

OBWIC

Cross-border ecological corridors to safeguard bears and lynxes in the Carpathians



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PROJECT TITLE	OBWIC - Open Borders for Wildlife in the Carpathians
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ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED	WWF Danube Carpathian Programme Romania – Maramureş Branch (RO); Aggtelek National Park Directorate (HU); RachivEcoTur (UA); Slovak Ornithological Society / BirdLife Slovakia (SK)
PROGRAMME	Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENI CBC 2014-2020
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The Carpathian region is home to over a third of the wolves, bears and lynxes living in Europe. These protected mammals move across national borders in search of food and mates but are often threatened by an increasing fragmentation of their natural habitats, the construction of roads and other infrastructures. The OBWIC project is dealing with the biodiversity loss in the Carpathian region by maintaining and improving ecological connectivity between the habitats of the countries involved, minimising the negative effects of borders on the natural habitats and preserving the common natural values at the regional level. The project partners are developing a network of key ecological corridors, based on a harmonised collection of data and a joint methodology. They are implementing conservation actions for the large carnivores and developing management measures, such as restoring the forests edge and the pastures to improve the functionality of ecological corridors. Awareness-raising campaigns on the importance of safeguarding these passages are also part of the project activities. This is the first-time partnership of 3 EU countries and Ukraine to ensure connectivity beyond borders for the conservation of wildlife in the Carpathians.



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