological connectivity of wetland habitats in the region	Participation in preparatory meetings for LIFE project development in the Danube River basin and on cooperation in Alps-Danube-Carpathian region; participation in DTP Seed Money project “Three networks, Two macro-regions and One vision”, presentation on ecological connectivity in the Carpathians and CWI as well as RRI and potential establishment of RRI in the Danube River basin at expert meetings and workshops (11-13 March 2019, Budapest, HU; 20-22 May 2019, Ingolstadt, DE; General Assembly of DANUBEPARKS Association, 8 Nov. 2019, Kopačevo, CR), representation of the CWI and Ramsar issues in panel discussion “DANUBEparksCONNECTED and ecological connectivity in the eyes of international organizations” during final conference of the DANUBEparksCONNECTED project (12 June 2019, Novi Sad, RS); consultations with ALPARC and DANUBEPARKS and comments to the proposed Recommendations and updated Action Plan for the Alps-Danube-Carpathians cooperation within EC EUSALP – Danube ALPBIONET 2030 project	Meeting reports, project drafts prepared for submission
5. Prevention of environmental damages in wetlands	5.1 Facilitation of exchange of information on risk of change of ecological character of wetlands (including transborder rivers), cooperation within ICPDR	Consultations with partners on the case of an intention to build a dam on Basca Mare (RO)	Documents with information
6. Wetland Inventories	6.1 Inventory of wetland habitats and species; inventory of cultural values of wetlands	Identification of databases of habitats and species and of cultural values within Centralparks project; consultations on wetlands inventory needs and their role in supporting sustainable and climate-resilient water management	Data on the database, Centralparks project website
	6.2 Update of the Carpathian Red List of habitats and species	Update of the Red Lists and database on threatened Carpathian habitats and species has been postponed	
7. Wetlands conservation, resto-	7.1 Identification of priorities for common actions and for wetlands restoration to be jointly	Comments to the Strategic Intent 2030 of Wetlands International (within General Members e-Meeting, Dec.	Draft Strategic Intent of Wetlands International

ration and maintenance	undertaken in the Carpathians	2019) with the proposal of taking into account European and CWI priorities	
	7.2 Sharing experience on wetland restoration in Europe	Participation at the workshop “Exploring Synergies for Peatlands - Detecting and enhancing the global importance of peatlands in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals” (21-24 May 2019, Vilm, DE); consultations on follow-up	Report of the meeting; information on the web
	7.3 Cooperation in the development of a new project aimed at long-term conservation, maintenance, restoration and sustainable use of wetland habitats and species; projects implementation	The planned project “Restoration of Narcissus Valley (UA)” was put on hold after the preparation stage due to Kfw bank decision (financial reason).	Documentation
8. Climate change	8.1 Identify wetlands most at risk due to climate change based on an assessment of the vulnerability of Carpathian wetlands to climate change impacts, propose and implement measures to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change	Participation in the meetings of the CC Working Group on Climate Change (8-9 Oct. 2019, Budapest, HU); measures proposed; priorities for project discussed	Reports of meetings, documents with information
9. Research, Monitoring, Information System	9.1 Facilitation of cooperation in species and habitats monitoring, research in wetlands in collaboration with Science for Carpathians S4C, development of joint information system and joint guidelines and methodologies to make them available to decision-makers and practitioners	Participation at workshop on systematic exchange with S4C and science in decision making (31 May 2019, Ostrava, CZ); participation in Centralparks project (“Building management capacities of Carpathian protected areas for the integration and harmonization of biodiversity protection and socio-economic development and collection of data”), collection of data, inclusion of wetlands in relevant work packages, including on Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit	Meeting report; Centralparks project
10. Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness	10.1 Preparation and printing of a brochure and leaflet on CWI and Carpathian wetlands, translation of relevant guidelines; Maintenance of CWI web site	CWI web site updated with relevant information; promotion of CWI in national media (magazines, radio) in SK; presentation on CWI at the meeting of the Slovak Ramsar Committee; consultations within SNC SR on the participation of CWI as co-organizer of the 15 th edition of the International Exhibition and Contest of Posters EKOPLAGAT 2020	Web site with updated info; article in Enviro-magazín (SK); information provided for Radio Regina (SK); meeting reports
	10.2 Development of the training programme on wetland management and restoration and CWI CEPA programme; establishment of a database of educational and training institutions and experts aimed at wetlands and communication with them; cooperation with IUCN WCPA Working Group on Capacity Development	Consultations with the representative of the Czech Ministry of Environment (13-15 May 2019, SK) on training programme and opportunities and CWI CEPA programme	MoE CZ visit in SK; Report
	10.3 Development of a project	Proposal on training discussed with the	Training report

	for training on identified priorities; support of other trainings	Czech Ministry of Environment, International training course on sustainable agriculture in wetlands held in CZ (22-27 Sept. 2019), organized by the MoE CZ	
	10.4 Operation of the regional Wetland Centre, the building of its library, human capacities, improvement of facilities, CWI coordination	Wetland Centre maintained, Carpathian wetland library supplemented; participation in consultations within the WG of the Ramsar Convention on the RRI on the Conceptual Note on the work to be carried out; CWI contacts updated; annual reports and plans developed and submitted	Wetland Centre operating and working for coordination and training
11. Capacities and Financing	11.1 Seeking for regular contributions to the CWI work from national and international sources and providing relevant capacities to activities and governance	Voluntary contribution received from the Ministry of Agriculture, HU; negotiations on future contributions of the Slovak Ministry of Environment and the Czech Ministry of Environment; call for voluntary contributions of other Ministries at the meeting of CCIC (Dec. 2019, Budapest, HU); inclusion in the annual work plan of the SNC SR	Annual report

3. Financial report for the Year 2019

Summary of income and expenditures. Average exchange rate to CHF: 1.112

Activities	Planned expenditures	Real expenditures (EUR)
1.1 Promotion of integration of wetlands and their services and benefits into sectoral policies, proposals for CC WGs	1,000 EUR	986.25
2.1 Development of projects integrating wetlands in river basin management; consultations with ICPDR, Alpine Convention etc.	700 EUR	180.00
2.2 Cooperation in implementation of the JOINTISZA project	700 EUR	90.00
2.3 Facilitation of bilateral consultations in shared wetlands and catchments; participation in international conferences	2,500 EUR	649.17
3.1 Identification and prioritization of invasive alien species and pathways of their introduction and expansion	2,900 EUR	0.00
3.2 Cooperation in control and eradication of IAS and in preparation and implementation of management responses	1,500 EUR	0.00
4.1 Cooperation in the development of the ecological network, contribution to relevant projects on continuity and connectivity of habitats, cooperation in the designation of new Ramsar Sites; new PAs; joint management planning	4,250 EUR	6,200.00
4.2 Cooperation with CNPA, DANUBEPARKS, ALPARC in development of new projects on ecological connectivity	700 EUR	729.86
5.1 Facilitation of exchange of information on the risk of change of ecological character of wetlands, cooperation within ICPDR	1,800 EUR	290.00
6.1 Inventory of wetland habitats and species; inventory of cultural values of wetlands	4,700 EUR	450.00
6.2 Update of the Carpathian Red List of habitats and species	1,000 EUR	0.00
7.1 Identification of priorities for common actions and for	700 EUR	90.00

wetlands restoration to be jointly undertaken		
7.2 Sharing experience on wetland restoration in Europe	1,500 EUR	590.00
7.3 Cooperation in the development of a new project aimed at long-term conservation, maintenance, restoration and wise use of wetland habitats and species; project implementation (Restoration of Narcissus Valley, UA)	10,700 EUR	500.00
8.1 Identification of wetlands most at risk due to climate change, propose and implement measures to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change	2,200 EUR	39.00
9.1 Facilitation of cooperation in species and habitats monitoring, research in wetlands in cooperation with S4C, development of joint information system and guidelines	1,700 EUR	270.00
10.1 Preparation and printing of a brochure and leaflet on CWI and Carpathian wetlands, translation of guidelines; maintenance of CWI web site	2,500 EUR	360.00
10.2 Development of the training program on wetland management and restoration and CWI CEPA program; establishment of database of education and training institutions and experts; cooperation with IUCN WCPA WG	1,700 EUR	863.19
10.3 Development of a project for training on identified priorities; support of other trainings	2,000 EUR	5,612.47
10.4 Operation of the regional Wetland Centre, the building of its library, human capacities, facilities, CWI coordination	12,678 EUR	1,200.00
11.1 Seeking for regular contributions to the CWI work from national and international sources and providing relevant capacities to activities and governance	7,000 EUR	180.00
Total	68,728 EUR	19,285.94

Sources of income	Income received (EUR)
SNC SR SK	3,982.10
MoE CZ	5,500.00
MoA HU	1,090.00
MoE RO	200.00
MoE SK	260.00
MoE UA, institutions UA	5,500.00
DTP TRANSGREEN project	682.51
DTP ConnectGREEN project	300.00
DTP DANUBE parks CONNECTED project	816.52
CE Central parks project	1,140.00
BfN DE	500.00
CWI budget HU	282.47
Total	20,253.60
Ramsar	32.34

Financial balance on 31 December 2019: amount left to be carried over to 2020

Ramsar core budget	6,396.06 €
CWI budget from Hungary	6,390.59 €
CWI budget from the Czech Republic	887.29 €

The Ramsar funding (amount left from previous funding – 6,396.06 €) was not spent in the reporting period and will be used for activities planned on 2020 according to the plan below, based on new CWI strategy.

4. Work and activities planned for Year 2020

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	Indicators
1. Mainstreaming	1.1 Promote integration of wetlands and their services and benefits into sectoral policies, development of proposals for CC Working Groups and for sectors; cooperation with Ramsar Partner organizations (BirdLife, IUCN, Wetlands International, WWF)	Wetlands and their services and benefits are integrated in relevant documents of the Carpathian Convention and in sectoral strategies and policies	Documents
2. River Basin Management	2.1 Development and/or implementation of Carpathian projects integrating wetlands in river basin management; consultations with ICPDR	Project drafts consulted and developed; Funding opportunities identified; implementation of approved projects	Project drafts prepared for submission; reports on the implementation of work packages of approved projects
	2.2 Facilitation of bilateral consultations in shared wetlands and catchments on common objectives and principles of their management; participation in international conferences	Meetings of experts and relevant stakeholders	A number of experts and national focal points participating; report of the conferences, recommendations; guidelines
3. Invasive Alien Species (IAS)	3.1 Identification and prioritization of invasive alien species and pathways of their introduction and expansion	The updated list of invasive alien species in the Carpathians	The information available on the web sites
	3.2 Cooperation in control and eradication of IAS and in preparation and implementation of management responses	Project drafts consulted and developed; workshops and meetings with CC Biodiversity WG	Project draft; reports of the meetings
4. Ecological Networks and Management of Sites	4.1 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 in the designation of new Ramsar Sites, expansion of existing sites; joint management planning	Workshops and meetings with CC Biodiversity WG and other relevant WGs; projects Work Packages implemented; RISs and maps developed	Meeting reports; indicators of relevant project WPs; documents and maps for designation of new Ramsar Sites
	4.2 Cooperation with CNPA, DANUBEPARKS, ALPARC within existing MoC in development of new projects on ecological connectivity of wetland habitats in the region; cooperation with Water Platform of the Alpine Convention	Meetings; project drafts consulted and developed; cooperation with the Water Platform of the Alpine Convention established	Meeting reports, project drafts prepared for submission
5. Prevention of environmental damages in wetlands	5.1 Facilitation of exchange of information on the risk of change of ecological character of wetlands (including transborder rivers), cooperation within ICPDR	Workshops, meetings, involvement in/of the cross-border river basin commissions	Reports of meetings, documents with information
6. Wetland Inventories	6.1 Inventory of wetland habitats and species; inventory of cultural values of wetlands	Inventory of wetlands and their role in supporting sustainable and climate-resilient water management; database of wetland species and cultural values	Database of wetlands in the Carpathians, maps

	6.2 Update of the Carpathian Red List of habitats and species	Meetings of experts, updated Red Lists and database on threatened Carpathian habitats and species	Documents; database updated
7. Wetlands conservation, restoration and maintenance	7.1 Identification of priorities for common actions and for wetlands restoration to be jointly undertaken in the Carpathians	Draft wetland restoration strategy/policy in a country, data on barriers, meetings on the topic; small restoration activities	Draft document; meeting minutes; report on activities; agreements on trans-border cooperation
	7.2 Sharing experience on wetland restoration in Europe, cooperation with EUROPARC Federation CE section	Workshops, conferences and study tours to wetland restoration examples; overview of wetland restoration guidelines and projects	Report of the meetings and study tour; information on the web
	7.3 Cooperation in the development of a new project aimed at long-term conservation, maintenance, restoration and sustainable use of wetland habitats and species	Project drafts consulted and developed	Project draft prepared for submission
8. Climate change	8.1 Identify wetlands most at risk due to climate change based on an assessment of the vulnerability of Carpathian wetlands to climate change impacts, propose and implement measures to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change; project proposals	Workshops and meetings with relevant CC Working Groups; measures proposed; project proposals developed	Reports of meetings, documents with information; project drafts
9. Research, Monitoring, Information System	9.1 Facilitation of cooperation in species and habitats monitoring, research in wetlands in collaboration with Science for Carpathians S4C, development of joint information system and joint guidelines and methodologies to make them available to decision makers and practitioners	Participation at 6 th Forum Carpathicum (23-26 June 2020, Brno, CZ), meetings, workshops, conferences, input to CCIBIS	Reports of the meetings, CCIBIS developed
10. Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness	10.1 Publications and promotion of CWI and Carpathian wetlands, translation of relevant guidelines; co-organization of the 15 th edition of the International Exhibition and Contest of Posters EKOPLAGÁT 2020; Maintenance of CWI web site	Publications on CWI and the Carpathian wetlands and their functions and services, guidelines translated; CWI participation in Organizing Committee of EKOPLAGÁT 2020, the best poster selected; web site updated with relevant information	Publications, guidelines in national languages and placed on the web; exhibition and catalogue of posters, CWI award for the best poster on wetlands; web site with updated info
	10.2 Development of the training programme on wetland management and restoration and CWI CEPA programme; establishment of a database of educational and training institutions and experts aimed at wetlands and communication with them; cooperation with IUCN WCPA Working Group on Capacity Development	The training programme developed; database with the information established and communication; CWI CEPA and capacity development draft programme consulted with partners and existing Ramsar CEPA programme	Training programme; database on the web site; draft CWI CEPA and capacity development programme on the web
	10.3 Development of a project for training on identified priorities; support of other trainings	Project proposal discussed and submitted, participation in trainings (peatland restoration)	Project draft or application; training
	10.4 Operation of the regional Wetland Centre, the building of	Wetland Centre maintained, functioning, Carpathian wetland library	Wetland Centre operating and working for coordina-

	its library, human capacities, improvement of facilities, CWI coordination; the meeting of CWI Board members	supplemented, staff supported; participation in the WG of the Ramsar Convention on the Ramsar Regional Initiatives; organization of the meeting of the CWI Board	tion and training; results and documents of the Working Group on the RRI; meeting report
11. Capacities and Financing	11.1 Seeking for regular contributions to the CWI work from national and international sources and providing relevant capacities to activities and governance	Voluntary contributions, national allocations, projects with funding	Annual reports

5. Financial plan for the year 2020

Summary of expected income and budgeted/planned expenditures. Average exchange rate to the CHF: 1.11

Activities	Planned expenditures	Expected income and source (EUR)
1.1 Promotion of integration of wetlands and their services and benefits into sectoral policies, proposals for CC WGs	1,000 EUR	SNC SR 500.00 UNE CC 500.00
2.1 Development and/or implementation of projects integrating wetlands in river basin management; consultations with ICPDR	700 EUR	Ramsar 200.00 SNC SR 500.00
2.2 Facilitation of bilateral consultations in shared wetlands and catchments; participation in international conferences	2,500 EUR	Ramsar 500.00 SNC SR 250.00 Moe CZ 250.00 MoA HU 250.00 MoE PL 250.00 MoE RO 250.00 MoE RS 250.00 MoE SK 250.00 MoE UA 250.00
3.1 Identification and prioritization of invasive alien species and pathways of their introduction and expansion	4,400 EUR	UNE SCC 500.00 SNC SR 500.00 MoE CZ 200.00 MoA HU 200.00 MoE PL 200.00 MoE RO 200.00 MoE RS 200.00 MoE SK 200.00 MoE UA 200.00 NAS UA 2,000.00
3.2 Cooperation in control and eradication of IAS and in preparation and implementation of management responses	1,500 EUR	Ramsar 500.00 UNE SCC 500.00 SNC SR 500.00
4.1 Cooperation in development of ecological network, contribution to relevant projects on continuity and connectivity of habitats, cooperation in designation of new Ramsar Sites; new PAs; joint management planning	2,250 EUR	Ramsar 250.00 SNC SR 500.00 UNE SCC 500.00 Projects 1,000.00
4.2 Cooperation with CNPA, DANUBEPARKS, ALPARC in development of new projects on ecological connectivity	700 EUR	Ramsar 200.00 SNC SR 500.00
5.1 Facilitation of exchange of information on risk of change of ecological character of wetlands, cooperation within ICPDR	1,800 EUR	SNC SR 200.00 Ramsar 200.00 MoE CZ 200.00 MoA HU 200.00 MoE PL 200.00 MoE RO 200.00 MoE RS 200.00

		MoE SK 200.00 MoE UA 200.00
6.1 Inventory of wetland habitats and species; inventory of cultural values of wetlands	4,700 EUR	Ramsar 700.00 MoE CZ 500.00 MoA HU 500.00 MoE PL 500.00 MoE RO 500.00 MoE RS 500.00 MoE SK 500.00 MoE UA 500.00 SNC SR 500.00
6.2 Update of the Carpathian Red List of habitats and species	1,000 EUR	UNE SCC 500.00 SNC SR 500.00
7.1 Identification of priorities for common actions and for wetlands restoration to be jointly undertaken	700 EUR	SNC SR 500.00 Ramsar 200.00
7.2 Sharing experience on wetland restoration in Europe	1,400 EUR	SNC SR 200.00 Ramsar 500.00 CWI budget HU 700.00
7.3 Cooperation in development of a new project aimed at long-term conservation, maintenance, restoration and wise use of wetland habitats and species	700 EUR	Ramsar 200.00 SNC SR 500.00
8.1 Identification of wetlands most at risk due to climate change, propose and implement measures to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change	2,200 EUR	Ramsar 200.00 UNE SCC 500.00 SNC SR 500.00 CWI budget HU 1,000.00
9.1 Facilitation of cooperation in species and habitats monitoring, research in wetlands in cooperation with S4C, development of joint information system and guidelines	1,700 EUR	Ramsar 200.00 CWI budget HU 1,000.00 SNC SR 500.00
10.1 Publications on CWI and Carpathian wetlands, translation of guidelines; EKOPLAGÁT 2020 co-organizing; maintenance of CWI web site	2,500 EUR	Ramsar 1,000.00 CWI budget HU 1,000.00 SNC SR 500.00
10.2 Development of the training program on wetland management and restoration and CWI CEPA program; establishment of database of education and training institutions and experts; cooperation with IUCN WCPA WG	1,500 EUR	Ramsar 200.00 MoE CZ 500.00 CWI budget CZ 300.00 SNC SR 500.00
10.3 Development of a project for training on identified priorities; training implementation; support of other trainings	2,500 EUR	Ramsar 500.00 MoE CZ 1,000.00 CWI budget CZ 500.00 SNC SR 500.00
10.4 Operation of the regional Wetland Centre, building of its library, human capacities, facilities, CWI coordination	10,846 EUR	Ramsar 846.00 SNC SR 10,000.00
11.1 Seeking for regular contributions to the CWI work from national and international sources and providing relevant capacities to activities and governance	7,000 EUR	MoE CZ 1,000.00 MoA HU 1,000.00 MoE PL 1,000.00 MoE RO 1,000.00 MoE RS 1,000.00 MoE SK 1,000.00 MoE UA 1,000.00
Using the rest from Ramsar core budget		6,396.00 EUR
Total	51,596 EUR	

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Acronyms:

ALPARC	Alpine Network of Protected Areas	NAS UA	National Academy of Sciences Ukraine
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity	PAs	Protected areas
CC	Carpathian Convention	PL	Poland
CCIBIS	Carpathian Integrated Biodiversity Information System	RIS	Ramsar Information Sheet
CCIC	Implementation Committee of the CC	RO	Romania
CEPA	Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness programme	RRIs	Ramsar Regional Initiatives
CNPA	Carpathian Network of Protected Areas	RS	Serbia
CR	Croatia	S4C	Science for Carpathians
CWI	Carpathian Wetland Initiative	SK	Slovakia
CZ	Czech Republic	SNC SR	State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic
DANUBEPARKS	Danube Network of Protected Areas	UA	Ukraine
DE	Germany	UNE SCC	UN Environment Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
DTP	Danube Transnational Programme	WG	Working Group
EUSDR	EU Strategy for the Danube Region	WI	Wetlands International
HU	Hungary		
IAS	Invasive alien species		
ICPDR	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River		
IUCN WCPA	IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas		
LIFE	LIFE programme – EU funding instrument		
MoC	Memorandum of Cooperation		
MoE	Ministry of Environment		