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

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Join CEETO Network, stay tuned on Sustainable Tourism

CEETO Network is an association of practitioners in nature conservation and sustainable tourism in Europe, established by [CEETO project](#) partners.

To enable dialogue among interested stakeholders, the Network created the CEETO on-line platform, an **easy-to-use platform** for networking and knowledge sharing. Registering to the [CEETO on-line platform](#) offers an **opportunity to publicly and**

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areas, especially those already tested in Europe.

The aim of the platform is to promote the users' interests and concerns, to assist in the development of sustainable tourism solutions in existing networks, and to enable discussions that will greatly benefit all participating members, including academics, nature and tourism experts, through the exchange and transfer of knowledge, ideas, and innovations. We welcome you to **register and share your views in [lively discussions!](#)**

[Join CEETO Network!](#)

Partners overview



Regional Development Centre Koper, Slovenia

Regional Development Centre Koper (RDC Koper) was established in 1994 as an institution at regional level. It performs the role of regional coordinator of interests on local, regional and national level. This encompasses co-operation with different civil society organizations, regulatory authorities, development organizations or research entities. Since 2001,

RDC Koper act as regional development agency for eight Coastal-Karst municipalities: Ankaran, Divača, Hrpelje-Kozina, Izola, Komen, Koper, Piran and Sežana and it is in charged for preparation of the **joint development programme**.

Main focus of development programme is putted on areas of great importance, such are **economic development, rural development, sea, spatial planning and nature protection**, with a view to the sustainable development of protected areas. Region is covering **five protected areas** Landscape Park Strunjan, Škocjanski zatok Nature reserve, Sečovlje Salina Nature Park, The Škocjan caves, Lipica Stud Farm, and 60% of Natura 2000 areas. As the region is a unique and ecologically very sensitive area, a balance between economic interests, local population needs and environmental concerns is extremely important for a sustainable development.

RDC Koper implements different **cross-border and transnational projects**. Successfully implemented projects with their results are consistent with the objectives **of regional development programme**. Such project of regional and national interest was project CAMP Slovenia where was prepared Integrated Coastal Zone Management Programme for coastal areas, including maritime protected areas and strategies for sustainable development. Project with the similar objectives was also SHAPE (IPA Adriatic Programme). In the pilot area Landscape Park Strunjan were implemented tools for supporting MSP and ICZM Protocol.

RDC Koper currently employs 12 people, from different professional backgrounds: geography, architecture, communication, economy and transport studies. This year RDC Koper celebrated 25th anniversary. Over the two past decade, the collective efforts brought **considerable benefits to the citizens including mobility, increased economic development and better quality of life**.
[More information](#)

WWF Adria, Croatia

As part of the WWF global network, WWF Adria was officially established in 2015 to work on the **sustainable management**

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region, part of the larger Mediterranean and Danube-Carpathian ecoregion. Through its partner organizations, though, WWF Adria has been present in the region since the beginning of this century.

Its headquarters are located in Zagreb, Croatia. It carries out its work in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Kosovo*, Slovenia and Serbia, with more than 50 staff members. It **cooperates with more than 80 Protected Areas in the region**, helping them to

become a central part of the development of the region in which they need to be a driving force to enhance the quality of life of communities living in or around PAs in balance with the fundamental natural values.

WWF Adria focuses on **protecting and recovering key species, habitats and ecosystems**, with good governance systems in place, and enabling **sustainable management and equitable use of natural resources**. It works towards civil society that is informed, educated and empowered to engage in environmental stewardship and decision-making. It is trying to achieve change on the ground: connect local communities with their protected areas, encourage those areas to have better management plans and focus on sustainable, **low impact tourism**, inspire investors to choose sustainable hydropower, and people to recognize the values of the ecosystems that surround us and to seek out sustainable seafood.

[More information](#)

Work in progress



[Ceeto Pilot Actions at Lake Santo Modenese](#)

October 22nd, Italy – The aim of this action was to monitor and manage the tourist flows and the traffic and to propose alternative routes to reach the lake and the nearby shelters.



[Artificial Intelligence to protect the Salse di Nirano Nature Reserve, Italy](#)

October 16th, Italy - The Salse di Nirano Natural Reserve has a delicate environment in continuous evolution and, due to its proximity to the Po plain, it is highly visited during all the seasons. The pilot action of the CEETO project aims to do a remote control of "risky behaviours" carried out by tourists and to stimulate a more aware and respectful use of the site.



[CEETO project at EUROPARC Conference 2019, Latvia](#)

September 24th to 27th, Latvia – CEETO project was presented at the EUROPARC Conference, the biggest gathering for protected area professionals in Europe, in Kemer National Park, Latvia. Hosted under the theme "Nature on your mind – understanding our values", the focus of the Conference was to emphasize the role that nature plays in human health.

[Landscape Park Strunjan - in the company of children at the CEETO Protected Areas Open Day](#)

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workshop entitled “How

Protected Areas Open Day, the Public Institute Landscape Park Strunjan organized a press conference in cooperation with the Community of Natural Parks of Slovenia and invited 60 children and their mentors to participate in an educational workshop entitled “How to protect wetlands”.



protected areas”.

[Protected Areas Open Day at Park Maksimir, Croatia](#)

June 8th, Zagreb – The Protected Areas Open Day targeted students with special education needs under the theme “Increasing accessibility and involvement of all visitors to



with 160 participating photos, from which 13 will be portrayed in the Biosphere Reserve’s calendar.

[Photo Competition at the CEETO Protected Areas Open Day](#)

June 3rd, Rügen, Germany – In the framework of CEETO Protected Areas Open Day, the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Southeast-Rügen organised a Photo-Competition that counted



inclusion of all visitors”.

[Protected Areas Open Days at Nature Park Medvednica, Croatia](#)

June 2nd, Zagreb, Croatia – Nature Park Medvednica celebrated its Protected Areas Open Day in the framework of CEETO project and under the theme “accessibility and

Events



25
1994 2019
European Committee of the Regions

2nd December
14:00 - 18:00



EUROPARC Charter Awards - celebrating success with Protected Areas and their Business Partners!

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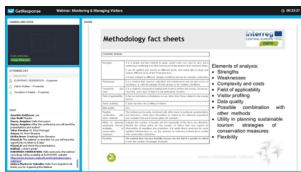
The Charter Award Ceremony 2019 is the EUROPARC annual high-level event host in Brussels, to recognise the work of Protected Areas towards achieving sustainability in tourism with the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas.

This year we will celebrate the successful applications of 16 EUROPARC Sustainable Destinations, some of them awarded for the first time while others, that have implemented the methodology before, will be awarded for the renewal of their commitment. Also one CEETO partner will be re-awarded this year: the Appennino Tosco-Emiliano National Park!

A remarkable new aspect of the Charter Award Ceremony this year, is the official announcement of the winners of EUROPARC Star Awards, a prize to champion and acknowledge the effort and investments made by tourism businesses working with our Sustainable Destinations across Europe.

The event will take place on December 2nd, from 14:00 to 18:00, in the European Committee of the Regions, kindly hosted by Roby Biwer, Vice-Chair of the ENVE of the Committee of Regions, and will be [available in streaming here](#).

To get more information, download the programme and register please visit [EUROPARC Charter Awards 2019 webpage](#).



CEETO Webinars on Sustainable Tourism

March and April 2020.

Broadcasted online - previous registration needed.

In the beginning of the coming year, CEETO project and EUROPARC Federation will present two new webinars on Sustainable Tourism.

As in the [past CEETO webinar](#) hosted last March, different professionals that actively collaborate in the implementation of CEETO project and invited experts on Sustainable Tourism will present two main outputs that are being developed within CEETO Agenda:

- **CEETO Guidelines for Policy Makers:** a reference document with lessons learned from the project and recommendations on how to develop sustainable tourism in Protected Areas.
- **CEETO Manual for Protected Area Managers:** an operational tool for setting up a sustainable tourism governance model based on monitoring and management practices tested during the project.

For more information, dates, agenda and registrations stay tuned on [CEETO news](#) and [EUROPARC news](#). You can also view the past webinars online at [CEETO YouTube Channel](#). **Join us at the coming CEETO webinars!**

Related news

[November 26th - "A sustainable journey" receives three new awards at International Film Festivals.](#) The film on sustainable tourism produced in the framework of the CEETO Interreg Central Europe project, has been awarded with three more prizes at ART&TUR – International Tourism Film Festival, Portugal, and Amorgos Tourism Film Festival, Greece.

[May 31st - A meeting on "The secret world of lakes", Italy.](#) A two-days meeting was

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August 28th - Star hike around the Preber Lake at UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau. The guide and star expert Othmar Ortner showed the participants of the star hike the magical world of the night.

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 Park Strunjan, 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.

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

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