

EUROPARC Central and Eastern Europe Members Meeting
Hostětín (Czech Republic), 16-18th March 2015, Minutes from the meeting

Wednesday 16 March

14.00 – 14.30

• **Welcomes and Opening Speeches**

Jakub Kašpar - President of the section

František Pojer - Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic

Introduction of all participants (tour the table) and introduction to upcoming Agenda and the agenda of the meeting (presentation 1 EF Introduction)

14.30 – 16.00

• **Members Assembly**

Jakub Kašpar opened the Assembly. Michael Hošek presented information about current members of the section (presentation 2 CEE Members), news from the Council (presentation 3 Assembly News from the Council), and activities of the CEE section (presentation 4 Section Activities).

16:30 – 17:30

• **Excursion to Veronica Centre Hostětín**

19:00 – 20:00

Slide show: **Example of the international development aid – Tusheti Protected Areas, Georgia** (Jakub Kašpar & Michael Hošek)

Thursday 17th March

9:00 – 10:30

• **Key note presentations**

9:00 – 9:45

European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (Snježana Malić-Limari, Medvednica Nature Park, Croatia, presentation 5 Charter Croatia)

9:45 – 10:30

Climate Change and its impact to Protected Areas (Vojtech Kotecky, [Glopolis](#), Czech Republic, presentation 6 Climate Change)

11.00 – 12.30

• **Workshop session 1 – CEPA: Communication, Education and Public Awareness. Experience on interpretation and education in Medvednica Nature Park** (Ana Krvaric, Medvednica Nature Park, Croatia, presentation 7 CEPA)

13.30 – 15.00

• **Workshop session 2 – Work plan of the section and project opportunities for joint projects – brainstorming on cooperation and project ideas**

1) Participants discussed project opportunities. In the region, there are three suitable funds: INTERREG C (<http://www.interreg4c.eu/>), INTERREG Danube (<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/>), and Visegrad fund (<http://visegradfund.org/home/>), especially for small grants. Short presentation focused on funds is attached as the annex 8 Project Opportunities). Result: Selected members will prepare the project focused on Natura 2000 overlapping small scale protected areas (annex "Project_Proposal_BRICKS.docx"). Participants are asked to distribute the proposal to suitable partners. As "side result" of the workshop on invasive species in Hortobágy NP (May, 2016), basic project proposal to INTERREG (C or Danube) on invasive species will be developed and distributed (responsible: Schmotzer A. - BNPI, Bogyó D. - HNPĐ). The idea of a multicountry LIFE Integrated Project was also discussed. Hungary and the Czech Republic will explore the possibility of expertise exchange (mutual study visits on practical issues) between the Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic and Hungary's National Park Directorates.

2) Members of the CEE section outlined and approved the section workplan for period 3/2016-3/2017). The workplan is attached as a separate annex (CEE Work Plan 2016.docx).

15:30 – 17:00 • **Conclusions, planning for future**

The CEE members approved the work plan for the next year.

17:00 – 18:00 **Workshop session 3 - Administrative organisation of national parks and nature parks and their place within the national or state level – presentation of questionnaire results followed by discussion** (Vera Gáspár and András Schmidt, Hungary)

The results of the questionnaire on structure and national systems of national parks administration were presented. The overall presentation and specific presentation from Croatia are in the folder “Administrative_Organization_Questionnaire” inside of the folder PPTs. The folder also contains filled in questionnaires obtained before the meeting.

18:30 – 19:30 • **Introduction of White Carpathians and Education Centre White Carpathians with a short excursion** (Ivana Jongepierová)

Note - Section Board Members for the following period are:

Croatia: Snježana Malić-Limari

Czech Republic – Jakub Kašpar, President (alt. Handrij Härtel, Vice-President)

Hungary – Dávid Bogyó

Poland – Andrzej Raj

Romania – Liliana Livancenco

Slovakia – Jana Pokrievková

Slovenia – Bogomil Breznik

Michael Hošek as the Section coordinator (with no voting right)

Minutes taken by

Michael Hošek

Verified by

Jakub Kašpar and Dávid Bogyó

Annexes:

- 1) List of participants
- 2) Programme
- 3) Presentations (folder “PPTs”)
- 4) Project proposal on Natura 2000 – INTERREG C (BRICK)
- 5) CEE Work Plan for 3/2016-3/2017