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Partners overview

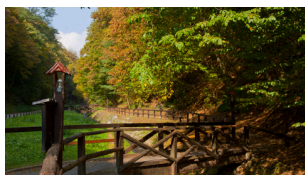


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Nature Park

Public Institution Nature Park Medvednica, Croatia

The Public Institution Nature Park Medvednica is the management body of the protected area in a near vicinity of the City of Zagreb. Apart from the local inhabitants, the Park is under constant pressure due to the growing number of visitors that come from the city to enjoy the nature of Nature Park Medvednica. From its beginnings, the Institution has worked in carrying out awareness and education initiatives about the natural and cultural values of the Park and the importance of its conservation. It also puts great efforts in developing and implementing sustainable tourism management methods and tools. Public Institution Nature Park Medvednica was awarded in 2014 with the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas and, through this process, it collaborated and

still collaborates with local stakeholders, ministries, research institutes and associations at national and international level. The Nature Park Medvednica is the Pilot Area in which CEETO project Action Plans will be implemented.



Nature Park Medvednica Pilot Area

Established in: 1981

Surface area: 18.000 ha

Municipalities: Zagreb County, Krapinsko – Zagorska County and Zagrebačka.

Main features: forests, grasslands, mountain streams. A ski resort is located in the centre of the Park.

[More information about the Park and its Pilot Actions](#)



Public Institute Strunjan Landscape Park, Slovenia

In 2009 the Slovenian government established the Public Institute Strunjan Landscape Park in order to protect the unique natural and landscape values of the Strunjan Peninsula. The institution is in charge of the protection, technical control and management tasks of the protected area. Half of its extension is protected under Natura 2000 schemes for the presence of seven animal species and seven habitat types of Communitarian interest. The objectives of the institution are to promote the sustainable development of the Park, to create new opportunities for the Park inhabitants and to provide an economic, social and cultural development of its local communities in order to strengthen the economic competitiveness of the area. Furthermore, they strive to promote activities that contribute to nature conservation and the integrated conservation of cultural heritage, and to maintain and preserve its unique landscape environment. Strunjan Landscape Park is the only protected area in Slovenia that contains a Marine Protected Area within its limits.



Strunjan Landscape Park Pilot Area

Established in: 2008

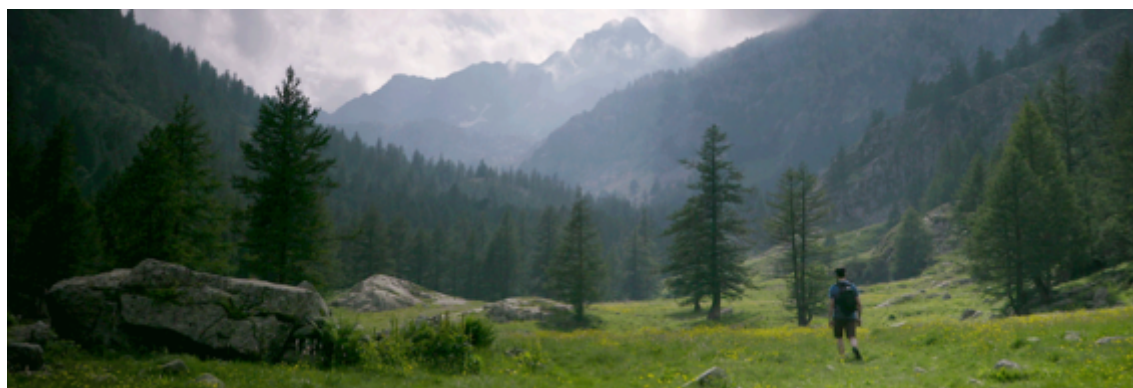
Surface area: 428.6 hectares

Municipalities: Piran, Izola

Main features: the Park embraces the longest stretch of natural seashore in the Gulf of Trieste, the highest flisch cliff on the Adriatic coast, the northernmost saltpans in the Mediterranean basin, the only marine lagoon in Slovenia and one of the most conserved cultural landscape on Slovenian coast.

[More information about the Park and its Pilot Actions](#)

Work in progress



["A Sustainable Journey" Film - Coming on November 29th!](#)

EUROPARC Federation and CEETO Interreg Central Europe have produced the film "A Sustainable Journey", aiming to raise awareness among travellers and local communities on the importance of Sustainable Tourism. Full movie release on November 29th. [Watch the trailer at CEETO website!](#)



[CEETO Conference in Sustainable Tourism, Croatia](#)

October 22nd 2018 - A three-day International Conference on Protected Areas and Sustainable Tourism took place in Opatija organised by the CEETO project partners with the special involvement of WWF Adria. The objectives were to analyse the influence of tourism sector in decision-making, related to the management of protected areas. [See the outcomes of the Conference.](#)



[Pilot Action implementation and visitor flow monitoring at UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Southeast-Rügen, Germany](#)

Starting from July 18th, [Park rangers began to collect data to better understand visitor flows](#) through an electronic system and regular surveys to visitors. Additionally, [a workshop to develop a joint vision for tourism in the Zicker Berge](#) area took place on October 15th in Middelhagen.



[Workshop On The Spot at two Protected Areas of Emilia-Romagna region, Italy](#)

The first [Workshop was held on July 12th to 13th at Tosco-Emiliano Apennine National Park in which the Park administration and relevant stakeholders gathered to discuss the actions to be taken within the Action Plan and face the needs present in this territory.](#) On October 8th to 9th, a second [Workshop was organised at Po Delta Regional Park](#) in two different locations, covering two different geographical areas.



[Pilot Action Implementation has started at UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau, Austria](#)

On May 2nd 2018, a [first CEETO workshop took place in Lungau](#) to discuss visions and objectives of a sustainable tourism development together with stakeholders and experts. On July 10th, a [stakeholders workshop on qualitative near-natural Tourism](#) followed supported by Luca Lietti, external expert from Federparchi. Finally, on August 30th the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau [started the implementation of their Pilot Action in the Preber area](#) with a survey and awareness raising actions among visitors and natives.



[First Workshop On The Spot takes place in Strunjan Landscape Park, Slovenia](#)

July 9th 2018 - The first CEETO Workshop at Strunjan Landscape Park held with the objective to define the action plan in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders present in the Park.

[Preparatory actions at Nature Park Medvednica, Croatia](#)



July 2nd 2018 - Public Institution representatives and all relevant stakeholders of Nature Park Medvednica discussed challenges that this pilot area faces during winter ski season in order to define their Action Plan.



[2nd CEETO Technical meeting takes place in Lungau, Austria](#)

June 4th 2018 - The workshop hosted by the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau, Austria, was an opportunity for project partners and Park technicians to learn more on participatory processes, define their objectives and deepen in the use of tools for the implementation of CEETO project pilot actions.

Events



Charter Network Meeting - 8th to 11th of April 2019, Greece

The XI European Charter Network Meeting will focus on "the social and cultural impacts of tourism, exploring a Sustainable response" and will take place from the 8th to the 11th of April

2019 in Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agrafa and Meteora National Park - Pramanta town, Greece.

The event is dedicated to all the Parks that are implementing the Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas and to all those Parks that want to improve the sustainable tourism in their area.

There will be workshops sessions with examples from the Charter for Sustainable Tourism network, with room to bring your questions, case studies, project proposals, and your own examples. The agenda also includes a full day for field trips with hikes to Syrrako village, rafting in Arachthos river and many more. Finally, the Post conference excursions will visit the rest of the National Park. Updates will be posted in [EUROPARC website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) channels.

Related news



[Kick-Off Event "Be.Genuine. within the Biosphere" at UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau](#)

October 5th 2018 - The core issue of the event was the promotion, development and implementation of a sustainable and near natural tourism of high quality.



[CEETO project at the 7th Symposium "Kopački rit: Past, Present, Future" 2018](#)

September 27th 2018 - The Symposium took place in Tikveš, (Slavonia, Croatia) and counted with international participation.

[CEETO presented at EUROPARC Conference in Scotland](#)



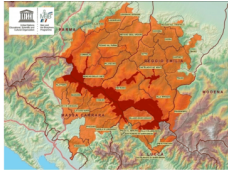
September 18th 2018 - Great visibility was given to CEETO project at EUROPARC Conference 2018 in Aviemore, Scotland, with a specific workshop on the project and a dedicated stall in the Marketplace.



[International Bat Night at Nature Park Medvednica, Croatia](#)

August 25th 2018 - Hosted by local nature conservation organisations, the International Bat Night is an annual event to draw public awareness to threatened bat populations in

Europe.



[The enlargement to the Modena Apennines of the UNESCO MaB Reserve, Italy](#)

July 17th 2018 - The first workshop to start the process of designating the Modena Apennines as a UNESCO Man and Biosphere Reserve was held.



[CEETO project represented at ESPARC - EUROPARC Spain Conference](#)

May 23rd 2018 - ESPARC 2018, the biannual Conference of the Spanish protected areas that gathers authorities, managers and technicians from the most relevant institutions of this

country.

Latest videos



[A Sustainable Journey - Watch the Trailer!](#)

Let nature take you on a Sustainable Journey. This film will show you how another way of tourism is possible, a tourism that will allow you to breathe, relax and explore while making a positive impact on the environment, culture and economy.

Trailers on English, Deutsch and Italian available at CEETO website. Full film release on November 29th.

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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