



greenAlps workshop- Ecosystem services and ecological connectivity: a new challenge for the Park, new opportunities for transboundary cooperation

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Venue: Hotel Jezero, Ribčev Laz 51, Bohinjsko jezero, Slovenija

Minutes

Participants: see Annex I

Agenda of the Workshop: see Annex II

Monday, 26.May, 2014

- 1.) Welcome and introduction by Director of Tourism Bohinj, Klemen Langus and by acting Director of Triglav National Park, dr. Peter Skoberne.
- 2.) Urška Smukavec (Tourism Bohinj) presented Alpine Space Programme in general and the tasks of Tourism Bohinj within the project greenAlps. Andrej Arih (Triglav National Park) prepared a short overview of the pilot area Triglav National Park and the most common human activities in the protected area.
- 3.) Stefano Santi, Director of Julian Prealps Nature Park made a short presentation of the pilot area. Since 2009 Triglav National Park and Julian Prealps Nature Park are certificated by Europarc as Transboundary protected area with the name of Ecoregion Julian Alps. In 2011, the Julian Prealps Nature Park was nominated by the Alpine Convention as pilot area for ecological connectivity.
- 4.) Filippo Favilli (EURAC) responsible for coordination of greenAlps WP4 described the goal, approach, common vision of the project and explained some more about WP4- Governance

in Pilot areas. Together with Andrej Arih they presented the project recharge.green including the current activities and results in Triglav National Park.

- 5.) Ruedi Haller (Swiss National Park) prepared a general introduction to the GIS tool JECAMI that was developed through the project ECONNECT. JECAMI is a computer- based system for the analysis of the landscape permeability. JECAMI provides an analysis of the main obstacles to the establishment of an ecological network, in order to consider them during regional land-use planning processes. He showed us connectivity problems of some species in the Alps. JECAMI combines three different approaches: the analysis of the landscape as a whole in a continuum suitability index (CSI), the distribution and migration of specific key species (SMA and service) and the connectivity analysis of riverine landscapes (CARL service). Practical example of CSI and SMA web service was presented and explained. He presented the strengths and weaknesses of the tool. He also showed us some concrete examples for the area of Triglav National Park. The tool is available online on website <http://raluca-nicola.net/jecami/>.
- 6.) For the end Filippo Favilli showed the results of TNP site visit and questionnaires. TNP site visit took place in November 2013. He presented the cooperation between TNP and PGNP, organization/management of TNP, funding, main projects, regional development & stakeholder, ecosystem services and renewable energies potential. He could not present the results of survey just for Slovenia, because only 2 surveys were completed. Tourism Bohinj sent two times more than 20 emails with the request to fulfil the survey, but just 2 were completed. At the workshop the main results from all countries involved in a project green Alps were shown: there is a lack of knowledge about the concept of Ecological Connectivity, a deep knowledge of Ecosystem Services does not exist, the majority of replies state that to all ESS should be assigned a market value.

Tourism Bohinj and TNP sent invitations for a workshop to all 8 municipalities which are part of TNP and to the employees who are responsible for spatial planning and environmental protection at municipalities and also at national level, to all local tourism organizations, The Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation (Kranj, Nova Gorica), Slovenian Environmental Agency (Nature Conservation Division), Slovenian Forest Service (OE Bled, Tolmin), Agricultural Advisory Service (KGZS Kranj, Nova Gorica). We put the workshop in a program of events in local newspaper Bohinjske novice and in calendar of events on Triglav national park web site. The invited persons have been also contacted directly by phone, but most of them could not attend the workshop due to other obligations.

At the workshop it was also agreed that Tourism Bohinj re-sends the requests to fulfil the questionnaire and also some additional questions to be sent to stakeholders, as asked by Filippo Favilli.



Photo: Urška Smukavec

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