

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

*in frames of new Project of Nature Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) "Adaptation of local communities to the expansion of national parks of Transcarpathia by common efforts of Churches and NGOs".*

**Place of residence of the participants of the conference:** Ukraine, Transcarpathian region, Mezhygorskiy district, Synevyr-Ostriki village, 1626. The base of the Synevyr National Park.

**Venue of the conference:** Ukraine, Transcarpathian region, p. Synevyr-Ostriki, 1626.

**Time frames:** 27-30 September 2019.

**The aim of the project** is to facilitate the adaptation of local territorial and religious communities located in the expanded and adjacent national parks to the new conditions of practical environmental management and environmental behavior through the joint efforts of the church, municipalities and NGOs. A significant outcome of the project is the establishment of a dialogue between local communities and national park administrations with the support of the church and the development of models for the practical implementation of their interaction based on the practical skills and competences offered in the training.

**Objective of the international conference:** on the basis of preliminary consultations in the European Parliament, in the European Commission, in the DBU, experts from NABU, IRCEF, IERS, representatives of national parks, "Turinform Zakarpatia", local environmental NGOs, local religious and territorial communities are necessary:

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- discuss the status of dialogue between the administrations of protected areas and the local population;
- assess the needs of local communities and their ability to develop methodological materials to assist protected areas administrations;
- to approve the developed cases for the publication of the manual and information campaign, coordination of scientific, theological and civil parts of the work;
- discuss national and international funding opportunities for IRCEF.

Leaders of a number of national parks of Ukraine, delegates from "ecological" divisions of churches and religious organizations, as well as representatives of NGOs, authorities, mass media and scientific world of Ukraine and Germany were invited to the conference. Besides, it is expected that Mrs. Rebecca Harms, member of the European Parliament, member of the leadership of the German Green Party, Dr. Michael Vogel - former Director of the Berchtesgaden National Park, NABU employee, Mr. Wilhelm Kulke - former Special Representative of the German Federal Environmental Foundation (DBU), in the past, DBU Special Representative for Eastern Europe; Boris Tichomirov - Head of Central Asia and Eastern Europe (NABU) will participate in the event.

**Direct reach:** 35-50 experts, academics, NGO and church leaders, community activists.

**Opening of the conference:** Saturday, September 28.

**Closing of the conference:** Wednesday, September 30.

*Expenses on travel, accommodation and meal for invited participants are covered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany.*

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## **27 September 2019**

13:25 Arriving of a German delegation at the airport in Lviv

**14:30 Lunch in Stryi (Restaurant Vulyk, v. Duliby)**

16:30 Visits to the village of Pilipets (Mizhhirskiy district, Transcarpathian region, Ukraine, with the deputies of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (Committee for Ecological Politics and Environmental Management), visit to Polonina Borzhava to see the endemic ecosystems, which are in a threat of downfall

19:00 Meeting with Polonina Borzhava activists on protection of Polonina Borzhava from WES development (Pilipets village, Grand Hotel).

21:00 Arrival at Synevir National Park (dinner, overnight stay)

## **28 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**8:00 Breakfast**

8:30–9:00 Registration of participants

### **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**

09:00 Ecological meditation "**Creation**". Priests of the Orthodox, Roman and Greek Catholic Churches, representatives of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of Ukraine (DUMU);

9:10 Introduction Boris Tichomirow (**NABU**), Rebecca Harms (**EU**);

09:20 Speeches of deputies of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:

- Igor Krivosheev, Head of Committee of the Elimination of the Consequences of Chornobyl Catastrophe. The initiator of the creation of the working group of saving Borzhava walleye from industrial development;
- Yulia Ovchinnikova, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Forest Resources, Fauna and Flora, Natural Landscapes and Natural Resources Fund;
- Oleksandr Marikovskiy, Deputy Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on Environmental Policy and Environmental Management.

09:50 Interim report on project implementation Bokotey Alexander (**IE-RS**)

10:05 Sustainable tourism development potential in the Carpathian national parks (Alexander Koval, Turinfocenter of Transcarpathia)

10:25 Discussion

10:35 Responsible waste management in national parks as a necessary element of preservation of unique ecosystems – Victor Buchinsky / Kobrinsky Dmitry, NGO "Clean Coast"

10:55 Discussion

**11:00 Coffee break** (during coffee break an exhibition of the photos of Olga Tymofeieva is offered)

11:30 Transfer of experience of ÖkoFaire Gemeinde project from Germany to Ukraine (Boris Beznoshenko, **IRCEF**)

11:40 Transfer of Green Parish project experience from Germany to Ukraine as one of the conditions for adaptation (Mikhail Bilansch, **IRCEF**)

12:00 Discussion

12:10 *The Interreligious Council for the Protection of the Carpathian Mountains as one of the most effective mechanisms for the protection of forest ecosystems - (f. Roman Romanovich, Ecological referent of the UGCC)* (Fr. Roman Romanovich, Ecological Referenceant of the UGCC)

12:25 Discussion

12:30 Community Expansion Experience - Recommendations for National Parks of Ukraine  
(Dr. Michael Vogel, **NABU**)

12:50 Discussion

### ***13:00 Lunch***

14:00 Discussion with the participation of park directors: Synevyr National Park, Uzhansky National Park, Zacharovanyi Krai National Park; representatives of local self-government bodies; headmasters.

15:00 The results of the internship (2018-2019) financed by **DBU** in the **NABU**. Developing the theme of sustainable tourism development in national parks to adapt communities to NP extention. A start of a new **DBU** project - (Ivan Tymofeiev Project coordinator)

### ***15:30 Coffee break***

16:00 The results of the internship's Umwelt Bureau NordKirche (Hamburg) financed by **DBU** and the presentation of selected project ideas for implementation in Ukraine (Boris Beznoschenko, **DBU** Scholarship holder)

16:20 Results of the internship financed by **DBU** at the Eberswalde Forest University (Solomiya Gordasevich, **DBU** scholarship holder)

16:40 Building of ecological competence of children in pre-school educational establishments on the territory of NPP - as important component of adaptation of communities to expansion of NP - (Olga Tymofeieva)

17:00 Preliminary conclusions of the project "The importance of ecological work with local communities" - promotion of "Green certification / adaptation of communities to national parks / waste sorting / energy saving community / Carpathian communities /" (moderator Bogdan Motuzenko)

17:20 Wilhelm Kulke – East Europe expert (former representative of the German Federal Environmental Foundation (**DBU**))

17:40 Impressions, actions, capabilities for Future development – (Rebecca Harms)

18:00 Summing up of the first day of the conference (Boris Tichomirov)

### ***18:20 Dinner***

19:00 Hutsul Music Night

21:00 Closing of the first day of the conference

## **29 ВЕРЕСНЯ 2019 РОКУ**

### ***08:30 Breakfast***

## **GETTING TO KNOW THE PRACTICAL CASES OF ADAPTATION TO NATIONAL PARK CONDITIONS**

09:00 Visit of Kolochava village

09:40 Needs of local government in work with territorial communities (meeting with local government of Kolochava village).

10:00 Ethnographic component as an important element of the potential of local tourism development (visiting Old Village Museum in Kolochava)

11:30 Problems of pollution of water ecosystems, responsible waste management

12:30 Features of living conditions in settlements on the territories of national parks (energy saving, responsible waste management)

13:30 The need to work with young people (school as an eco-hub, indirect impact on adults)

***14:30 Lunch***

15:30 Experience of work of animal rehabilitation centers in national parks (bear / bird rehabilitation centers)

16:30 Potential for tourism development in national parks (case study of Synevyr Lake infrastructure).

18:00 Departure to Lviv

22:00 Arrival at the Lviv Theological Seminary (dinner, overnight stay)

**30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

***06:30 Breakfast***

07:00–07:30 Departure to Lviv Airport

09:30 Flight to Germany (Berlin)