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## CEEweb Academy on Climate Change and Biodiversity

*22-24 July*

*Maramures, Romania*

### Objectives

The primary objective of the event is to build capacity and expertise of CEE NGOs. The interrelation between combating climate change and conserving biodiversity is the special focus of the event, with the aim of finding multiple win solutions, which are beneficial for the climate, for the society and for biodiversity.

Besides, our objective is to strengthen public participation in the Central and East European (CEE) region in climate change and nature conservation activities, in order to assure dissemination of relevant information towards national decision makers, as well as common representation of interests towards the European Commission. Therefore, project planning is an important part of the meeting.

The location of the meeting is a beautiful part of the Carpathians, which is an inspiring environment for our discussions (find some photos at <http://www.valeaverde.ro/foto.html>).

### Agenda

#### **Day 1.**

#### **8.00 – 12.00 Excursion**

*12.30 lunch*

**13.30 – 15.30 Part I. Ecosystem-based approach in mitigation of climate change** (speaker: Iván Gyulai, Ecological Institute for Sustainable Development)

- The linkage between climate change and biodiversity, and the role of biodiversity and ecosystem services in climate regulation
- Why do current mitigation policies fail? An outline of the CEEweb Policy Working Group's proposals for targeting the drivers of climate change.
- Biomass and biofuels as mitigation tools: is it the right thing to do?

*15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break*

**16.00 – 18.30 Part II. Biodiversity and climate change: policy integration and funding mechanisms. Roundtable discussion** (facilitator: Saskia Werners, Wageningen University and Research Centre, the Netherlands)

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- Integration of biodiversity and climate change into Natura 2000, CAP reform, ETS, WFD
  - o Invited expert: Peter Kaderják, Corvinus University, Hungary
- Current ways for funding ecosystem-based mitigation and adaptation measures, and possibilities for a new system of land use
  - o Invited expert: Iván Gyulai, Ecological Institute for Sustainable Development

*18.30 Dinner*

**After dinner: Natural treasures of Maramures - photo presentation of Peter Lengyel, UNESCO Pro Natura**

**Day 2.**

**9.00 – 13.30 Part III. Ecosystem-based approach in adaptation to climate change**

- Ecological impacts of climate change: the need for resilient landscapes (speaker: Bálint Czúcz, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Ecology and Botany)
- Forestry measures for adaptation and their effects on biodiversity (speaker: László Gálhidy, WWF Hungary)
- Adaptation to climate change and resource scarcity in agriculture (speaker: Dumitru Drumea, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Moldova)

*10.45– 11.15 Coffee break*

- Adaptive water management (speaker: Saskia Werners, Wageningen University and Research Centre, the Netherlands)
- Ecosystem services for climate change adaptation in floodplains (speaker: Saskia Werners, Wageningen University and Research Centre, the Netherlands)
- A case study from the Tisza region, Hungary (speaker: Zsuzsanna Flachner, president of CEEweb)
- Opportunities of wetland restoration to reduce greenhouse emissions: some results from the Prut river activities (speaker: Dumitru Drumea, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Moldova)

*13.30 Lunch*

**14.30 – 16.30 Part IV. Project planning: how to implement ideas emerged in the CEEweb Annual Meeting 2009, as well as possible new ideas. Breaking group session**

Ideas collected so far:

- Based on work done in 2009, continue the assessment of CEE countries' national climate change policies, focusing on how much they take into account biodiversity considerations
- Collect best practice examples of integrating biodiversity considerations into national climate change policies and prepare recommendations on possible national policy options
- Organize forums on climate change and biodiversity for national decision makers in five CEE countries in order to raise awareness on the biodiversity and climate change nexus

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- Conduct a pilot study on climate-friendly land management with the aim of finding measurable indicators of CO<sub>2</sub> source and sink potentials and water retention potential, using already available data from a number of study sites. Additionally, prepare a large-scale project (e.g. LIFE+) in which a wider range of study areas will be analyzed and several pilot projects started or involved throughout the CEE region

*16.30 - 17.00 Coffee break*

### **17.00 Synthesizing the discussions**

Collecting the main points, drawing main conclusions, discussing follow up

### **17.30 Evaluation of the meeting**

*18.00 Dinner*

### **Day 3.**

### **8.00 – 16.00 Field trip with packed lunch**

### **Background**

The CEEweb Annual Meeting in November 2004 decided to launch a seminar series called CEEweb Academy targeting member organisations. These events give a chance to members to develop their professional knowledge in various fields related to their everyday work.

Academies organized so far:

- CEEweb Academy on sustainable development, 17-19 February, 2005, Gömörzsoló, Hungary
- CEEweb Academy on sustainable tourism, 13 November, 2005, Banja Vrujci, Serbia
- CEEweb Academy on management of protected areas and Natura 2000, 24-29 August, 2006, Kiten, Bulgaria
- CEEweb Academy on biomass used as agrofuels and its longterm effect on the environment and society, 9-10 May, 2008, Esztergom, Hungary

Please find more information about each events at  
<http://www.ceeweb.org/members/capacity/index.htm>

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