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## ***CEEweb for Biodiversity***

### **Good examples in nature conservation in Central and Eastern Europe awarded**

**Winners of the *CEEweb Award on excellence in biodiversity protection* were announced today. CEEweb was expecting good, worth to follow examples in three categories: Managing our natural resources, Connecting and restoring habitats and greening up urban spaces, as well as, Involvement of the businesses in nature conservation. The jury, consisting of professionals as well as communication experts, selected four trailblazers in the three categories, all of whom have been contributing significantly to nature conservation.**

ADEPT Foundation from Romania does habitat conservation through traditional, sustainable land management with the involvement of local communities. With this, they do not only protect the environment, but also conserve the cultural heritage of the region as well as provide economic benefits for the people. BROZ (Regional Association for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development) from Slovakia and the Lithuanian Fund for Nature create stable habitats for valuable species, while enhancing public awareness of their importance. Finally yet importantly, the Croatian Brod Ecological Society reintroduces cattle in abandoned areas to fight against the aggressive spreading of invasive species.

The award aims to demonstrate how civil society and other stakeholders contribute to the conservation of European biodiversity. With the winners and other good examples, CEEweb is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and promoting excellence of nature conservation in Central and Eastern Europe. The call was open to CEEweb members and other organisations and entities. Each category includes a 500 euros prize.

“It is easy to forget how much nature and conservation NGOs contribute to our well-being. With the award, we wish to raise awareness on our 20 years old civil movement and its tremendous work added to conserve our natural heritage and provide further benefits to our society and nature” – said Ágnes Zólyomi, the General Secretary of CEEweb for Biodiversity.

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