



**HUMANITA**



**TRANSNATIONAL CHALLENGE**

With a growing number of visitors and visitor activities, protected areas in Central Europe experience an increase of human-nature conflicts. Recreational activities like hiking, mountain biking or skiing lead to various environmental impacts on physical and hydrological processes, as well as on ecology and wildlife. This challenge and its solutions will be addressed with the HUMANITA project.

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Human-Nature Interactions and Impacts of Tourist Activities on Protected Areas

**Project budget:**  
2,396,346.70 EUR

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1,917,077.36 EUR

start date  
**1.4.2023**  
end date  
**31.3.2026**

**OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED CHANGES**

- Test and produce innovative solutions to assess the impact of tourist activities on nature
- Assist managers of protected areas (PA) to optimize them with nature protection
- Involve tourists and local communities in participatory monitoring to bring awareness-raising, trust-building, and behavioural change
- Enhance the protection of natural heritage, ecosystems, and valuable areas
- Develop “common heritage” narrative for pilot sites

**THEMATIC ACTIVITIES:**

- Monitoring of environmental impacts of tourists inside PAs, current methods and best practice
- Developing innovative monitoring methods and data sets to detect environmental impacts of tourists
- Human - nature conflict management

**RESULTS:**

- 1 transnational monitoring strategy
- 5 pilot actions testing new innovative monitoring methods and approaches
- 5 local action plans to monitor and resolve human-nature conflicts in pilot sites
- 6 solutions assessing the impact value of different types of tourist activities on nature

**HUMANITA ECOSYSTEM**

**Lead partner:**

1. University of Žilina, Slovakia (UNIZA)

**Project partners and pilot sites**

2. Eurac research (EURAC), Italy
3. University of Parma (UNIPR), Italy
4. Notitia Ltd (NOTITIA), Croatia
5. Carinthia UAS - non-profit limited liability company (CUAS), Austria
6. CEEweb for Biodiversity (CEEweb), Hungary
7. EGTC GEOPARK KARAWANKEN/KARAVANKE (EGTC GEOPARK), Austria/Slovenia - pilot site
8. Administration of National Park Malá Fatra (A-NPMF), Slovakia - pilot site
9. Public Institution Kamenjak (PIK), Croatia - pilot site
10. Tuscan-Emilian Apennine National Park (PNATE), Italy - pilot site
11. Bükk National Park Directorate (BNPD), Hungary - pilot site

**14 associated partners**

