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**Title:** Knowledge exchange workshop on integration of ecological corridors into spatial planning within the European National Parks and their networks

**Workshop description:** The main aim of the side event to provide platform for a multi-sectoral knowledge transfer on best practice examples related to integration of eco-corridors into spatial planning targeted at National Parks representatives, policy makers at the EU, Carpathian and wider Danube level and beyond. The workshop will also aim the discussion on the elaboration of the Strategy on identification, preservation and management of ecological corridors in the Carpathian counties and the Action Plan for a joint cooperation on securing ecological connectivity between the EU mountain regions.

**Importance of the topic:** Ecosystems, their related ecological corridors transcend national borders. The efforts to protect, maintain and sustainably manage these natural resources cannot be achieved by one sector or by one country alone, but require transnational and multi-sectoral cooperation and coordination, which is mainly processed by spatial planning and strategic planning in the EU countries. This way spatial planning provides the access of implementation of the EU's Birds and Habitats Directives, the Green Deal 2020, the SDG Agenda and even the Key Actions for Large Carnivore Populations in Europe through ecological corridors as of the TEN-G system.

**Supposed participants:** 30-40 persons

**Key presentations topics and duration:** 2h 20'

- Ecological corridors' importance in the Green infrastructure – 20' presentation
- Mapping ecosystem services and embedding database to spatial planning – 20' presentation
- Best practices in the Alps – 15' presentation
- Best practices in the Balkan Countries – 15'

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- Best practices in the Carpathians – 15' presentation
- Round table discussion on knowledge transfer through Action Plans and Strategies – 60' round table discussion

*Key topics:*

- Ecological corridors
- Ecosystem services
- International cooperation in GI systems
- Integrated strategic planning, spatial planning practice/GIS/policy
- Big carnivore's migration routes in ecological corridor planning
- Environmentally-friendly infrastructure planning
- Road safety, Road kill registration/monitoring
- Elements of Green Infrastructure in road construction