

Involving stakeholders in nature conservation in the Carpathian Ecoregion

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The PoWPA

- ▶ Objective: to increase participation of key stakeholders in PA management, design and benefit sharing
- ▶ Target: to ensure effective participation of local communities

The PA4LP

- ▶ Objective of the PA4LP: to enable the parties to the CBD from the CER to achieve the targets of the PoWPA

Involving stakeholders in nature conservation in the CER

- The project: objective and aims, outcomes, utility, further steps and future development (your role in supporting the project)



Existing **INGREDIENTS** for stakeholder involvement:

- ▶ Concepts and principles defined
- ▶ **Governance matrix** – models of government/governance of PA
- ▶ **Guidelines** for developing participation
- ▶ **Case studies and examples** (more or less successful) from all around the world
 - ▶ Challenge: **Taylor the approach to the context**



The CER

▪ 7 countries with similar historical, political, social and economic context:

- The Czech Republic
- Slovakia
- Poland
- Hungary
- Ukraine
- Romania
- Serbia



! Limited knowledge among practitioners in PA management in the CER on the issues of participation and limited success in implementing this target



WHY THIS ASSESSMENT?

- ▶ Stakeholder involvement is very much related to the local factors - **models need to be adapted and fundamented** in order to become functional for:
 - ▶ Addressing problems - specific for the region
 - ▶ Supporting coherent strategies and action plans at regional level
 - ▶ Supporting the decision-makers chose a certain level of stakeholder involvement (co-management? government managed PAs, consultative councils?)
 - ▶ **Who should benefit from it?**
 - ▶ Governments and decisional factors responsible for implementing PoW
 - ▶ PA Administrations – improving stakeholder involvement
 - ▶ The design and development of participatory management schemes
 - ▶ Motivating political will
 - ▶ Structure knowledge that already exists
 - ▶ Facilitate change of information
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AIMS and OBJECTIVES

- ▶ **Synthesize** the existing theoretical information (concepts, guidelines, etc)
- ▶ **Analyzes** the specific enabling context in the CER for participative PA management
- ▶ Analyze current level of stakeholder involvement (at PA level)
- ▶ **Offer recommendations** for the development of participatory management schemes
- ▶ **Assess** the resources needed to achieve this target
- ▶ **Identify and promote** examples of success in the region
- ▶ **Encourage decisional factors** to adopt a more participative approach in the CER



STEPS and OUTCOMES

1. Collecting data and information

- ▶ Elaborate a questionnaire (a form) for collecting data at PA level - semi-structured interviews at PA level
- ▶ Collect information on national context for PA governance (legislation, administrative system, etc)

2. The study

- ▶ At Ecoregion level – recommendations for specific context and specific approach
- ▶ Preliminary assessment of costs for participative processes
- ▶ Recommendations and guidance for supporting the legislative framework (national level) and developing more participative processes (PA level)

3. The public presentation and debate phase - CNPA Committee (Jan. 2010)

- Presenting and discussing the results with the decisional factors (CNPA Committee)
- Promote models and approaches



AS A CONCLUSION...

- ▶ The project: an ambitious first step for supporting the achievement of PoV goals at regional level
- ▶ Governments and decisional factors together with the PA Administrations can benefit from it
- ▶ The more information and feed-back – the more precise and useful the project will be





THANK YOU !