



## Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

### Alpine River Restoration Workshop



**Hotel Tennis, Zvolen, Slovak Republic, 3 & 4 September 2014**

### Programme

#### *Wednesday, 3 September, day 1*

08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration (and coffee)</b>
<b>Opening and introduction</b>	
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Official welcome &amp; opening speeches</b> <b>Ms Jana Durkošová</b> , Division of Nature Protection and Landscape Development, chair of the workshop <b>Mr Ján Kadlečík</b> , State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic <b>Ms Laura Máiz-Tomé</b> , Assistant Advisor for Europe, Ramsar Convention Secretariat <b>Ms Monika Supeková</b> , Slovak Water Management Enterprise, state enterprise
09:30 – 09:45	<b>Introduction to the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process</b> <b>Mr Ludovic Le Maresquier</b> , European Commission, DG Environment
09:45 – 10:00	<b>Overview of the workshop program and introduction to site visits</b> <b>Mr Bernie Fleming</b> , ECNC-European Centre for Nature Conservation <b>Ms Tereza Thompson</b> , State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee and prepare to depart for site visits
<b>Excursions and Knowledge Market</b>	
10:30– 18:00	<b>Excursion to the Hron/Slatina Rivers (tributary of the Danube)</b> (for details see page 4 – pack lunches are provided)
19:00 – 20:30	<b>Knowledge market and buffet dinner</b>

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## Thursday, 4 September, day 2

Framework presentations and discussion	
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Re-cap of Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2</b> <b>Ms Jana Durkošová</b> , Chair and <b>Mr Bernie Fleming</b> , ECNC-European Centre for Nature Conservation
09:15 – 09:35	<b>Presentation on EU directives (Water framework and Nature directives, reporting requirements, EU guidelines)</b> <b>Mr Ludovic Le Maresquier</b> , European Commission, DG Environment
09:35 – 09:55	<b>Carpathian Wetlands Initiative</b> <b>Mr Jan Kadlecik</b> , State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic & Carpathian Wetland Initiative
09:55 – 10:15	<b>Strategic tools for sustainable hydropower development</b> <b>Ms Carina Mielach</b> , Institute of Hydrobiology and Aquatic Ecosystem Management, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Discussion</b> Moderated by <b>Mr Bernie Fleming</b>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
Case study presentations and discussion - Impact assessment in Alpine rivers	
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Assessment of impact of construction and operation of small hydroelectric power plants on fish fauna and ecological state of Ukrainian Carpathians</b> <b>Dr Sergei Afanasiev</b> , Deputy Head & <b>Ms Olena Bilous</b> , Senior Scientist, Institute of Hydrobiology National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine
11:15 – 11:30	<b>Project AIM - Alpine space in Movement, targeted at water and energy capitalization</b> <b>Ms Raffaella Schinegger</b> , Institute of Hydrobiology and Aquatic Ecosystem Management, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Questions &amp; moderated plenary discussion</b> Moderated by <b>Ms Jana Durkošová</b> and <b>Mr Bernie Fleming</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lessons learned &amp; best practices</li> <li>- Common priorities</li> <li>- Implications and opportunities for collaboration</li> <li>- Follow up activities: twinning, study visits, transborder cooperation. Funding opportunities: LIFE, INTERREG, IPA, ERASMUS, see <a href="http://www.financing-natura2000.eu/">http://www.financing-natura2000.eu/</a></li> </ul>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch &amp; networking</b>

Case study presentations and discussion - Restoration of Alpine rivers	
14:00 – 14:20	<p><b><i>LIFE project “Ljubljana connects”</i></b></p> <p><b>Mr Andrej Vidmar</b>, Senior Researcher, <b>Ms Katarina Zabret</b>, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia</p>
14:20 – 14:40	<p><b><i>Restoration of ecological status of mountainous stream after forest cuttings in Ukrainian part of Tisza basin: biological, economic and social aspects</i></b></p> <p><b>Ms Olena Lietitska</b>, Senior Scientist, Institute of Hydrobiology of National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine &amp; <b>Ms Olena Marushevska</b>, project manager, Zakarpattya Oblast Branch of All-Ukrainian League, Ukraine</p>
14:40 - 15.40	<p><b><i>Questions &amp; plenary discussion</i></b></p> <p>Moderated by <b>Ms Jana Durkošová</b> and <b>Mr Bernie Fleming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lessons learned &amp; best practices</li> <li>- Common priorities</li> <li>- Implications and opportunities for collaboration</li> <li>- Follow up activities: twinning, study visits, transborder cooperation. Funding opportunities: LIFE, INTERREG, IPA, ERASMUS, see <a href="http://www.financing-natura2000.eu/">http://www.financing-natura2000.eu/</a></li> </ul>
15:40– 16:00	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
Conclusions and recommendations	
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Moderated by <b>Ms Jana Durkošová</b> and <b>Mr Bernie Fleming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lessons learned &amp; best practices</li> <li>- Common priorities</li> <li>- Implications and opportunities for collaboration</li> <li>- Follow up activities: twinning, study visits, transborder cooperation. Funding opportunities: LIFE, INTERREG, IPA, ERASMUS, see <a href="http://www.financing-natura2000.eu/">http://www.financing-natura2000.eu/</a></li> </ul>

## Excursions:

There are 2 parallel excursions planned. For both, transport by bus will be organized (individual travelling by car may prefer to use their own vehicle) and guided tours provided, both for nature and water management issues.

**1<sup>st</sup> excursion** will be to the Slatina River, the Hriňová Water Dam and to the historical (former mining town) Banská Štiavnica with a unique system of “tajchy”, the Pstruša Nature Reserve will be visited, too.



**2<sup>nd</sup> excursion** will follow the Hron River from its spring and meanders and valuable riverbed (all being protected areas), to the historically important set of water dams Dolný Harmanec, as well as Jelenec and Motyčky and migration barrier at Hronská Dúbrava.

