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CEETO - Central Europe Eco-Tourism: tools for nature protection

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### Partners overview



#### Naturpark Soelktaeler

Naturpark Soelktaeler GmbH is a Private limited company, at the moment there are two persons fully employed and one trainee for some hours. Proprietor is the private non-profit society "Naturpark Soelktaeler". Naturpark Soelktaeler GmbH manages only one nature protection area which is widely identical with the municipal area of the community "Soelk". Only some lower areas are excluded. The area of the nature park includes ca. 28.000 ha and stretches out from 694 up to 2747 m. The Naturpark GmbH has the duty to manage the nature park and to organize activities. The legal aims of Styrian nature parks is the protection of nature, education, recreation and local development. Nature protection is the basis of the three other goals.



#### Naturpark Soelktaeler Pilot Area

*Established in:* 1982

*Surface area:* ca. 28.000 ha

*Municipalities:* Community of Soelk

*Main features:* comprehensive visitor stream management and education of locals to increase awareness of the region and to be able to relay this knowledge to visitors(workshops).

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Nimfea

#### Nimfea Environment and Nature Conservation Association

Nimfea Nature Conservation Association was established in 1993 as a non-profit association. At the time of foundation, the organization was characterized primarily by nature conservation and environmental education, then the scope of activities gradually expanded. The organization counts with 6 employees an annual budget of 200.000-250.000 euro and works in the following programmes: Biodiversity Conservation, Environment Protection, Sustainable Development, Democracy Development and Awareness Raising. The area managed by the Association is of about 600 hectares, consisting mainly of grasslands. Conservation management is focused on grazing livestock, which contributed to the maintenance of traditional landscapes as well as the preservation of biological diversity.

The Association also offers a tourism product, integrating elements of rural, ethno- and

ecotourism, with emphasis on environmental education. This offer covers several related services, within the close surrounding of the István Fekete Educational Centre, in cooperation with other local service providers, offering biking, canoeing, hiking and birdwatching tours, youth camps, workshops and conferences on different topics.  
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Biosphärenreservat  
Südost-Rügen



## Authority for the Biosphere Reserve Southeast Rügen

The Authority of the Biosphere Reserve is a governmental institution of the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern with the legal capacity to enforce environmental protection measures within the Southeast Rügen Biosphere Reserve. It is comprised of 30 employees including administrative staff, rangers, educational and project as well as regional development managers.



### UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Southeast Rügen Pilot Area

*Established in:* 1990 and was incorporated into the World Wide Web of the MAB program in 1991.

*Surface area:* 22.800 hectares

*Municipalities:* Putbus, Göhren, Sellin, Baabe, Mönchgut, Zirkow, Binz, Lancken-Granitz.

*Main features:* Landscape and coastal forms of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern coasts. Peninsulas and coastal promontories connected to one another by narrow strips of land. Fine, wide sandy beaches along the east coast alternate with rugged cliffs.

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## Work in progress

### Realisation of the Handbook on succesful and innovative practices in Europe

Nimfea Environment and Nature Conservation Association has been in charge of the production of the **CEETO Handbook on succesful and innovative practices in Europe** (O.T.1.1), one of the first project outputs to see the light.

For the production of this handbook it has been paramount the involvement of project partners and other stakeholders as a knowledge basis that gathers and transfers success stories and contains existing management and monitoring tools, good practices and lessons learned across Europe and worldwide about sustainable tourism practices in protected areas.

The handbook contains an **analysis on current sustainability policies applied to tourism management** inside protected areas in Europe, an **inventory of existing planning, management and monitoring tools for a sustainable tourism** and identification of **successful case-studies worldwide**.

It also includes a report on the potential socio-economic benefits in applying a sustainable approach to tourism management in protected areas. Target groups and stakeholders were involved in data collection and in the survey on potential socio-economic benefits through questionnaires.

The final version of the Handbook will be released soon. For more information stay tuned on [CEETO Interreg CE website](#).



### Tourist flows in Protected Areas: the Inventory of Best and Most Innovative Monitoring Methods

April 30th 2018 - Federparchi, the Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves-EUOPARC Italy, produced the Inventory of Best and Most Innovative Monitoring Methods, a key document that collects the state of the art of tourist monitoring techniques in Europe.



### CEETO first Technical Meeting in Budapest, Hungary

March 12th 2018 - CEETO partners hold their first Technical meeting in Budapest to identify tools to be transferred to CEETO regions.



### Emilia-Romagna Region meeting with Protected Area managers

February 28th 2018 - Emilia Romagna Region celebrates a meeting with selected Protected Areas where CEETO project will be implemented, to plan activities to be undertaken.



### First Stakeholder's meeting in Croatia



February 16th 2018 - Nature Park Medvednica, in Croatia, celebrates its first Stakeholders meeting to discuss the monitoring of a new ski centre to be developed in the park.

## Related news



### **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau: Mountain-biking in harmony with nature**

May 15th - The mountain-bike trail in the Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau makes not only biker's heart miss a beat but also avoids conflicts and contributes to the preservation of nature through an adequate visitor steering.



### **The contribution of the Protected Natural Areas to the Tourist Destination of the Metropolitan City of Bologna**

May 4th 2018 - A public meeting was held in Marzabotto (Bologna) entitled "The contribution of the Protected Natural Areas to the Tourist Destination of the Metropolitan City of Bologna".



### **Final workshop for the ECST Sustainable Destination Re-Evaluation of the Biosphere Reserve Southeast Ruegen**

May 3rd 2018 - Local tourism representatives, members of resort administrations, majors and the Authority of the Biosphere Reserve Southeast Ruegen met in Putbus for the third and last participatory workshop for the re-evaluation of the Sustainable Destination with the tool ECST (European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas)



### **Green and Sustainable Tourism Workshop in Zagreb, Croatia**

May 1st 2018 - The workshop aimed to enhance sustainable tourism in this country and was attended by more than 60 representatives of different institutions involved in this sector.



### **IX International Birdwatching and Naturalistic Tourism Fair in Comacchio, Italy**

April 28th 2018 - The IX edition of the International Birdwatching and Naturalistic Tourism Fair took place in Comacchio (Ferrara), Italy, from April 28th to May 1st, a record edition that registered over 20'000 visitors.



### **Biosphere Reserve Southeast Ruegen: one step closer to be a ECST -Sustainable Destination**

April 23rd 2018 - Local tourism representatives, members of resort administrations and the Authority of the Biosphere Reserve Southeast Ruegen met in Lauterbach (Ruegen) for the second workshop for the re-evaluation of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas (ECST) Sustainable Destination.



### **Landscape Park Strunjan at the GREEN Fair, Slovenia**

April 4th 2018 - Landscape Park Strunjan presented CEETO project and its sustainable tourism offer at the GREEN Fair - International Fair of Sustainable Technologies and Green Lifestyle - in Gornja Radgona, Slovenia.



### **Biosphere Reserve Southeast Ruegen on its journey to the ECST Sustainable Destination**

March 27th 2018 - Local tourism representatives, members of resort administrations and the Authority of the Biosphere Reserve Southeast Ruegen met in Lauterbach to kick start the re-evaluation of the ECST Sustainable Destination.



### **Place2Go - International Tourism Fair in Croatia**

March 16th 2018 - Representatives from Nature Park Medvednica presented CEETO project at the Place2Go International Tourism Fair in Zagreb, Croatia.



### **Tourism stakeholders towards Sustainable Tourism in Slovenia**

March 12th 2018 - Tourism stakeholders gathered to support

responsible and Sustainable Tourism in Adriation-Ionian region, Slovenia, during the workshop "Sustainable and responsible management of tourism for better attractiveness of the Adriatic-Ionian destination".



### **Biosphere Reserve Southeast Ruegen at the ITB Convention, Germany**

March 12th 2018 - CEETO representative attended to the ITB Berlin Convention, the world's leading travel trade show.



### **Ecological Tourism in Europe Conference, Germany**

March 1st 2018 - Biosphere Reserve Southeast- Ruegen participates at the conference on tourism related sports and leisure activities in Protected Areas.

## Latest videos



### **sLOVEnia green: The Sečovlje Salina Nature Park**

April 9th 2018 - Saltmaking has led to Sečovlje Salina Nature Park to create its own identity and to provide the local community with a source of income and a wide array of activities to foster sustainable tourism inside this protected area.



### **Video-Interview to Enzo Valbonesi**

January 1st 2018 - Enzo Valbonesi, Head of the Emilia-Romagna region - Protected Areas, Forestry and Mountains Development Department, speaks about sustainable tourism management and his expectations about CEETO project.

#### **ABOUT CEETO**

CEETO, or *Central Europe Eco-Tourism: tools for nature protection* is an interregional cooperation project developed with the support of the EU European Regional Development Fund and composed by 11 project partners:

- Emilia-Romagna Region – Protected Areas, Forestry and Mountains Development Department, Italy.
- EUROPARC Federation, Germany.
- UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau, Austria.
- Soelktaeler Nature Park, Austria.
- NIMFEA Environment and Nature Conservation Association, Hungary.
- Authority for the Biosphere Reserve South East Ruegen, Germany.
- Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves - EUROPARC Italy, Italy.
- Regional Development Centre Koper, Slovenia.
- Public Institution Nature Park Medvenica, Croatia.
- Public Institute Landscape ParkStrunjan, Slovenia.
- WWF ADRIA - Association for Nature Protection and Biodiversity, Croatia.

Additionally, the project counts with six Advisory partners and aims to protect and enhance the natural heritage of Protected Areas and Natura 2000 Network by promoting an innovative sustainable tourism planning model.

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