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

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Presenting CEETO Interreg Central Europe project

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.

This project aims to protect and enhance the natural heritage of Protected Areas and Natura 2000 Network by promoting **an innovative sustainable tourism planning model**. This model will aim to reduce usage conflicts, sustain social and territorial cohesion, improve the quality of life of local communities and encourage the tourism industry to concretely contribute to nature conservation.

For this, the project partners will follow an integrated approach that includes environmental, social and economic aspects, in order to define and test innovative models for a sustainable tourism able to reinforce the effectiveness of nature conservation policies and measures applied in Protected Areas.

The project, which is led by the Emilia-Romagna Region – Protected Areas, Forestry and Mountains Development Department, Italy, involves **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.

Furthermore, six advisory partners will be helping in the project implementation. Together, they will strive to achieve the **specific objectives** next:

- To improve the capacities of the concerned territories in sustainable tourism management.
- To improve the capacities of the concerned territories to increase their effectiveness in nature protection.
- To consolidate a governance approach for the sustainable tourism inside Protected Areas, to be mainstreamed towards policy.

For extended information, please visit the [project website](#).

Partners overview



Regione Emilia-Romagna

Emilia-Romagna Region - Protected Areas, Forestry and Mountains Development Department, Italy

The Region Emilia-Romagna is a public administration with 3000 employees, a budget of 27 bn€ and competences on territorial governance organised in sectorial DGs and Departments. DG Environment has an official working group to develop/manage EU cooperation projects with technical & administrative experts from all sectors (protected areas & parks, biodiversity, waters/air quality, climate change, waste management, EIA/SEA, coastal defence, ICZM/MSP) to guarantee an integrated approach to project design, implementation and capitalisation.

The Emilia-Romagna Region – Protected Areas, Forestry and Mountains Development Department is competent for: biodiversity protection (flora, fauna, habitats); legislation on Protected Areas (PAs); coordination with local institutions for PAs management/ plans/ programs; activities of information, dissemination and education. It also implements a Regional System of Protected Areas (including 2 National, 1 Interregional, 15 Regional Parks, 14 Regional Natural reserves, 3 Protected Landscapes, 54 Ecological Rebalancing Areas), Natura 2000 network and forestry protection.

Together with Natura 2000 network, PA cover more than 16% of regional territory. Besides preserving nature PA allow to introduce economic systems both profitable and environmentally sustainable, like touristic activities, the most suitable to produce economic virtuous circles. The Region Emilia-Romagna has long been investing in projects that involve PA to promote economic activities that enhance the specific natural capital (e.g Alta Via dei Parchi, a 500km ridge trail through the Apennines involving 8 parks).

Within CEETO project, the Region Emilia-Romagna will implement 3 pilot actions in Protected Areas which represent 3 different environments of great value that are all touristic hotspots:



Regional Park Alto Appennino Modenese Pilot Area

Established in: 1988.

Surface area: 9,117 hectares; pre-park: 6,519 hectares.

Municipalities: Fanano, Fiumalbo, Frassinoro, Montecreto, Pievepelago, Riolunato, Sestola.

Main features: coastal environment.

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Appennino Tosco Emiliano National Park Pilot Area

Established in: 1988.

Surface area: 18,046 hectares; pre-park: 33,824 hectares.

Municipalities: Comacchio, Argenta, Codigoro, Goro, Mesola, Ostellato (FE), Alfonsine, Cervia (RA), Ravenna.

Main features: high-mountain forests, ridges and glacial lakes.

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Po Delta Regional Park Pilot Area

Established in: 2001.

Surface area: 23,613 hectares.

Municipalities: Corniglio (PR), Busana, Collagna, Ligonchio, Ramiseto, Villa Minozzo, Castelnuovo ne' Monti (RE), Giuncugnano, San Romano di Garfagnana, Villa Collemarina (LU), Comano, Filattiera, Fivizzano, Licciana Nardi (MS).

Main features: Second widest natural lake of the Northern

Apennines.

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UNESCO
BIOSPHERENPARK
Salzburger Lungau

UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau, Austria

This southernmost district of Salzburg province, in partnership with the Nockberge region of Carinthia, is since 2012 known as UNESCO Biosphere Park Salzburger Lungau & Kärntner Nockberge. The third and biggest UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Austria proudly stands as a model region for sustainable development. No matter what season, nature in all its diversity always presents its most beautiful side and offers unique vacation experiences far away from the hectic pace of everyday life.

Nearly 100 km south-east of Salzburg City, the 15 villages of the Lungau Region lie on a high plateau between the Niedere Tauern to the north and the Nockberge to the south. These communities include Göriach, Lessach, Mariapfarr, Mauterndorf, Muhr, Ramingstein, St. Andrä, St. Margarethen, St. Michael, Tamsweg, Thomatal, Tweng, Unternberg, Weisspriach and Zederhaus. Except for Ramingstein, all of the region's towns are above 1,000 metres in elevation. The mountain climate of the Lungau alleviates respiratory complaints and optimises endurance training.

Many have fallen already head over heels in love with the sunny Salzburg's Lungau region. And it's no wonder; it lives up to everything it promises: crystal-clear mountain lakes, romantic huts and hill farms, charming cycling and mountain bike paths in summer. When temperatures in Lungau's mountain world begin to drop, the hearts of true-blue winter sports fans warm up in eager anticipation. Boundless variety is also assured in Lungau region for big and small: guaranteed by the skiing areas Katschberg Grosseck-Speiereck, Fanningberg and Obertauern. Unique customs, and culinary specialties will make everyone's heart beat faster with pure excitement all year long.



UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau Pilot Area

Established in: 2012.

Surface area: 102,000 hectares.

Municipalities: Göriach, Lessach, Mariapfarr, Mauterndorf, Muhr, Ramingstein, St. Andrä, St. Margarethen, St. Michael, Tamsweg, Thomatal, Tweng, Unternberg, Weisspriach and Zederhaus.

Main features: mountain area and mountain lakes; small structured agriculture and organic farming.

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CEETO work in progress



CEETO Kick off meeting takes place

The past 26th of June, after less than one month since the project started, CEETO partners gathered to celebrate the project Kick off meeting in Bologna, Italy. The objective of this meeting was to coordinate future actions for the successful implementation of the project.

Related news



Charter for Sustainable Tourism celebrates the Charter Network meeting

The main European actors of sustainable tourism gather in Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga National Park, Italy to celebrate its biannual meeting. The event was jointly organised by EUROPARC Federation and Federparchi - The Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves, both partners at CEETO project.



CEETO at EUROPARC Conference 2017 - Magic Mountains Portugal

CEETO project was presented in the Market Place at EUROPARC Conference 2017, among a crowd of participants that were willing to get information and delicacies in the various stalls present.

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