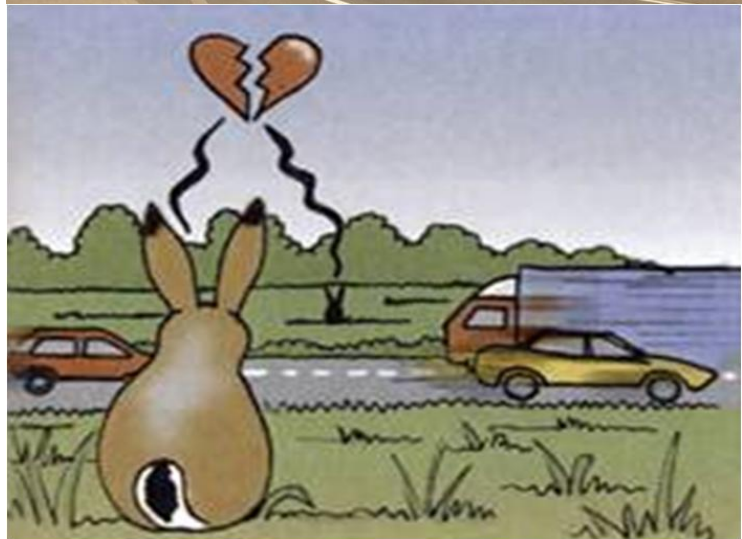


# TRANSGREEN. Integrated Transport and Green Infrastructure Planning in the Danube-Carpathian Region for the Benefit of People and Nature

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# TRANSGREEN



...means **better connected** Carpathian region with transport infrastructure that takes **nature** conservation into account.

...aims to contribute to **safer and environmentally-friendly road and rail networks** in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Ukraine.

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# The project in numbers

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- **Duration:** 1 January 2017 – 30 June 2019, 2.5 years
- **11 Project Partners** from 5 European Countries
- **9 Associated Strategic Partners** from 3 more countries
- **Lead Partner:** WWF International Danube-Carpathian Programme
- **Project value:** ~ 2.5 Mio EUR, 2.1 Mio EU ERDF Funds

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# Project partners

- **Austria:** UNEP Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
- **Czech Republic:** Friends of the Earth  
Nature Conservation Agency  
Transport Research Centre
- **Hungary:** CEEweb for Biodiversity
- **Romania:** Association "Milvus Group"  
WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme Romania
- **Slovakia:** National Motorway Company  
State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic  
SPECTRA – Centre of Excellence of EU –  
Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava

# Project Associated Strategic Partners

- **Austria:** Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology
- **Czech Republic:** Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic
- **Hungary:** National Infrastructure Developing Private Company Ltd.
- **Poland:** Ministry of Infrastructure and Construction
- **Romania:** Ministry of the Environment  
Ministry of Transport
- **Slovenia:** Ministry of Infrastructure
- **Ukraine:** Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources  
Transcarpathian Regional State Administration –  
Department of Ecology and Natural Resources



# Why TRANSGREEN?



Increase of **transport infrastructure** due to development causes

- Landscape fragmentation
- Land use change
- Wildlife barriers
- Positive impact on rural business

# Why TRANSGREEN?

Impact on ecological corridors /  
Green Infrastructure in the  
region which are important for

- Biodiversity
- Migration routes for wildlife
- Stability & resilience of ecosystems
- Ecosystem services
- Prosperity of the region



Integrated transport planning prioritized by international policies and regulations...

- EU Strategy for the Danube Region
- EU 7th Environmental Action Plan
- EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy
- EU Communication on Green Infrastructure
- TEN-T – Trans-European Network of Transport
- Carpathian Convention Protocol

...call for balanced approach on infrastructure development taking nature conservation into account to elaborate most sustainable solutions.

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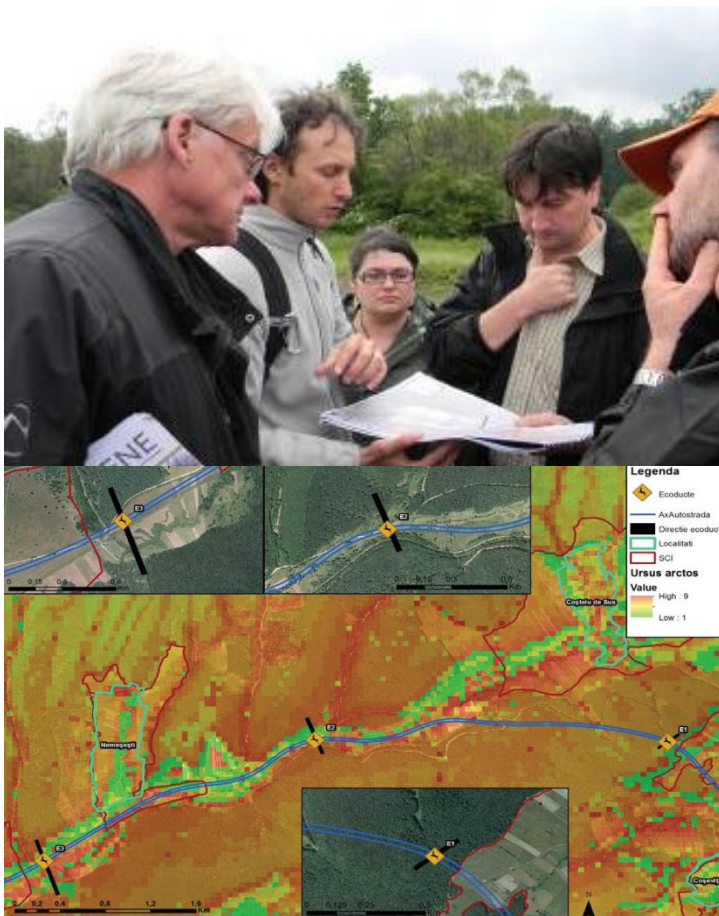




# Main objective

The **main objective** of the project is to contribute to **an environmentally-friendly and safer road and rail network in the Carpathians** as part of the wider Danube river basin by integrating **Green Infrastructure** elements into TEN-T related transport infrastructure development at the **local, national and transnational** level across relevant sectors.





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# Specific Objectives

1. **Cooperation** among relevant partners from transport, spatial planning and environmental sector is improved.
2. **Scientific knowledge** base for sound decision-making is created.
3. **Conflicts** between transport planning and Green Infrastructure objectives are **minimised**.

# Expected outputs



- Planning toolkit
- Workshops on integrated transport infrastructure
- Catalogue of measures for each pilot area
- Actions focusing on conflict minimisation
- EIA training events
- Web-based database
- Draft text of Carpathian Convention Strategic Action Plan
- Multi-sectoral meetings and/or fora

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# Target groups

- National public authorities
- Regional public authorities
- Sectoral agencies
- Infrastructure and (public) Service Provider
- Interest groups including NGOs (e.g. hunters, foresters etc.)



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# Pilot areas





# Act now!



- It is important to act now!
- Towards solutions for economic development that are compatible with nature conservation goals.
- For the sake of people living in the Danube Basin!

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