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CEEweb work programme for 2019

CEEweb will continue **protecting our natural capital** – towards full implementation of the Nature Directives and the Water Framework Directive and preparing for the post 2020 period via continued calls for the improved implementation of the Action Plan for Nature, People and the Economy in CEE countries. Several events (e.g.: consultations and roundtables) will be organised on Natura 2000 implementation as well as regarding papers, studies and reports published. The results of the aforementioned efforts will be always thoroughly disseminated to the selected target audience (e.g.: stakeholders, EU decision makers) via different channels especially the social media (e.g.: Twitter). Through different capacity building actions, we will strengthen our influence on Natura 2000 and Green Infrastructure and Water policies. Campaign events and promotions (e.g.: photo exhibition) will further enhance CEEweb's impact on natural capital protection.

CEEweb will further contribute to the **enhancement of our natural capital and safeguarding citizens from environmental related pressures** via strengthening and integrating Target 2 of the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2020 to sectorial policies. To achieve that our network will be further enlarged via recruitment of experts, matchmaking with projects and sectorial partners. Serious dissemination efforts will be also invested to ensure that our messages are delivered to the right people through different platforms and events. Municipalities and even EU member states are planned to be convinced about the importance of water and biodiversity issues in the different programming mechanisms.

CEEweb is also dedicated to contributing to the next **Multiannual Financial Framework** therefore **turning the Union into a resource efficient, green and low carbon economy**. Advocacy efforts will be targeting different EU institutions, politicians, MEPs and the wider audience as well in strong cooperation with SDG Watch Europe using usual and less usual communication channels.

CEEweb will also develop itself by different **organisational adjustments**. The General Secretary in his position will make sure that the staff receives a good care via capacity building, mentoring, performance appraisal, team building and many more. Members of the organisation will be informed about the ongoing work at least as regularly as before not to mention transferring knowledge, policy information and organising capacity building. New members will be identified and engaged to CEEweb.

Fundraising will continue with the overall aim to ensure a good balance between CEEweb's financial sustainability and the mission related content-work. A new proposal in every month of the year is expected in which the organisation would take up different roles (such as work package leadership, lead partner, expert). Projects with preferred financial conditions (e.g.: 100 % funding) will be targeted also aiming to involve member organisations in consortiums and/or expert pools.

The **branding of the organisation** will be further strengthened as well by better communication (in general) and more professional public appearance resulting in increasing size of our audience.

CEEweb's **project portfolio** gives us the opportunity to diversify activities, expertise and networking. In 2019 four projects will be running on with a very colourful list of activities:

TRANSGREEN (Integrated Transport and Green Infrastructure Planning in the Danube-Carpathian Region for the Benefit of People and Nature), 2017-2019

This project aims to contribute to safer and environmentally-friendly road and rail networks in mountainous regions of the Danube Basin with a special focus on the Carpathian Mountains. It will do so by improving planning frameworks and developing concrete environmentally-friendly and safe road and rail transport solutions taking into account elements of Green Infrastructure, in particular ecological corridors.

ConnectGREEN (Restoring and managing ecological corridors in mountains as the green infrastructure in the Danube basin)

The main objective of the project for the next 3 years (2018 - 2021) is to maintain, respectively improve the ecological connectivity between natural habitats, especially between Natura 2000 sites and other protected areas of transnational relevance in the Carpathian ecoregion, namely in Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Serbia and Ukraine.

INSiGHTS (INtegrated Slow, Green and Healthy Tourism Strategies), 2017-2019

Danube Regions have outstanding natural and cultural resources in need to be protected. At the same time, they have a great potential to become attractive destinations for the fast-growing trend of slow, green and healthy tourism.

To find solutions on how to make regions more attractive to tourists 13 partners from Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia have joined forces in the INSiGHTS project – Integrated Slow, Green and Healthy Tourism Strategies co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance.

Besides the major projects several **small assignments** are being carried out and will be continued in 2019. Donors include inter alia the International Visegrad Fund, European Climate Initiative EUKI and EKLIPSE.