



Project number: LIFE16 NAT/CZ/000731- LIFE for insects

Annex II
Description of the project



LIFE Nature and Biodiversity

TECHNICAL APPLICATION FORMS

Part A – administrative information



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LIFE Nature and Biodiversity project application

Language of the proposal:

English (en)

Project title:

Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts.

Project acronym:

LIFE for insects

The project will be implemented in the following Member State(s) and Region(s) or other countries:

Czech Republic	Jihovychod
	Moravskoslezsko
Slovakia	Zapadne Slovensko

Expected start date: 01/07/2017

Expected end date: 31/12/2022

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES

Name of the **coordinating** beneficiary: Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic

Name of the associated beneficiary: Regional Association for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development

Name of the associated beneficiary: Czech Union for Nature Conservation - (CUNC) Bílé Karpaty

Name of the associated beneficiary: Czech Union for Nature Conservation - (CUNC) Salamandr

Name of the associated beneficiary: Education and information centre Bílé Karpaty, o.p.s.

Name of the associated beneficiary: infinity progress

LIST OF CO-FINANCERS

Name of the co-financer: Ministry of the Environment of the Czech republic

PROJECT BUDGET AND REQUESTED EU FUNDING

Total project budget: 4,222,005 Euro

Total eligible project budget: 4,222,005 Euro

EU financial contribution requested: 2,533,203 Euro (= 60.00% of total eligible budget)

SECTOR

Nature

Coordinating Beneficiary Profile Information

Legal Name	Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic		
Short Name	NCA CR	Legal Status	
VAT No		Public body	X
Legal Registration	§75Act No114/1992 on the Nature and	Private commercial	
Registration Date	01/01/2006	Private non- commercial	
Pic Number	928441709		
Legal entity is SME	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Employee number			

Legal address of the Coordinating Beneficiary

Street Name and No	Kaplanova 1931/1		
Post Code	14800	PO Box	
Town / City	Prague		
Member State	Czech Republic		

Coordinating Beneficiary contact person information

Title	Ms.	Function	Head of Unit
Surname	Vojtková		
First Name	Marta		
E-mail address			
Department /			
Street Name and No	Kaplanova 1931/1		
Post Code	14800	PO Box	
Town / City	Prague		
Member State	Czech Republic		
Telephone No	420605201959	Fax No	

Website of the Coordinating Beneficiary

Website	http://www.ochranaprirody.cz
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Brief description of the Coordinating Beneficiary's activities and experience in the area of the

1. NCA CR performs state administration in nature and landscape conservation in national nature reserves, national nature monuments (except for military areas and national parks) and their buffer zones and protected landscape areas (PLA).
2. NCA CR, in accordance with its territorial competence and with management plans, implements practical measures to conserve nature and to protect landscape and ecosystems. In order to do this, it is authorized to manage the areas owned by the state. Most of the project area is situated in Bílé Karpaty and Beskydy PLA.
3. In collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment (MoE), NCA CR makes management plans for, protected landscape areas, national nature reserves, national nature monuments and their buffer zones, preservation programme for specially protected species of plants and animals and it is authorised to approve exceptions regarding prohibited activities in specially protected areas.
4. In order to support state administration in nature and landscape conservation, NCA CR carries out inventory nature surveys, monitoring, documentation of nature conservation and data processing and providing. Further, It collaborates with expert and research institutes and provides information and dissemination activities.
5. As an expert organisation in nature conservation, NCA CR performs tasks according to the Ministry of the Environment requirements.



COORDINATING BENEFICIARY DECLARATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

1. The specific actions listed in this proposal do not and will not receive aid from the European Structural and Investment Funds or other European Union funding programmes. In the event that any such funding will be made available after the submission of the proposal or during the implementation of the project, my organisation will immediately inform the Contracting Authority.
2. My organisation Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic has not been served with bankruptcy orders, nor has it received a formal summons from creditors. My organisation is not in any of the situations listed in Articles 106(1) and 107 of Council Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L298 of 26.10.2012).
3. My organisation (which is legally registered in the European Union) will contribute 426,892.00€ to the project. My organisation will participate in the implementation of the following actions: A1, A2, C1, C4, D1, D3, E1, E2, F1, F2, F3. The estimated total cost of my organisation's part in the implementation of the project is 1,623,228.00 €.
4. My organisation will conclude with the associated beneficiaries and co-financers any agreements necessary for the completion of the work, provided these do not infringe on their obligations, as stated in the grant agreement with the Contracting Authority. Such agreements will be based on the model proposed by the Contracting Authority. They will describe clearly the tasks to be performed by each associated beneficiary and define the financial arrangements.
5. I commit to comply with all relevant eligibility criteria, as defined in the LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017 and the LIFE Call for Proposals including the LIFE Guidelines for Applicants.

I am legally authorised to sign this statement on behalf of my organisation.

I have read in full the Model LIFE Grant Agreement with Special and General Conditions and the Financial Guidelines (provided with the LIFE application files).

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this proposal are true and the information provided is correct.

At Plague on 10/04/2014

Signature of the Coordinating Beneficiary:

Name(s) and status of signatory:

RNDr. František Pelg
Director



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ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY PROFILE

Associated Beneficiary profile information				
Legal Name	Regional Association for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development			
Short Name	BROZ	Legal Status		
VAT No	2021575028	Public body		<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Registration	31771815	Private commercial		<input type="checkbox"/>
Registration Date	01/04/1997	Private non- commercial		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pic Number				
Legal entity is SME	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Employee number				
Legal address of Associated Beneficiary				
Street Name and No	Na Riviére 7/a		PO Box	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post Code	841 04	Town/City	Bratislava	
Member State or other Country	Slovakia			
Website of Associated Beneficiary				
Website	http://www.broz.sk			
Brief description of the Associated Beneficiary's activities and experience in the area of the				
<p>BROZ was established as a civic association (non-profit, non-governmental organisation) in Bratislava in 1997. It is active in practical nature conservation management, enhancement and restoration of biodiversity, promotion of sound regional planning and sustainable development at regional and local level and environmental education. BROZ is working mainly in the region of south-western and western Slovakia. BROZ has long term practice in LIFE projects implementation working on 12 projects since 2003 till today; these focused on restoration of various habitats (floodplain forests, marshlands and wetlands, river oxbows and water streams, salt marshes, sand dunes, reed beds, grasslands, both meadows and pastures) for various target species. BROZ has experience in cooperation with numerous different groups of stakeholders such as foresters, farmers, water management officers, hunters, fishermen, land owners, civil servants and representatives of institutions, municipalities, organizations and other key-role players.</p>				

ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY PROFILE

Associated Beneficiary profile information				
Legal Name	Czech Union for Nature Conservation - (CUNC) Bílé Karpaty			
Short Name	CUNC BK	Legal Status		
VAT No	CZ 47895497	Public body		<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Registration	47895497	Private commercial		<input type="checkbox"/>
Registration Date	01/01/2014	Private non- commercial		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pic Number				
Legal entity is SME	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Employee number				
Legal address of Associated Beneficiary				
Street Name and No	Nám. Bartolomějské 47		PO Box	
Post Code	698 01	Town/City	Veselí n. Moravou	
Member State or other Country	Czech Republic			
Website of Associated Beneficiary				
Website	http:// www.bilekarpaty.cz/csop/			
Brief description of the Associated Beneficiary's activities and experience in the area of the				
<p>The range of activities of CUNC Bílé Karpaty is highly diverse - from professional botanic and zoological research and monitoring of the impact of various types of management on grassland vegetation, through making management plans for small nature reserves, up to popular educational activities in the form of exhibitions, lectures, information panels and excursions.</p> <p>Most of the events are realised in close co-operation with the Bílé Karpaty PLA Authorities and the Bílé Karpaty Education and Information Centre, a non-profit organisation of which CUNC Bílé Karpaty is one of the three founders. Also many other entities are involved in the realisation of projects - from universities and scientific institutions to state and local government authorities.</p> <p>The most important projects are "Restoration of species-rich meadows", " Certoryje Land Trust", "Zoological and botanical survey of selected sites of the Bílé Karpaty Mts." and issuing the bilateral "Bílé - Biele Karpaty" bulletin.</p>				

ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY PROFILE

Associated Beneficiary profile information				
Legal Name	Czech Union for Nature Conservation - (CUNC) Salamandr			
Short Name	Salamandr	Legal Status		
VAT No		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 80%;"> Public body <input type="checkbox"/> Private commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Private non- commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> <div style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> </div>		
Legal Registration	IČO: 70238723			
Registration Date				
Pic Number				
Legal entity is SME	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Employee number				
Legal address of Associated Beneficiary				
Street Name and No	Tvarůžkova 1805		PO Box	
Post Code	756 61	Town/City	Rožnov p. Radhoštěm	
Member State or other Country	Czech Republic			
Website of Associated Beneficiary				
Website	http://www.salamandr.info			
Brief description of the Associated Beneficiary's activities and experience in the area of the				
<p>CUNC Salamandr is a nonprofit organization working in nature conservation. Its mission is to preserve and encourage environmentally friendly development of natural and cultural heritage of the Beskid Mountains and the surrounding area. The main objectives are to ensure practical care, awareness raising and professional activities that contribute to the preservation and development of this heritage. The organization was founded in 2000 as one of the grassroots organizations of the Czech Union for Nature Conservation.</p> <p>Currently CUNC Salamandr is among the 15 largest NGOs working in nature conservation in the country. Its headquarters are in Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, in the middle of the Beskydy Mountains protected landscape area. Its activities focus on three areas: practical care, professional activities and awareness raising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical care – in meadows and pastures with protected plant species, They prune and cut down self-seeded trees. In the woods, they focus on the planting of rare trees and their protection against wildlife. They have set up our own emergency orchard for fruit landraces, which we gradually expand. Further, invasive species of plants are eliminated and protected territories designated. • Professional activities – surveys, recommendations and cooperation with experts. In cooperation with experts they engage in botanical, zoological, forestry and other surveys and processing of expert advice and suggest management practices for protected areas. • Awareness raising – informing and involving authorities, organizations and the public. They run an information portal about the nature of the Beskydy Mountains valasskakrajina.cz. They also publish information leaflets, practical handbooks and books and raise awareness of the natural and cultural values of places and municipalities through nature trails, exhibitions and guides. 				

ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY PROFILE

Associated Beneficiary profile information				
Legal Name	Education and information centre Bílé Karpaty, o.p.s.			
Short Name	VIS	Legal Status		
VAT No	CZ25504525	Public body		<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Registration		Private commercial		<input type="checkbox"/>
Registration Date		Private non- commercial		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pic Number				
Legal entity is SME	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Employee number				
Legal address of Associated Beneficiary				
Street Name and No	Nám. Bartolomějské 47		PO Box	
Post Code	698 01	Town/City	Veselí n. Moravou	
Member State or other Country	Czech Republic			
Website of Associated Beneficiary				
Website	http://www.bilekarpaty.cz/vis			
Brief description of the Associated Beneficiary's activities and experience in the area of the				
<p>The beneficiary performs these activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination of activities in the territory of the Bílé Karpaty Biosphere Reserve (including regular cooperation with stakeholders, best practice exchange, workshops etc.). - Providing and mediation of services aimed at the development of the region. - Advise body for municipalities and local administrations when they asses projects (regarding the development of the region) for funding. - Coordination of activities of all nature conservation subjects operating in the region. - Cooperation with international subjects somehow related to the region. - Information providing for tourists and visitors of the Veselí n. Moravou Town. - Expert counselling in the area of the environment and nature conservation. - Preparation of printed information and methodological materials and education tools. - Education activities for school children and teachers. - Environmental education for public. - Advise body for preparation of projects regarding nature reserves in the region or its development. - Publishing of periodical printed media. - Membership in national and regional networks of environmental education centres. - Body responsible for organisation of the Carpathian Convention annual meetings. 				

ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY PROFILE

Associated Beneficiary profile information				
Legal Name	infinity progress			
Short Name	infinity	Legal Status		
VAT No	CZ28551656	Public body <input type="checkbox"/> Private commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Private non- commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Legal Registration	28551656			
Registration Date	21/03/2007			
Pic Number	942982882			
Legal entity is SME	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Employee number				
Legal address of Associated Beneficiary				
Street Name and No	Mosty u Jablunkova 316		PO Box	
Post Code	739 98	Town/City	Mosty u Jablunkova	
Member State or other Country	Czech Republic			
Website of Associated Beneficiary				
Website	http://www.ursuscentrum.cz			
Brief description of the Associated Beneficiary's activities and experience in the area of the				
<p>The basic philosophy of the civic organisation is based on the principle of increasing awareness of the importance of environmental protection with subsequent dissemination of knowledge acquired in this area and also on the principle of educational programmes in the area of sustainable development. Emphasis is also placed on the protection of natural and cultural heritage, inter-cultural dialogue and mutual interpersonal relations. Infinity progress suggests and regularly prepares projects focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increase of awareness of sustainable development -Direct and indirect protection of the environment -Implementation of innovative elements in the educational process with emphasis on implementation of interactive methods, tools, their assimilation and application. -Implementation of modern information and communication technologies in the educational process -Development of key skills <p>The organisation managed several international projects, e.g. Grundtvig (2009-2011 Grundtvig Partnership: Education for Sustainable Life, 2012-2014 Grundtvig Partnership: Traditions Through Time).</p>				



ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY DECLARATION and MANDATE

I, the undersigned, TOMÁŠ KUŠÍK (1), representing, Regional Association for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development BROZ, Private non-commercial, 31771815, Na Riviére 7/a, Bratislava, 841 04, Slovakia, VAT number 2021575028, hereinafter referred to as "the associated beneficiary", for the purposes of the signature and the implementation of the grant agreement Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts. with the Contracting Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the grant agreement") hereby:

1. Mandate Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic (NCA CR), Public body, §75Act No114/1992 on the Nature and Landscape Prot, Kaplanova 1931/1, Prague, 14800, Czech Republic, VAT number , represented by T. Kušík, Bc. (hereinafter referred to as "the coordinating beneficiary") to sign in my name and on my behalf the grant agreement and its possible subsequent amendments with the Contracting Authority.
2. Mandate the coordinating beneficiary to act on behalf of the associated beneficiary in compliance with the grant agreement.

I hereby confirm that the associated beneficiary accepts all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and, in particular, all provisions affecting the coordinating beneficiary and the associated beneficiaries. In particular, I acknowledge that, by virtue of this mandate, the coordinating beneficiary alone is entitled to receive funds from the Contracting Authority and distribute the amounts corresponding to the associated beneficiary's participation in the action.

I hereby accept that the associated beneficiary will do everything in its power to help the coordinating beneficiary fulfil its obligations under the grant agreement, and in particular, to provide to the coordinating beneficiary, on its request, whatever documents or information may be required.

I hereby declare that the associated beneficiary agrees that the provisions of the grant agreement, including this mandate, shall take precedence over any other agreement between the associated beneficiary and the coordinating beneficiary which may have an effect on the implementation of the grant agreement.

I furthermore certify that:

1. The associated beneficiary has not been served with bankruptcy orders, nor has it received a formal summons from creditors. My organisation is not in any of the situations listed in Articles 106(1) and 107 of Council Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L298 of 26.10.2012).
2. The associated beneficiary will contribute 657,324 € to the project. My organisation will participate in the implementation of the following actions: A1, A2, B2, C5, D1, D2, D3, E1, E2, E3, F1, F2, F3. The estimated total cost of my organisation's part in the implementation of the project is 1,643,310 €.
3. The associated beneficiary will conclude with the coordinating beneficiary an agreement necessary for the completion of the work, provided this does not infringe on our obligations, as stated in the grant agreement with the Contracting Authority. This agreement will be based on the model proposed by the Contracting Authority. It will describe clearly the tasks to be performed by my organisation and define the financial arrangements.
4. I commit to comply with all relevant eligibility criteria, as defined in the LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017 and the LIFE Call for Proposals including the LIFE Guidelines for Applicants.

This declaration and mandate shall be annexed to the grant agreement and shall form an integral part thereof.

I am legally authorised to sign this statement on behalf of my organisation. I have read in full the Model LIFE Grant Agreement with Special and General Conditions and the Financial Guidelines (provided with the LIFE application files). I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this proposal are true and the information provided is correct.

At Bratislava

on

10/04/2017

Bratislavské regionálne
ochranárske združenie
Na Riviére č. 7/A
841 04 Bratislava

Signature of the Associated Beneficiary:



Name(s) and status/function of signatory:

TOMÁŠ KUŠÍK, RNDr., PhD., chairman

1. Forename and surname of the legal representative of the future associated beneficiary signing this mandate.
2. When the form is completed, please print, sign, scan and upload it in eProposal



ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY DECLARATION and MANDATE

I, the undersigned, RNDr. Irena J. Ingelová (1), representing, Czech Union for Nature Conservation - (CUNC) Bílé Karpaty CUNC BK, Private non-commercial, 47895497, Nám. Bartolomějské 47, Veselí n. Moravou, 698 01, Czech Republic, VAT number CZ 47895497, hereinafter referred to as "the associated beneficiary", for the purposes of the signature and the implementation of the grant agreement Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts. with the Contracting Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the grant agreement") hereby:

1. Mandate Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic (NCA CR), Public body, §75Act No114/1992 on the Nature and Landscape Prot, Kaplanova 1931/1, Prague, 14800, Czech Republic, VAT number , represented by RNDr. František Peleš (hereinafter referred to as "the coordinating beneficiary") to sign in my name and on my behalf the grant agreement and its possible subsequent amendments with the Contracting Authority.
2. Mandate the coordinating beneficiary to act on behalf of the associated beneficiary in compliance with the grant agreement.

I hereby confirm that the associated beneficiary accepts all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and, in particular, all provisions affecting the coordinating beneficiary and the associated beneficiaries. In particular, I acknowledge that, by virtue of this mandate, the coordinating beneficiary alone is entitled to receive funds from the Contracting Authority and distribute the amounts corresponding to the associated beneficiary's participation in the action.

I hereby accept that the associated beneficiary will do everything in its power to help the coordinating beneficiary fulfil its obligations under the grant agreement, and in particular, to provide to the coordinating beneficiary, on its request, whatever documents or information may be required.

I hereby declare that the associated beneficiary agrees that the provisions of the grant agreement, including this mandate, shall take precedence over any other agreement between the associated beneficiary and the coordinating beneficiary which may have an effect on the implementation of the grant agreement.

I furthermore certify that:

1. The associated beneficiary has not been served with bankruptcy orders, nor has it received a formal summons from creditors. My organisation is not in any of the situations listed in Articles 106(1) and 107 of Council Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L298 of 26.10.2012).
2. The associated beneficiary will contribute 87,802 € to the project. My organisation will participate in the implementation of the following actions: A2, B1, C2, E1, E2, E3. The estimated total cost of my organisation's part in the implementation of the project is 333,848 €.
3. The associated beneficiary will conclude with the coordinating beneficiary an agreement necessary for the completion of the work, provided this does not infringe on our obligations, as stated in the grant agreement with the Contracting Authority. This agreement will be based on the model proposed by the Contracting Authority. It will describe clearly the tasks to be performed by my organisation and define the financial arrangements.
4. I commit to comply with all relevant eligibility criteria, as defined in the LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017 and the LIFE Call for Proposals including the LIFE Guidelines for Applicants.

This declaration and mandate shall be annexed to the grant agreement and shall form an integral part thereof.

I am legally authorised to sign this statement on behalf of my organisation. I have read in full the Model LIFE Grant Agreement with Special and General Conditions and the Financial Guidelines (provided with the LIFE application files). I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this proposal are true and the information provided is correct.

At Veselí nad Jihlavou on 14. 2. 2017

Signature of the Associated Beneficiary:

Name(s) and status/function of signatory:

1. Forename and surname of the legal representative of the future associated beneficiary signing this mandate.
2. When the form is completed, please print, sign, scan and upload it in eProposal



ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY DECLARATION and MANDATE

I, the undersigned, VOJTĚCH BADOŇ (1), representing, Czech Union for Nature Conservation - (CUNC) Salamandr Salamandr, Private non-commercial, IČO: 70238723, Tvarůžkova 1805, Rožnov p. Radhoštěm, 756 61, Czech Republic, VAT number , hereinafter referred to as "the associated beneficiary", for the purposes of the signature and the implementation of the grant agreement Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts. with the Contracting Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the grant agreement") hereby:

1. Mandate Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic (NCA CR), Public body, §75Act No114/1992 on the Nature and Landscape Prot, Kaplanova 1931/1, Prague, 14800, Czech Republic, VAT number , represented by RNDr. FRANTIŠEK PÁČ (hereinafter referred to as "the coordinating beneficiary") to sign in my name and on my behalf the grant agreement and its possible subsequent amendments with the Contracting Authority.
2. Mandate the coordinating beneficiary to act on behalf of the associated beneficiary in compliance with the grant agreement.

I hereby confirm that the associated beneficiary accepts all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and, in particular, all provisions affecting the coordinating beneficiary and the associated beneficiaries. In particular, I acknowledge that, by virtue of this mandate, the coordinating beneficiary alone is entitled to receive funds from the Contracting Authority and distribute the amounts corresponding to the associated beneficiary's participation in the action.

I hereby accept that the associated beneficiary will do everything in its power to help the coordinating beneficiary fulfil its obligations under the grant agreement, and in particular, to provide to the coordinating beneficiary, on its request, whatever documents or information may be required.

I hereby declare that the associated beneficiary agrees that the provisions of the grant agreement, including this mandate, shall take precedence over any other agreement between the associated beneficiary and the coordinating beneficiary which may have an effect on the implementation of the grant agreement.

I furthermore certify that:

1. The associated beneficiary has not been served with bankruptcy orders, nor has it received a formal summons from creditors. My organisation is not in any of the situations listed in Articles 106(1) and 107 of Council Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L298 of 26.10.2012).
2. The associated beneficiary will contribute 61,880 € to the project. My organisation will participate in the implementation of the following actions: A1, A2, C3, D1, E1, E2. The estimated total cost of my organisation's part in the implementation of the project is 235,287 €.
3. The associated beneficiary will conclude with the coordinating beneficiary an agreement necessary for the completion of the work, provided this does not infringe on our obligations, as stated in the grant agreement with the Contracting Authority. This agreement will be based on the model proposed by the Contracting Authority. It will describe clearly the tasks to be performed by my organisation and define the financial arrangements.
4. I commit to comply with all relevant eligibility criteria, as defined in the LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017 and the LIFE Call for Proposals including the LIFE Guidelines for Applicants.

This declaration and mandate shall be annexed to the grant agreement and shall form an integral part thereof.

I am legally authorised to sign this statement on behalf of my organisation. I have read in full the Model LIFE Grant Agreement with Special and General Conditions and the Financial Guidelines (provided with the LIFE application files). I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this proposal are true and the information provided is correct.

At Rožnov p. R. on 10. 4. 2017

Signature of the Associated Beneficiary:

Name(s) and status/function of signatory: VOJTĚCH BADOŇ, CHAIRMAN

1. Forename and surname of the legal representative of the future associated beneficiary signing this mandate.
2. When the form is completed, please print, sign, scan and upload it in eProposal



ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY DECLARATION and MANDATE

I, the undersigned, (1), representing, Education and information centre Bílé Karpaty, o.p.s. VIS, Private non-commercial, , Nám. Bartolomějské 47, Veselí n. Moravou, 698 01, Czech Republic, VAT number CZ25504525, hereinafter referred to as "the associated beneficiary", for the purposes of the signature and the implementation of the grant agreement Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts. with the Contracting Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the grant agreement") hereby:

1. Mandate Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic (NCA CR), Public body, §75Act No114/1992 on the Nature and Landscape Prot, Kaplanova 1931/1, Prague, 14800, Czech Republic, VAT number , represented by RNDr. František Pule....., (hereinafter referred to as "the coordinating beneficiary") to sign in my name and on my behalf the grant agreement and its possible subsequent amendments with the Contracting Authority.
2. Mandate the coordinating beneficiary to act on behalf of the associated beneficiary in compliance with the grant agreement.

I hereby confirm that the associated beneficiary accepts all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and, in particular, all provisions affecting the coordinating beneficiary and the associated beneficiaries. In particular, I acknowledge that, by virtue of this mandate, the coordinating beneficiary alone is entitled to receive funds from the Contracting Authority and distribute the amounts corresponding to the associated beneficiary's participation in the action.

I hereby accept that the associated beneficiary will do everything in its power to help the coordinating beneficiary fulfil its obligations under the grant agreement, and in particular, to provide to the coordinating beneficiary, on its request, whatever documents or information may be required.

I hereby declare that the associated beneficiary agrees that the provisions of the grant agreement, including this mandate, shall take precedence over any other agreement between the associated beneficiary and the coordinating beneficiary which may have an effect on the implementation of the grant agreement.

I furthermore certify that:

1. The associated beneficiary has not been served with bankruptcy orders, nor has it received a formal summons from creditors. My organisation is not in any of the situations listed in Articles 106(1) and 107 of Council Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L298 of 26.10.2012).
2. The associated beneficiary will contribute 50,058 € to the project. My organisation will participate in the implementation of the following actions: D2, D3, E1, E2, E3. The estimated total cost of my organisation's part in the implementation of the project is 190,335 €.
3. The associated beneficiary will conclude with the coordinating beneficiary an agreement necessary for the completion of the work, provided this does not infringe on our obligations, as stated in the grant agreement with the Contracting Authority. This agreement will be based on the model proposed by the Contracting Authority. It will describe clearly the tasks to be performed by my organisation and define the financial arrangements.
4. I commit to comply with all relevant eligibility criteria, as defined in the LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017 and the LIFE Call for Proposals including the LIFE Guidelines for Applicants.

This declaration and mandate shall be annexed to the grant agreement and shall form an integral part thereof.

I am legally authorised to sign this statement on behalf of my organisation. I have read in full the Model LIFE Grant Agreement with Special and General Conditions and the Financial Guidelines (provided with the LIFE application files). I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this proposal are true and the information provided is correct.

At Veseli nad Moravou 9.4.2017 on Marie Petruš Pěluš

Signature of the Associated Beneficiary:

Name(s) and status/function of signatory:

1. Forename and surname of the legal representative of the future associated beneficiary signing this mandate.
2. When the form is completed, please print, scan and upload it in eProposal



ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY DECLARATION and MANDATE

I, the undersigned, Mgr. JANA KARPECKA (1), representing, infinity progress infinity, Private non-commercial, 28551656, Mosty u Jablunkova 316, Mosty u Jablunkova, 739 98, Czech Republic, VAT number CZ28551656, hereinafter referred to as "the associated beneficiary", for the purposes of the signature and the implementation of the grant agreement Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts. with the Contracting Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the grant agreement") hereby:

1. Mandate Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic (NCA CR), Public body, §75Act No114/1992 on the Nature and Landscape Prot. Kaplanova 1931/1, Prague, 14800, Czech Republic, VAT number , represented by Ing. FANTISER PELA, (hereinafter referred to as "the coordinating beneficiary") to sign in my name and on my behalf the grant agreement and its possible subsequent amendments with the Contracting Authority.
2. Mandate the coordinating beneficiary to act on behalf of the associated beneficiary in compliance with the grant agreement.

I hereby confirm that the associated beneficiary accepts all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and, in particular, all provisions affecting the coordinating beneficiary and the associated beneficiaries. In particular, I acknowledge that, by virtue of this mandate, the coordinating beneficiary alone is entitled to receive funds from the Contracting Authority and distribute the amounts corresponding to the associated beneficiary's participation in the action.

I hereby accept that the associated beneficiary will do everything in its power to help the coordinating beneficiary fulfil its obligations under the grant agreement, and in particular, to provide to the coordinating beneficiary, on its request, whatever documents or information may be required.

I hereby declare that the associated beneficiary agrees that the provisions of the grant agreement, including this mandate, shall take precedence over any other agreement between the associated beneficiary and the coordinating beneficiary which may have an effect on the implementation of the grant agreement.

I furthermore certify that:

1. The associated beneficiary has not been served with bankruptcy orders, nor has it received a formal summons from creditors. My organisation is not in any of the situations listed in Articles 106(1) and 107 of Council Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L298 of 26.10.2012).
2. The associated beneficiary will contribute 51,547 € to the project. My organisation will participate in the implementation of the following actions: E1, E2, E3. The estimated total cost of my organisation's part in the implementation of the project is 195,997 €.
3. The associated beneficiary will conclude with the coordinating beneficiary an agreement necessary for the completion of the work, provided this does not infringe on our obligations, as stated in the grant agreement with the Contracting Authority. This agreement will be based on the model proposed by the Contracting Authority. It will describe clearly the tasks to be performed by my organisation and define the financial arrangements.
4. I commit to comply with all relevant eligibility criteria, as defined in the LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017 and the LIFE Call for Proposals including the LIFE Guidelines for Applicants.

This declaration and mandate shall be annexed to the grant agreement and shall form an integral part thereof.

I am legally authorised to sign this statement on behalf of my organisation. I have read in full the Model LIFE Grant Agreement with Special and General Conditions and the Financial Guidelines (provided with the LIFE application files). I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this proposal are true and the information provided is correct.

At Mosty u Jablunkova

on 10 April 2017

infinity - progress z.s.
739 98 Mosty u Jablunkova 316
IČO: 285 51 656
tel.: 558 363 203, 732 503 321


Signature of the Associated Beneficiary:

Name(s) and status/function of signatory:

JANA KARPECKA' (CHAIRWOMAN)

1. Forename and surname of the legal representative of the future associated beneficiary signing this mandate.
2. When the form is completed, please print, sign, scan and upload it in eProposal

CO-FINANCER PROFILE AND COMMITMENT FORM

Legal Name and full address on the co-financer			
Legal Name	Ministerstvo životního prostředí ČR		
Street Name and No	Vršovická 1442/65	PO Box	
Post Code	10010	Town/City	Praha
Member State or other Country	Czech Republic		
Financial commitment			
We will contribute the following amount to the project:	353,299 Euro		
Status of the financial commitment			
Confirmed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
To be confirmed	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Comments			
Based on project approval within "LIFE Call 2016" and results as well as conditions of "Czech National LIFE Call" the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic (Ministerstvo životního prostředí, MoE) confirms its commitment to financially contribute to the project.			
Signature of the authorised person			
At	Prague	on	16. 3. 2017
Signature of the Co-financer:			
Name(s) and status of signatory:		Ing. Tomáš Kažmierski, Director of the Department of Financial and Voluntary Instruments, MoE	

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OTHER PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR EUROPEAN UNION FUNDING

Please answer each of the following questions:

- Have you or any of your associated beneficiaries already benefited from previous LIFE cofinancing? (please cite LIFE project reference number, title, year, amount of the co-financing, duration, name(s) of coordinating beneficiary and/or partners involved):

NCA CR, BROZ and CUNC Salamandr has been the coordinating beneficiary in different LIFE projects. COORDINATING BENEFICIARY AND OTHER BENEFICIARIES HAVE ALREADY COLLABORATED IN PREVIOUS PROJECT.

LIFE12 NAT/CZ/000629 Preservation of species-rich Nardus grasslands in pSCI Beskydy

C. Beneficiary: CUCN Salamandr, Ass. beneficiary: MoE CR

Duration: 2014 – 2019; EC contrib.: 455.544 €

LIFE09 NAT/CZ/000363 Active conservation on sites of Europ. significance with thermophilous species in Lounské středohoří hills

Coordinating beneficiary: NCA CR, Duration: 2011 - 2017, EC contrib. 697,598.00 €

LIFE09 NAT/CZ/000364 Integrated Protection of Rare Butterfly Species of Non-forest Habitats in the Czech R. and Slovakia

C.beneficiary: NCA CR, Ass.beneficiaries: **CUNC Bílé Karpaty**, CUNC Jadernička, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, **BROZ**, Co-financers: MoE of the CR

Duration: 2011 - 2016, EC contrib.: 3.224.040 €

LIFE 14 CAP/CZ/0001 ProLIFE Capacity Building, Czech R.

C. Beneficiary: MoE CR, Ass. beneficiary: CUNC Salamandr

Duration: 2015 – 2017; EC contrib.: 528 177€

LIFE08 INF/CZ/000443 Unified information and communication system for nutera conservation in NUTS II Moravia-Silesia

C.beneficiary: Moravian-Silesian Region, Ass.beneficiaries: **NCA CR**, Forests of the Czech Republic (LČR), **CUNC Salamandr**, Hájenka and ACTAEA civic organisations, MoE CR

Duration: 2010 - 2013, EC contrib.: 356.500 €

LIFE06 NAT/CZ/000121 Preservation of alluvial forest habitats in the Morávka river basin

C.beneficiary: Moravian-Silesian Region, Ass beneficiaries: **CUNC Salamandr**, Forests of the Czech Republic (LČR), Administration of Odra Drainage Basin, **NCA CR**, Plzeňský prazdroj a.s., Pivovar Radegast.

Duration: 2007 - 2010, EC contrib.: 704.000 €

NCA CR and CUNC Bílé Karpaty were involved in the project financed by GEF/UNDP "Maintainance of Grasslands Biodiversity in the Carpathian Mts in the Czech Republic" (2006-2008), which was coordinated by Foundation for Ecological Agriculture.

LIFE 03 NAT/SK/000097 Conservation and Management of Danube floodplain forests

C.Beneficiary: BROZ, Ass. beneficiaries: SNC SR, National Park Donau-Auen

Duration: 2003-2007; EC contrib.: 370 500 €;

LIFE 05 NAT/SK/000112 Restoration of the Wetlands of Zahorie Lowland

C.beneficiary: SNC SR ; Ass.beneficiaries: Slovak water managment company, BROZ

Duration: 2005-2008; EC contrib.: 312 000 €;

LIFE 06 NAT/SK/00015 Restoration and Management of Sand Dunes Habitats in Zahorie Military Training Area

C.Beneficiary: Military technical and Testing Institute Zahorie; Ass beneficiary: BROZ

Duration: 2006-2011; EC contrib.: 1 076 900 €;

LIFE 07 NAT/SK/000707 Conservation of Endangered Bird Species Populations in Natural Habitats of the Danube Inland Delta

C.beneficiary: BROZ; Ass.beneficiaries: Water Management Construction, state enterprise, Agravia, SZITE, Comenius University in Bratislava, EDUVIZIG

Duration: 2009-2015; EC contrib.: 2 288 839 €;

LIFE 08 NAT/SK00239 Conservation of root vole **Microtus oeconomus mehelyi*

C.Beneficiary: BROZ; Ass.beneficiaries: Water Research Institute, Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Natural Sciences, National Park Neusiedler See – Seewinkel, Trout Circle Association, Society for the Study and Conservation of Mammals, MoE of the SR

Duration: 2010-2016; EC contrib.: 2 719 513 €;

LIFE10 NAT/SK/079 Protection of Common Swift (*Apus apus*) and bats in buildings in Slovakia

C.Beneficiary: BROZ; Ass.beneficiaries: Slovak Ornithological Society/BirdLife Slovakia, Slovak Bat Conservation Society

Duration: 2012-2015; EC contrib.: 639 568 €;

LIFE10 NAT/SK/080 Restoration of NATURA 2000 sites in cross-border Bratislava capital

region

C.Beneficiary: BROZ; Ass.beneficiaries: Institute of Applied Ecology – DAPHNE, Comenius University in Bratislava, SNC SR, Trout Circle Association, National Park Donau-Auen

Duration: 2012-2017; EC contrib.: 1 745 029 €;

LIFE10 NAT/SK/083 Restoration of Endemic Pannonic Salt Marshes and Sand Dunes in Southern Slovakia

C.Beneficiary: Institute of Applied Ecology – DAPHNE, Ass.Partners: BROZ, SNC SR

Duration: 2011-2016, EC contrib.: 1 773 280 €;

LIFE12 NAT/SK/001137 Conservation of Sand Martin, Kingfisher and European Bee-eater in Danube - Morava region

C.Beneficiary: BROZ, Ass.beneficiaries: Water Research Institute, Faculty of Natural Sciences Bratislava, Water Management Construction, state enterprise

Duration: 2014-2019; EC contrib.: 1 838 032 €;

LIFE12 NAT/SK/001155 Conservation of birds in SPA Ostrovné lúky

C.Beneficiary: BROZ; Ass.beneficiaries: Faculty of Natural Sciences Bratislava, Slovak agency of Environment, Water Research Institute

Duration: 2014-2018; EC contrib.: 1 336 176 €;

LIFE14 NAT/SK/001306 Restoration and management of Danube floodplain habitats

C.Beneficiary: BROZ; Ass.beneficiaries: Water management construction, state enterprise, Water research institute, National Forest Centre, Duna - Ipoly National Park Directorate (Hungary)

Duration: 2015-2022, EC contrib.: 3 599 651 €,

- Have you or any of the associated beneficiaries submitted any actions related directly or indirectly to this project to other European Union funding programmes? To whom? When and with what results?

The Nature Conservation Agency was the beneficiary in two projects within The Operational Programme Environment, which regards areas included in this LIFE project proposal:

1. Project title: **“Implementation of NATURA 2000 in the Czech Republic”**

Project number: CZ.1.02/6.1.00/08.03000

Acceptance number: 09030456

Duration: 2012 – 2015

The project deliverables were especially inventory surveys made in order to get updated data for appropriate decisions and management in small-scale specially protected areas. Further, geodetic measurement of small-scale specially protected areas was made (as a part of designation documentation). Monitoring of national nature reserves and national nature monuments state by project staff was carried out as well. The project covers the whole territory of the Czech Republic.

ERDF contribution: 107.022.499,44 CZK

State contribution: 18.886.323,44 CZK

Total: 125.908.822,88 CZK

2. Project title: "**Preparation of complex recommendations for management measures in special areas of conservation (SAC) in the Czech Republic**"

Project number: CZ.1.02/6.1.00/10.09286

Acceptance number: 10078506

Duration: 2011-2015

The project concerned preparation of documents reviewing recommended management measures for Sites of Community Importance (SCIs). The outcome was a set of documents (also called "SDO" documents) that included description of management recommended for target species and habitats regarding their conservation status and the target status. The obligation to prepare these documents came out of The Nature Conservation Act No. 114/1992. The project included all SCIs in the Czech Republic (thus also SCIs included in the LIFE project proposal). The proposed project management measures will be in compliance with the "SDO" documents.

ERDF contribution: 31 876 714,20CZK

State contribution: 1 677 721,80CZK

Total: 33 554 436,00CZK

- For those actions which fall within the eligibility criteria for financing through other European Union funding programmes, **please explain in full detail** why you consider that those actions are better suited to financing through LIFE and are therefore included in the current project:

We have considered these:

A. European programmes

Operational Programme Environment and Rural Development Programme

The measures proposed within LIFE project actions could be (**in the Czech Rep.**) realised within OP Environment within these sub-axes: 4.1 (provide favourable conservation status of subjects of conservation in important national protected areas), 4.2 (support biodiversity), 4.3 (support natural landscape functions), but in 4.2 and 4.3 NCA CR cannot be a beneficiary. Only some C actions can be implemented within 4.1 (see guidelines, p.70-81, <http://www.opzp.cz/obecne-pokyny/dokumenty>).

As for eligibility of personal costs, in 4.1, these are eligible only in case of agricultural or forest activities carried out in the areas owned or leased by the beneficiary. Further, personal costs are eligible only for project implementation but not management. Overheads are ineligible costs as well as necessary dissemination actions.

In Slovakia, only 2 OP for the period (2014 – 2020) out of 9 OPs include actions similar to those proposed: 1.OP Quality of Environment (OPQE) and 2. Rural development programme (RDP). Even though coppiced forests will be restored, the land that will be subject of the Concrete Conservation Action is not listed as forest area in land registry, but grasslands, therefore no funding is eligible.

Activities would be eligible under OPQE (Investment priority 1.3.1 Improving conservation status of habitats and species and strengthening of biodiversity mainly in Natura 2000 network, Action A. Completion of NATURA 2000 network and ensuring care for NATURA 2000 network and other protected areas as well as protected species), but eligible applicants for this priority are only state organisations established by MoE or land owners/users in protected areas. BROZ is neither state organization nor land owner/user in the area.

Ass.beneficiary BROZ as NGO is not eligible applicant for RDP actions either. The eligible applicants are natural or legal persons with business in agriculture, fulfilling definition of active farmer (Decree No. 1307/2013 EC, art. No 9). Furthermore, restoration activities proposed in Action C.5 (coppicing overgrown succession vegetation, extensification of the land use) are not eligible under RDP regardless the status of the applicant. Identically, the purchase of the animals is not eligible under RDP. Since the project area has status of 2nd degree of nature protection (according to Slovak legislation) the project area is not eligible for NATURA 2000 payments under RDP.

In Czech Rep., RDP is not suited to finance the proposed actions. The main reason is that only subjects farming on land registered in Land Parcel Identification System (LPIS) can become beneficiaries. Most of the project area is currently not eligible for registration due to its deteriorated state. It is also possible to choose only from limited and strictly prescribed management measures and these must be carried out for five consecutive years. Experimentation in order to set an optimum management combination for each site is not possible. For more information see <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/dotace/program-rozvoje-venkova-na-období-2014/>.

Activities do not apply to other European programmes and therefore these programs cannot be used. We considered e.g. Horizon 2020 (also H2020, Horizon 2020 - is coupling research and innovation <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/>), COSME (competitiveness of small and medium enterprises) etc.

B. National (Czech) programmes supporting measures for nature and landscape conservation

Landscape management programme (PPK): only small areas (and thus fragmented) within proposed C actions could be financed within the programme as the financial resources are limited.

Programme for restoration of natural landscape functions (POPFK): focused on adaptation measures mitigating climate change effects on water, forest and non-forest ecosystems, extremely limited financial resources.

Programme for inalienable state property in specially protected areas (MaS): supports activities following legal obligations and management plans for protected areas. Only some C actions in land owned by the state could be financed.

For more information on national programmes, see <http://www.dotace.nature.cz/mas-programy.html>.

Conclusion: selected C actions could be financed by some of the EC and national programmes considered above, but these would have to be modified according to specific requirements of the programmes. No financial programme enables to carry out the project as a complex set of actions. Due to the fragmentation of the proposed C actions and non-realization of other project activities (D and E actions), the objectives of the project COULD NOT BE REACHED. WE ARGUE THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE PROJECT OBJECTIVES IN THEIR COMPLEXITY AND COMPLEMENTARITY THROUGH OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (EU AND NATIONAL). ONLY LIFE PROGRAMME IS SUITABLE TO FINANCE THE PROJECT IN ITS COMPLEXITY.

• Has this proposal been submitted before? Yes ☐ No ☒

This project has not been previously submitted.

In the years 2011–2016 the LIFE+ project „Integrated Protection of Rare Butterfly Species of Non-forest Habitats in the Czech Republic and Slovakia” has been implemented in the region. Its objective is to stop the decline of biodiversity and to consolidate the Natura 2000 network by actively preserving non-forest habitats and species of European and national importance by means of introducing appropriate management of these habitats.

The results of the monitoring of butterflies (which was a substantial part of the project) showed a positive effect of mosaic management and restoration of grasslands on populations of target butterflies such as *Maculinea* sp. This has become the inspiration to perform similar activities in the Beskydy SCI, particularly in order to support populations of target butterflies.

One of the target species is *Maculinea arion*, whose distribution centre in the Czech Republic lies in the Beskydy SCI. Since this butterfly needs many suitable interconnected sites for securing long-term sustainability of its and the restoration of several stepping stones in the Nedašovsko area and near Starý Hrozenkov has been successful, we would like to continue with restoration of grasslands (mainly pastures) in the Bílé Karpaty SCI, Čertoryje SCI and the Nedašovsko stepping stones area to expand the potential habitat of this species.

Another outcome of the butterfly species monitoring is the necessity to create suitable conditions for species which used to be bound to coppiced and grazed forests (e.g. *Parnassius mnemosyne*, *Lucanus cervus*) as soon as possible. That is the reason why we have decided to create open-canopy middle forests on sites registered as non-forest in several SCIs, which is one of the main project topics both in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

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DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FROM THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Optional: in addition to the support of the necessary competent authorities as described in the guidelines for applicants, this form may also be used to indicate any other support to the project by important stakeholder bodies, administrative bodies or individuals that may be concerned by the project.

Name and legal status:	Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic Central State Administration Authority for Nature Protection in the Czech Republic		
Full address:	Vršovická 65, 100 10 Praha 10, The Czech Republic		
Tel:	[REDACTED]	Fax:	[REDACTED]
E-mail:	[REDACTED]		
Contact person (name and function): Jan Šíma, Director of the Department of Species Protection and Implementation of International Commitments, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic			
Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project: The MoE would like to express support to the proposed project " Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts. ". The MoE is the central state administration authority in nature and landscape protection. It is also a methodological authority in the field of environment for all regional offices and is responsible for Natura 2000 implementation in the Czech Republic.			
The proposed project aims to fulfil the target expressed in the Act on Nature and Landscape Protection No. 114/1992 Coll. with respect to the Habitats Directive 92/43/EHS " <i>to maintain types of European habitats and habitats of species of European importance in their natural range at a favourable conservation status, or, optionally, enable to restore such status</i> " through appropriate measures focused on species disappearing from landscape as a result of absence of traditional management. Those species are specially protected under the Act No. 114/1992 Coll. and are target objectives of Natura 2000 sites in question. Therefore it can be stated that project fully meets priorities of MoE in nature protection. The main strength is clearly defined measures planned with respect to ecological requirements of target species in specific, premonitored areas which were chosen during another LIFE project currently in progress. Proper implementation of the project is guaranteed by expert erudition of the main beneficiary, The Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic. Participation of other local project partners provides very good precondition for success of project with regard to knowledge of local conditions and communication with the local community.			
MoE would like to mention that previously stated issue with funding transfer mechanisms (that actually had no impact on factual / objective assessment of the project) has been resolved.			
<u>Signature and date:</u> [REDACTED] 16 th of March 2017			
<u>Name and status of signatory:</u> [REDACTED] Jiří Mach, Deputy Director of the Department of Species Protection and Implementation of International Commitments, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic			

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Name and legal status: Moravskoslezský kraj

Full address: Moravskoslezský kraj - Krajský úřad
28. října 117
702 18 Ostrava

Tel: [REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): Ing. Tomáš Kotyza
Ředitel Krajského úřadu Moravskoslezského kraje

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

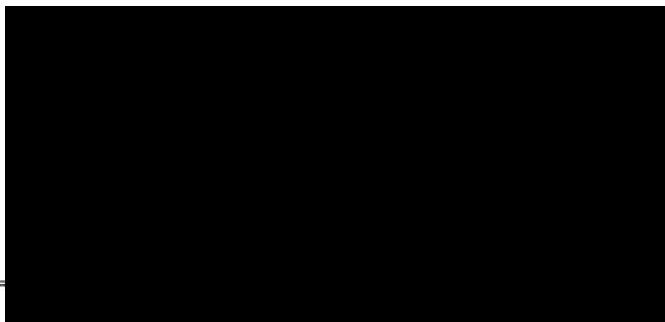
Projekt LIFE Ochrana vybraných naturových druhů hmyzu soustavy NATURA 2000 v přeshraniční oblasti Západních Karpat (ČR-SR) považujeme za přínosný z hlediska ochrany přírody v Moravskoslezském kraji. Jde o vhodnou obnovu lokalit s ustupujícími chráněnými druhy motýlů, podporu a obnovu tradičního hospodaření v regionu a zvýšení informovanosti a zájmu veřejnosti.

We consider project LIFE *Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts.* beneficial in terms of nature conservation in the Moravskoslezský region. It is a suitable habitat restoration with receding protected species of butterflies, support and recovery of traditional farming in the region and increase awareness and interest of the public.

Signature and date:

30. 08. 2016

Name and status of signatory:



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Name and legal status: **JAVORNÍK CZ s.r.o.**

Full address: JAVORNÍK CZ s.r.o.
Štítná nad Vláří 414
763 33

Tel: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): **Ing. Josef Tománek** – Director

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Projekt LIFE Ochrana vybraných naturových druhů hmyzu soustavy NATURA 2000 v přeshraniční oblasti Západních Karpat (ČR-SR) považujeme za přínosný nejen z hlediska ochrany přírody ve Zlínském kraji. Přímé zapojení vlastníků a uživatelů pozemků do projektu, včetně naší firmy (jakožto významného zemědělského subjektu v regionu), pozitivně ovlivní spolupráci zemědělství a ochrany přírody v tomto regionu. Přímá realizace krajinných opatření prostřednictvím místních obyvatel bude mít rovněž příznivý dopad socioekonomický. Počítáme s aktivní účastí na aktivitách E1, E2 a C.

We consider project LIFE *Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts* beneficial not only for nature conservation in Zlín Region. From our point of the view, as a significant regional farming subject, direct participation of land owners and users will have positive impact on collaboration of farmers and nature conservation authorities in the region. Realization of conservation measures by local owners/farmers will also enhance socio-economic development. We will actively participate in E1, E2 and C actions

Signature and date:

1.9.2016

Name and status of signatory:

[REDACTED]

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Name and legal status: **Zlínský kraj**

Full address:

Tř. Tomáše Bati 21

761 90 Zlín

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

Contact person (name and function): Ing. Ivan Mařák
náměstek hejtmána Zlínského kraje

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

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Signature and date: 1. 9. 2016

Name and status of signatory: Ing. Ivan Mařák
Deputy Governor Urban Planning, Environment and Rural
Development
Zlín Region

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Name and legal status:

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Contact person (name and function):

ANNA VASICOVA' - STAROSTKA OBCE
LOUKA

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Cíl projektu je zachování vybraných druhů hmyzu Natury 2000 a zlepšení stavu jejich populací skrze obnovu jejich biotopů v přeshraničním území (ČR-SK) Západních Karpat. S tím souvisí i nezbytné propojení metapopulací vybraných druhů v této přeshraniční oblasti.

The aim of project is preservation of selected species of insect NATURA 2000 network and the improvement of the status of their populations through habitat restoration in their cross-border territory (CR – SK) of Western Carpathians. By the way is necessary to interconnect metapopulations of selected species in this cross-border area.

Signature and date: 31. 08. 2016

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Name and status of signatory: STAROSTKA OBCE LOUKA

[REDACTED]

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Name and legal status:

Full address:

Tel:

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Contact person (name and function): *MR. RADIM PIKNER, ŘEDITEL*

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

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Signature and date:

31.8.2016

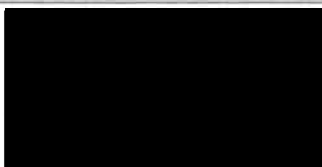
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Name and legal status:



Full address:



Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:



Contact person (name and function):

ALEXA BOCKOVA, ŘEDITELKA

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Cíl projektu je zachování vybraných druhů hmyzu Natury 2000 a zlepšení stavu jejich populací skrze obnovu jejich biotopů v přeshraničním území (ČR-SK) Západních Karpat. S tím souvisí i nezbytné propojení metapopulací vybraných druhů v této přeshraniční oblasti.

The aim of project is preservation of selected species of insect NATURA 2000 network and the improvement of the status of their populations through habitat restoration in their cross-border territory (CR – SK) of Western Carpathians. By the way is necessary to interconnect metapopulations of selected species in this cross-border area.

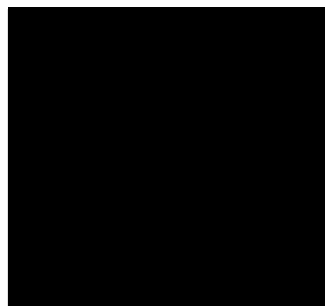
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30. 8. 2016

Name and status of signatory:



ŘEDITELKA STOL



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Name and legal status: Základní škola a mateřská škola, Třinec, Kaštanova 412, příspěvková organizace

Full address: Základní škola a mateřská škola, Třinec, příspěvková organizace, Kaštanova 412, 739 61 Třinec, okr. Frýdek-Místek

Tel: [REDACTED] Fax: E-mail: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): Mgr. Iveta Hudzietzová
Ředitel/Headmaster ZŠ a MŠ Třinec

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Projekt *LIFE Ochrana vybraných naturových druhů hmyzu soustavy NATURA 2000 v přeshraniční oblasti Západních Karpat (ČR-SR)* považujeme za velmi přínosný z hlediska zvyšování znalostí a vědomostí o přírodě Moravskoslezského kraje, vytváření pozitivního přístupu a úcty k přírodě, životnímu prostředí pro cílovou skupinu žáků základní a dětí mateřské školy v Bystřici. Zapojením cílové skupiny účastníků do projektových aktivit dojde k prohloubení znalostí a vyššímu zájmu o dění v přírodovědné oblasti na lokální, regionální, národní a mezinárodní úrovni.

We consider project *LIFE Conservation of Selected NATURA 2000 Insect Species in Cross-Border Area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts.* beneficial in terms of increasing knowledge, enhancing information on the nature of Moravian-Silesian Region, forming a positive attitude and respect to nature, environment for the target group of Elementary School pupils and Kindergarten children in Bystřice. When taking part in the project activities the participants of the target group deepen the knowledge of theirs and increase the interest on the environmental issues on the local, regional, national and international level.

Signature and date: 09.09.2016 [REDACTED]

Name and status of signatory: Mgr. Iveta Hudzietzová
Ředitel/Headmaster [REDACTED]

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Name and legal status: Základní škola a mateřská škola Bystřice 848, okr. Frýdek-Místek, příspěvková organizace

Full address: Základní škola a mateřská škola Bystřice 848, okr. Frýdek-Místek, příspěvková organizace, 739 95 Bystřice nad Olší, Česká republika

Tel: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): Mgr. Jan Čechura
Ředitel/Headmaster ZŠ a MŠ Bystřice 848,
okr. Frýdek-Místek

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Projekt *LIFE Ochrana vybraných naturových druhů hmyzu soustavy NATURA 2000 v přeshraniční oblasti Západních Karpat (ČR-SR)* považujeme za velmi přínosný z hlediska zvyšování znalostí a vědomostí o přírodě Moravskoslezského kraje, vytváření pozitivního přístupu a úcty k přírodě, životnímu prostředí pro cílovou skupinu žáků základní a děti mateřské školy v Bystřici. Zapojením cílové skupiny účastníků do projektových aktivit dojde k prohloubení znalostí a vyššímu zájmu o dění v přírodovědné oblasti na lokální, regionální, národní a mezinárodní úrovni.

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Signature and date: 09.09.2016

Name and status of signatory: Mgr. Jan Čechura
Ředitel/Headmaster

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Name and legal status: Jihomoravský kraj

Full address: **Krajský úřad Jihomoravského kraje**

Žerotínovo nám. 3

601 82 Brno

Tel: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): Igor Chlup

člen Rady Jihomoravského kraje

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Projekt LIFE Ochrana vybraných naturových druhů hmyzu soustavy NATURA 2000 v přeshraniční oblasti Západních Karpat (ČR-SR) považujeme za přínosný z hlediska ochrany přírody v Jihomoravském kraji. Jde o vhodnou obnovu lokalit s ustupujícími chráněnými druhy motýlů, podporu a obnovu tradičního hospodaření v regionu a zvýšení informovanosti a zájmu veřejnosti.

We consider project LIFE *Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts.* beneficial in terms of nature conservation in the South Moravian region. It is a suitable habitat restoration with receding protected species of butterflies, support and recovery of traditional farming in the region and increase awareness and interest of the public.

Signature and date:

6. 9. 2016

Name and status of signatory:

IGOR CHLUP - ČLEN RADY JMK

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Optional: in addition to the support of the necessary competent authorities as described in the guidelines for applicants, this form may also be used to indicate any other support to the project by important stakeholder bodies, administrative bodies or individuals that may be concerned by the project.

Name and legal status: Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic

Full address: Námestie Ľ. Štúra 1, 812 35 Bratislava 1, Slovak Republic

Tel: + [REDACTED] **Fax:** + [REDACTED] **E mail:** [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): RNDr. Jana Durkošová, Acting Director, Department of Nature and Landscape Protection

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic (MoE) endorses the Project proposal "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

In Slovakia the Project is aimed at improving the conservation status of 9 species of Community interest by restoring their habitats within Natura 2000 and therefore contributes to the Target 1 of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (direct implementation of the Habitats Directive). They are namely insect species **Calimorpha quadripunctaria*, **Rosalia alpina*, *Colias myrmidone*, *Maculinea nausithous*, *Maculinea teleius*, *Lycaena dispar*, *Hypodryas maturna*, *Eriogaster catax* and *Lucanus cervus*.

The Project results would contribute to the commitments, priorities and targets set in the following strategies:

- Prioritised Action Framework for financing Natura 2000 in the Slovak Republic in the EU programming period 2014-2020: especially priority F.1.3 and actions related – present conservation status of two species targeted is evaluated as unfavourable (U1 *Hypodryas maturna*) and Unfavourable (U2 - *Colias myrmidone*).
- EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (Targets 1 and 2),
- National Strategy for Biodiversity protection to 2020 (Targets A.1, A.2, B.3, F.9) and its Action Plan (both approved in 2014 by the Government),
- National legislative, the Bern Convention and the European Landscape Convention.

The MoE and its body (the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic) will delegate members to the Project Steering Committee and at its capacity cooperate within relevant Project activities.

Signature and date:

September 8th, 2016

Name and status of signatory:

Mgr. Rastislav Rybanič, Direc
Directorate for Nature, Biodiversity and Landscape
Protection

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Name and legal status: Bošáca municipality

Full address: Obecný úrad Bošáca, Bošáca 257, 913 07, Slovakia

Tel: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): Mgr. Daniel Juráček, mayor of municipality

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Municipality Bošáca endorses the proposed LIFE project "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

The project site is situated in our cadastral area. We support activities aimed at restoration of suitable habitats such as coppiced forests and pastures. In our municipality there are large areas overgrown by succession vegetation still listed as grasslands in cadastral registry that could be used for project activities and where their owners will be willing to cooperate to set up the proper management for nature conservation.

We equally appreciate activities on public awareness raising and propagation of the region and value the involvement of residents and stakeholders in proposed project activities. We also embrace the discussion with BROZ representatives about planned activities prior to the project submission.

We are ready to assist with project implementation by administrative procedures and permit processes within competences of our municipality, as well as communication and distribution of information materials to inhabitants and visitors.

Signature and date:

[REDACTED]

Name and status of signatory: Mgr. Daniel Juráček, mayor of municipality

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Name and legal status: Bzince pod Javorinou municipality

Full address: Obecný úrad Bzince pod Javorinou, Bzince pod Javorinou 348, 916 11 Slovakia

Tel: + [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): Ing. Alena Šoltysová, mayor of the municipality

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Municipality Bzince pod Javorinou endorses the proposed LIFE project "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

The project site is situated in our cadastral area. We support activities aimed at restoration of suitable habitats such as coppiced forests and pastures. In our municipality there are large areas overgrown by succession vegetation still listed as grasslands in cadastral registry that could be used for project activities and where their owners will be willing to cooperate to set up the proper management for nature conservation.

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Signature and date:

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

Name and status of signatory: Ing. Alena Šoltysová, mayor of the municipality

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Optional: in addition to the support of the necessary competent authorities as described in the guidelines for applicants, this form may also be used to indicate any other support to the project by important stakeholder bodies, administrative bodies or individuals that may be concerned by the project.

Name and legal status: M.E.A. Agro, agricultural company

Full address: 737/1 Moravské Lieskové, 91642, Slovakia

Tel: 

Contact person (name and function): Ing. Miroslav Dobrodenka, statutory representative

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Agricultural cooperative M.E.A. Agro is the major user of the land in cadastral areas Moravské Lieskové. We use over 110 hectares of agricultural land in SCI SKUEV0367 Holubyho kopanice, but we also have around 35 hectares of land that cannot be used for agricultural purposes. It was abandoned for long time and is nowadays overgrown by succession vegetation of young forest as these parts are difficult to reach by common agricultural machinery.

We are familiar with the LIFE project proposal "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts." as representatives of Bratislavské regionálne ochranárske združenie (BROZ) have consulted proposed conservation actions with our cooperative in advance.

We will cooperate in proposed management of coppiced and grazed forests (on land still listed as agricultural in cadastral registry) as solution to find proper management of these localities and therefore we agree to cooperate with BROZ on measures that will lead to restoration of these ecosystems. We are also willing to participate on land use diversification to create suitable habitats for insect species in the project area.

In case that project activities will be carried out on the land we manage we are prepared to make a signed commitment to not take any actions that would compromise the results of the ecosystems' restoration in the long-term after the project ends.

Signature and date: 9th September 2016

Name and status of signatory: Ing. Miroslav Dobrodenka, statutory representative

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Name and legal status: State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak republic, Landscape Protected Area White Carpathians

Full address: Správa CHKO Biele Karpaty, Trenčianska ul. 31, 914 41 Nemšová, Slovakia

Tel: + [REDACTED] Fax: + [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): Ing. Drahomír Stano, director

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

The State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak republic, Landscape Protected Area White Carpathians endorses the project LIFE Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts. where Regional Association for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development (BROZ) is the associated beneficiary for activities carried out in Slovakian part of the project area.

Project actions are aimed on restoration of habitats for species **Callimorpha quadripunctaria*, **Rosalia alpina*, *Maculinea nausithous*, *Maculinea teleius*, *Lycaena dispar*, *Hypodryas maturna*, *Eriogaster catax* and *Lucanus cervus* requiring mosaic of ecosystems and specific management. It is focused on restoration of coppiced forests that will be further grazed, change of current land use practices of intensively grazed grasslands and creation of ecotones on land overgrown by succession vegetation in SKUEV0367 Holuby kopanice. This type of management was common in the past and the abandonment of these practices is responsible for decline of many insect species in the area.

BROZ is experienced and already well-established NGO in the region that worked with local stakeholders on nature conservation projects in the past. The project builds on the results and lessons learned from the project LIFE09 NAT/CZ/000364 Butterflies, but proposed localities and applied management do not overlap with the localities restored within this project.

As the organization responsible for nature conservation management of the area we view this project positively and believe proposed actions are feasible and realistic to carry out by project beneficiaries. We have successfully cooperated with BROZ for several years now and we are ready to assist with project implementation by administrative procedures and permit processes within our competences.

Signature and date:

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9.9.2016

Name and status of signatory: Ing. Drahomír Stano, director

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Name and legal status: Martin Bradáč, farmer

Full address: [REDACTED]

Tel/ E-mail: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): Martin Bradáč, farmer

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

As the land owner and user farming on 13.4 hectares of land in Bzince pod Javorinou and Moravské Lieskové in SCI SKUEV0367 Holubyho kopanice, I am thereby expressing my full support of the implementation of the proposed LIFE project "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

I am interested in project activities that will allow the management of land that was abandoned for long time and is nowadays overgrown by succession vegetation of young forest as these parts are difficult to reach by common agricultural machinery.

I am willing to cooperate in proposed management of coppiced and grazed forests (on land still listed as agricultural in cadastral registry) as solution to find proper management of these localities and therefore agree to cooperate with BROZ on measures that will lead to restoration of these ecosystems. I am also willing to participate on land use diversification to create suitable habitats for insect species in the project area.

In case that project activities will be carried out on the land I manage, I am prepared to make a signed commitment to not take any actions that would compromise the results of the restoration activities in the long-term after the project ends.

Signature and date: 13.9.2016

Name and status of signatory: Martin Bradáč, farmer [REDACTED]

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Name and legal status: Rudolf Janega, farmer

Full address:

Tel/ E-mail: +

Contact person (name and function): Rudolf Janega, farmer

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

As the land owner and user farming on 3.6 hectares of land in Nová Bošáca in SCI SKUEV0367 Holubyho kopanice, I am thereby expressing my full support of the implementation of the proposed LIFE project "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

I am interested in project activities that will allow the management of land that was abandoned for long time and is nowadays overgrown by succession vegetation of young forest as these parts are difficult to reach by common agricultural machinery.

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In case that project activities will be carried out on the land I manage, I am prepared to make a signed commitment to not take any actions that would compromise the results of the restoration activities in the long-term after the project ends.

Signature and date: 14.9.2016

Name and status of signatory: Rudolf Janega, farmer

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Name and legal status: Zdenko Kusenda, farmer

Full address: 

Tel/ E-mail: 

Contact person (name and function): Zdenko Kusenda, farmer

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

As the land owner and user farming on 1.9 hectares of land in Nová Bošáca in SCI SKUEV0367 Holubyho kopanice, I am thereby expressing my full support of the implementation of the proposed LIFE project "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

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Signature and date: 12.9.2016

Name and status of signatory: Zdenko Kusenda, farmer

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Name and legal status: Pavol Mizerák, farmer

Full address:

Tel/ E-mail:

Contact person (name and function): Pavol Mizerák, farmer

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

As the land owner and user farming on 28 hectares of land in Bošáca in SCI SKUEV0367 Holubyho kopanice, I am thereby expressing my full support of the implementation of the proposed LIFE project "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

I am interested in project activities that will allow the management of land that was abandoned for long time and is nowadays overgrown by succession vegetation of young forest as these parts are difficult to reach by common agricultural machinery.

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Signature and date: 9.9.2016

Name and status of signatory: P Mizerák, farmer

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Name and legal status: Lukáš Tinka, farmer

Full address: 

Tel/ E-mail: 

Contact person (name and function): Lukáš Tinka, farmer

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

As the land owner and user farming on 9.7 hectares of land in Nová Bošáca in SCI SKUEV0367 Holubyho kopanice, I am thereby expressing my full support of the implementation of the proposed LIFE project "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

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In case that project activities will be carried out on the land I manage, I am prepared to make a signed commitment to not take any actions that would compromise the results of the restoration activities in the long-term after the project ends.

Signature and date: 12.9.2016

Name and status of signatory: Lukáš Tinka, farmer

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Name and legal status: Miroslav Uko, farmer

Full address:

Tel/ E-mail:

Contact person (name and function): Miroslav Uko, farmer

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

As the land owner and user farming on 3.5 hectares of land in Nová Bošáca in SCI SKUEV0367 Holubyho kopanice, I am thereby expressing my full support of the implementation of the proposed LIFE project "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

I am interested in project activities that will allow the management of land that was abandoned for long time and is nowadays overgrown by succession vegetation of young forest as these parts are difficult to reach by common agricultural machinery.

I am willing to cooperate in proposed management of coppiced and grazed forests (on land still listed as agricultural in cadastral registry) as solution to find proper management of these localities and therefore agree to cooperate with BROZ on measures that will lead to restoration of these ecosystems. I am also willing to participate on land use diversification to create suitable habitats for insect species in the project area.

In case that project activities will be carried out on the land I manage, I am prepared to make a signed commitment to not take any actions that would compromise the results of the restoration activities in the long-term after the project ends.

Signature and date: 12.9.2016

Name and status of signatory: Miroslav Uko, farmer

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Name and legal status: Moravské Lieskové municipality

Full address: Moravské Lieskové, Moravské Lieskové 657, 916 42, Slovakia

Tel: + [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): Róbert Palko, mayor of municipality

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Municipality Moravské Lieskové endorses the proposed LIFE project "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

The project site is situated in our cadastral area. We support activities aimed at restoration of suitable habitats such as coppiced forests and pastures. In our municipality there are large areas overgrown by succession vegetation still listed as grasslands in cadastral registry that could be used for project activities and where their owners will be willing to cooperate to set up the proper management for nature conservation.

We equally appreciate activities on public awareness raising and propagation of the region and value the involvement of residents and stakeholders in proposed project activities. We also embrace the discussion with BROZ representatives about planned activities prior to the project submission.

We are ready to assist with project implementation by administrative procedures and permit processes within competences of our municipality, as well as communication and distribution of information materials to inhabitants and visitors.

Signature and date: 4. 9. 2016 [REDACTED]

Name and status of signatory: Róbert Palko, mayor of municipality [REDACTED]

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Name and legal status: Nová Bošáca municipality

Full address: Nová Bošáca, Nová Bošáca 79, 913 08, Slovakia

Tel:

E-mail:

Contact person (name and function): Ing. Ján Žucha, mayor of municipality

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

Municipality Nová Bošáca endorses the proposed LIFE project "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

The project site is situated in our cadastral area. We support activities aimed at restoration of suitable habitats such as coppiced forests and pastures. In our municipality there are large areas overgrown by succession vegetation still listed as grasslands in cadastral registry that could be used for project activities and where their owners will be willing to cooperate to set up the proper management for nature conservation.

We equally appreciate activities on public awareness raising and propagation of the region and value the involvement of residents and stakeholders in proposed project activities. We also embrace the discussion with BROZ representatives about planned activities prior to the project submission.

We are ready to assist with project implementation by administrative procedures and permit processes within competences of our municipality, as well as communication and distribution of information materials to inhabitants and visitors.

Signature and date:

Name and status of signatory: Ing. Ján Žucha, mayor of municipality

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DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FROM THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Optional: in addition to the support of the necessary competent authorities as described in the guidelines for applicants, this form may also be used to indicate any other support to the project by important stakeholder bodies, administrative bodies or individuals that may be concerned by the project.

Name and legal status: Regional Office Trenčín – Environmental Department (Okresný úrad Trenčín – odbor starostlivosti o životné prostredie)

Full address: Okresný úrad Trenčín, odbor starostlivosti o životné prostredie, Hviezdoslavova 3, 91101 Trenčín, Slovakia

Tel: + [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): Ing. Juraj Hamaj, Head of Department

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

The Regional Office Trenčín – Environmental Department as State Authority in Nature Conservation Administration in Trenčín region gives support to the project LIFE “Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts.”. In Slovakia, the Regional Association for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development (BROZ) is the associated beneficiary responsible for activities carried out in part of the project area within our administration. BROZ is established NGO that has already worked in the region on habitats restoration within the project LIFE09 NAT/CZ/000364 Butterflies.

Project actions are aimed on restoration of habitats for species **Callimorpha quadripunctaria*, **Rosalia alpina*, *Colias myrmidone*, *Maculinea nausithous*, *Maculinea teleius*, *Lycaena dispar*, *Hypodryas maturna*, *Eriogaster catax* and *Lucanus cervus* in SKUEV0367 Holubyho kopanice by coppicing trees on abandoned grasslands overgrown by succession vegetation and further management by grazing.

As the State Authority responsible for nature conservation administration in the area we view this project positively and believe proposed actions will benefit selected species of insects and improve their conservation status. Proposed conservation actions as discussed with BROZ representatives prior to the project submission represent appropriate best practice management measures for target species.

We are ready to assist in project implementation by administrative procedures and permit processes that fall within our competencies as State Authority in Nature Conservation Administration.

Signature and date:

Name and status of signatory: Ing. Juraj Hamaj, Head of Department

09. 09. 2016

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Optional: in addition to the support of the necessary competent authorities as described in the guidelines for applicants, this form may also be used to indicate any other support to the project by important stakeholder bodies, administrative bodies or individuals that may be concerned by the project.

Name and legal status: Zemianske Podhradie municipality

Full address: Obecný úrad, Zemianske Podhradie 138, 913 07, 913 07 Bošáca, Slovakia

Tel: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

Contact person (name and function): Miroslav Zámečník, mayor of municipality

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

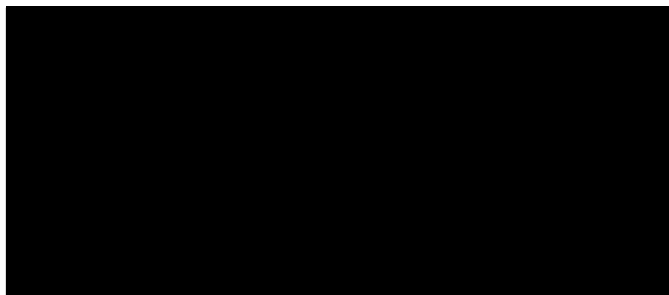
Municipality Zemianske Podhradie endorses the proposed LIFE project "Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts."

The project site is situated in our cadastral area. We support activities aimed at restoration of suitable habitats such as coppiced forests and pastures. In our municipality there are large areas overgrown by succession vegetation still listed as grasslands in cadastral registry that could be used for project activities and where their owners will be willing to cooperate to set up the proper management for nature conservation.

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Signature and date:



Name and status of signatory: Miroslav Zámečník, mayor of municipality



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TECHNICAL APPLICATION FORMS

**Part B - technical summary and overall
context of the project**

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT (Max. 3 pages; to be completed in English)**Project title:**

Conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathian Mts.

Project objectives:

This project deals with various habitats hosting several Natura 2000 species, where active management is necessary to support and increase their populations.

One of the most threatened habitats in central Europe are open-canopy middle forests with their target species *Lucanus cervus* and *Parnassius mnemosyne*. Due to the legislation the historical way of management is not allowed (coppicing, forest grazing), therefore the only way to support these habitats is the restoration of open-canopy forests on sites which have been abandoned and are now covered by woodland but are still registered as non-forest area.

Another habitat are pastures with the target species *Maculinea arion*, whose distribution centre in the Czech Republic lies in the Beskydy SCI. Since this butterfly needs interconnected suitable sites for better survival of metapopulations, it is necessary to expand the potential habitat of this butterfly by restoring pastures in stepping stone areas in the Nedašovsko region, in the Bílé Karpaty SCI and Čertoryje SCI.

The third habitat are abandoned wet meadows in the Beskydy SCI, where management needs to be resumed to rescue the butterflies *Maculinea teleius* and *M. nausithous*.

Project objective:

The project objective is conservation of selected Natura 2000 insect species and enhancing their populations through their habitats restoration in transboundary area (CZ-SK) of Western Carpathians and interconnection of species metapopulation in this area.

Target species: *Lucanus cervus*, *Parnassius mnemosyne*, *Maculinea arion*, *Maculinea nausithous*, *Maculinea teleius*, *Colias myrmidone* a *Euplagia quadripunctaria*. Their habitats are: wet grasslands, pastures, coppiced and open-canopy forests.

Specific objectives:

Collaboration and networking with experts.

Awareness raising, collaboration and interconnectivity of owners and other stakeholders and public.

Actions and means involved:

-Revision of the state of selected insect species and their habitats: *Maculinea arion*, *Parnassius mnemosyne*, *Maculinea nausithous*, *Maculinea teleius* and *Myrmica* sp. (A1).

-Preparation of management plans for project (A1)

-Negotiation with owners in order to lease or purchase land+agreements for manag.actions (A2)

-Land purchase and lease in project sites (B1,B2)

-Measures in 510 ha of project sites (280 ha in the Czech R. and 230 ha in SR):

In Bílé Karpaty SCI and Čertoryje SCI: 210 ha – coppiced forest restoration in 105ha, opening and clearing followed by forest grazing in 52,5 ha. Elimination of self-seeding tree sp. Followed by pastures restoration in other 52,5 ha (C1,C2).

In Beskydy SCI 70 ha -measures in non-forest areas to enhance Maculinea sp. (elimination of self-seeding trees and gradual restoration of pastures, mowing and sowing of nutrition plants in order to rise biodiversity); in smaller extent also restoration of coppiced forests (C3,C4).

In Holubyho Kopanice SCI:160 ha - coppiced forest restoration 80 ha, clearing and opening of wood followed by forest grazing in 40 ha and elimination of self-seeding trees followed by pastures restoration in other 40 ha (C5).

Transformation of intensive large-extent farming into small-extent and extensive in 70 ha.

-Monitoring of target insect species and restored habitats (D1).

-Assess.of Socio-economic aspects, ecosystem services and dissemination actions impact (D2,D3).

-Awareness raising of public and experts on Natura 2000, target species and habitats conservation and project results (E1-E3) through:

- Preparation and distribution of printed information materials (information leaflets, Bílé-Biele Karpaty bulletin etc., Layman report) and website.

- Public events in the region (E1).

- Meeting with stakeholders in the project area (Mayors meeting etc.) E2

- Presentation of the project and its results in conferences and workshops and networking with other LIFE projects (E2).

Organisation of final international conference (E2)

Preparation of educational installation/games for school gardens by children and students themselves (including manual for their production) (E3)

Preparation and realization of educational environmental programmes (focused on target species) including educational tools for school children in the Czech Rep.and SR.

Project management and training of project team (F1)

Assessing Project performing indicators and After-LIFEPlan (F1,F2)

Accurate accounting, financial management and audit (F3)

Expected results (outputs and quantified achievements):

Revision of species and their habitats: *Maculinea: arion, nausithous, teleius; Parnassius mnemosyne; and Myrmica sp.* (A1)

Manag.plans for conservation actions (A1)

Agreements for lease contracts (6ha) or management measures (A2, B1)

Land purchase of 46ha (B1,B2)

Measures in 510 ha

In Bílé Karpaty SCI and Čertoryje SCI:210ha - coppiced forest restoration in 105ha, opening and clearing followed by forest grazing in 52,5 ha.Elimination of self-seeding trees (SST) followed by pastures restoration in other 52,5 ha (C1,C2)

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In Holubyho Kopanice SCI:160ha-coppiced woodland restoration in 80 ha, opening and clearing followed by forest grazing in 40 ha and elimination of SST followed by pasture restoration in 40 ha (C5)

Transformation of intensive large-extent farming into small-extent and extensive (70ha)

Gained data on target sp and their seasonal and annual dynamics, assess. of management measures impact on their population and proposal of future measures (D1).

Assess. on Socio-economic aspects and ES and dissemination actions impact (D2,D3).

Completion of Awareness raising activities for public and experts on Natura 2000, target species and habitats conservation and project results.

4000 particip. (PP) of Czech-Slovakian festival and 2700 PP in other public events (E1)

4 excursions in open-canopy forest, 100PP (E1)

Project website and Layman report 10 000 pcs (E1)

15 project info boards installed (E1)

3 issues of Bílé Biele Karpaty bulletin, 5 iss. of Bulletin on Beskydy SCI (E1)

6 info boards and 5000 posters distributed on trains and buses (E1)

3 kinds of meetings with stakeholders in CR (9 meetings and 400 PP in total) E2

10 LIFE networking trips (E2)

Final international conference (E2)

7 workshops and 30 excursions for stakeholders in Slovakia

Project presentation at 5 conferences in the CR and 3 in the EU

Creation of 4 outdoor educational installations within 4 competitions, 4x400 PP in opening party (E3)

Creation and realisation of 1 and 2-day educational programme (EP) regarding *Lucanus Cervus* incl. tools and materials (1000PP) E3

Creation and realisation (in CR and SK) of EP Butterfly habitats incl. its components (750PP) E3

Summer camp for children, 20 PP (E3)

After-LIFE plan (E1)

Project performance indicators (F2)

1 Audit (F3)

Is your project significantly climate-related?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Recent studies show that adaptation of the forests to the impacts of expected climatic development require multiple changes in management, which may help to alleviate these impacts to a certain degree. The change in the composition of the species and increase of species diversity are mainly considered as key tools.

In the presented project, management measures on larger intervention areas within the framework of the clearing of vegetation to support Clouded Apollo (*Parnassius mnemosyne*) shall be tested with follow-up education of land owners, users as well as the general public. It will be substantial to explain that it shall be necessary in future to replace moisture demanding woody species (e.g. spruce trees) with other woody species from the natural composition (mainly oak, beech and other deciduous trees). This procedure (in case of introduction of these trends to the forest management plans) could also result in overall species diversity of the forests, which would result in improvement of the capability of the ecosystems to adapt naturally to the changing conditions. The accompanying effect of the described reconstruction would be reduction of the area of the vegetation afflicted by draught stress in the extreme years, and hence also reduction of damage in consequence of the higher proneness of

stressed vegetation to attach by secondary elements.

The current practice of people-controlled restoration of forests (still in favour of conifers) is clearly endangering the very essence of adaptation of forest vegetation to environmental changes. In the medium-term perspective, we shall demonstrate on selected areas that it is possible to initiate the processes of natural restoration of forest vegetation, which shall be much more variegated, resistant to fluctuation of the climatic factors and more suitable for especially protected invertebrate species confined to clearings and glades.

During the project, the “green office” principle shall apply (minimisation of print, preference of recycled paper, toners, etc., maximum possible volume of correspondence, tender procedures, etc. shall be done electronically).

The proposal addresses the following project topic(s):

- Projects aimed at improving the conservation status of habitat types or species (including bird species) of Community Interest, targeting the Natura 2000 sites proposed or designated for these habitat types or species.

Reasons why the proposal falls under the selected project topic(s):

The project design falls under the project theme “Projects aimed at improving the conservation status of habitat types or species of Community Interest, targeting the Natura 2000 sites” in the following ways:

- One of the main targets is to support populations of several butterflies listed in the Habitats Directive (*Maculinea arion*, *M. nausithous*, *M. teleius*) by restoring grasslands which are now abandoned in several SCIs (mainly Beskydy and Slovakia).
- Another important target is the support of populations of *Parnassius mnemosyne* and *Lucanus cervus* (listed in the Habitats Directive) by creating open-canopy middle forests on sites registered as non-forest in several SCIs.
- A third significant task is the improvement of Natura 2000 interconnections between the Beskydy SCI and the Bílé Karpaty SCI by restoring grassland for better survival of *Maculinea arion* metapopulations.
- Improving grassland habitats (mainly 6210*, 6410 and 6510 type) by supporting sustainable management of the Natura 2000 sites.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA / SITE(S) TARGETED BY THE PROJECT

Name of the project area:

Holubyho kopanice SCI

Surface area (ha):

3,933.000

Surface description:

EU protection status:

SPA ☐ NATURA 2000 CodepSCI ☒ NATURA 2000 Code SKUEV0367**Other protection status according to national or regional legislation:**

Protected Landscape Area Biele Karpaty (PLA).

Nature reserve: Veľká Javorina (82.98 ha)

Nature monuments - Bestiné (1.29 ha), Blažejová (2.16 ha), Grúň (16 ha), Baricovie lúky (1.62 ha), Kohútová (4.5 ha), Lopeníček (0,23 ha), Mravcové (0,81 ha).

Main land uses and ownership status of the project area:

Land is covered mostly by forests, commercially used and managed (45 %). Large areas of young forests recently overgrown the grasslands and are still listed as such in cadastral records (12% of the area).

30 % of the area is intensively farmed grasslands grazed and mowed by large agricultural companies or private farmers. Land is long-term leased from private owners or unknown owners (managed by Slovak Land Fund). There are several smaller farmers managing 6 % of the area.

There still exist more or less preserved extensive orchard, grassland and wetland ecosystems managed by private owners or by nature conservation organizations, although fragmented and isolated. Rich grasslands in nature reserves are managed by State Nature Conservancy and localities restored by LIFE Butterflies CR-SR project and managed by BROZ. Together localities managed directly for nature conservation purpose accounts for 7 % of the area and these will not be subject of direct Conservation Actions.

Scientific description of project area:

White Carpathians Mts. form the border between the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Project area covers SKUEV0367 Holubyho kopanice on area 3933 ha and several stepping stones just in the vicinity of the SCI. It stretches over 5 cadastral areas – Nová Bošáca, Zemianske Podhradie, Bošáca, Bzince pod Javorinou.

Geologically White Carpathians belong to the outer part of the Western Carpathians, which originated in the Tertiary, together with the Alps. Area is based on Magura flysch formed by Cretaceous and Paleogene sea sediments. Flysch consists of alternating sandstone and rock clay layers of variable thickness (from several centimetres to metres)

From the geomorphological point of view the area lies in Slovak-Moravian Carpathians in a geomorphological unit White Carpathians and Považské Podolie (valley). The highest point of the mountains is Mt. Veľká Javorina (970 m a.s.l.). In general, the relief is determined by differences in the resistance of various flysch layers to erosion. Hard sandstones form the highest, morphologically most pronounced parts, whereas places with soft bedrock created long, gentle slopes and rounded ridges.

Highland relief occurs in north-western flysch part, hill-country relief in the klippen part.

Water erosion has been the main factor in the formation of the range as we know it today. Water streams Bošáčka and Klanečnica have created wider valleys. A typical phenomenon frequently occurring on soft clay rock hills are landslides, which have a significant impact on grassland flora and fauna, and also on grassland management. They not only make the hills uneven and create a patchwork of dry and moist sites, but also uncover the bedrock, which is physically and chemically different from the upper soil. Landslides are also important in the emergence of springs.

The White Carpathians Mts. are situated in the catchment areas of Váh river. Bošáčka and Klanečnica have cut through the ridge by retrogressive erosion and now drain water from the original Morava catchment area in Czech republic into Váh in Slovakia. The unstable flow of the water in the streams throughout the year is typical – this is why many wetlands were formed in the past. There is a general lack of groundwater (characteristic of flysch zones) in the area. Springs are scattered over the area, most of them showing a small flow. Mineral springs are found in a whole range of sites, although not rich in water.

The area lies in the transition zone between maritime and continental climate; it has moderate warm climate at the foothill of White Carpathians. The highest precipitation values are reached in summer, predominantly in July. The lowest precipitation is recorded in winter. Snow cover usually occurs at elevations of over 300 m from the end of November to March. Wind speed and direction strongly depend on the local morphology and height above the ground.

There are several different soil types occurring in White Carpathians. Cambisols are dominant in most of the area especially in the higher northern parts. Their fertility is not high and it also depends on the substrate and water regime. In the southern and klippen zone brown soils or rendzinas can be found. Rarely other types of soils occur – e.g. fluvisols in the flood plain of the river Bošáčka. Prevailing loamy soils alternate with less frequent clay-loamy soils, medium-skeletal soils and sand-loamy soils at the estuary of the river Bošáčka.

Importance of the project area for biodiversity and/or for the conservation of the species /habitat types targeted at regional, national and EU level (give quantitative information if possible):

Project area is situated in White Carpathian Mountains with typical scattered farm-houses settlements. Due to the lack of farmland they were inhabited gradually since 15th century by farmers clearing the land for grazing. Farming practices and specific natural conditions shaped nature valued farmland with high diversity of species. Small localities of preserved grasslands, orchards and wetlands ecosystems belong to most diverse habitats in Central Europe.

Flora of White Carpathians is surprisingly diverse comparing to flora of adjacent geographical units. Diversity of meadows is very high up to 110 different plant species growing on an area of 24 m², creating biodiversity hot spots of European importance.

Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia; * important orchid sites) occur on warm slopes and consist of many different grass and herb species. Other habitats known in these localities are petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion). They can be easily distinguished from neighbouring meadows according to white cotton grass (*Eriophorum*) or red flowering brook thistle (*Cirsium rivulare*).

Rare and endangered species of the area include many members of the orchid family (more than 40 species), quite common in the area are *Orchis morio*, *Orchis militaris*, *Dactylorhiza sambucina*, *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* subsp. *soóiana*, *Ophrys holubyana*, *Gmnadenia conopsea*, *Traunsteinera globosa*, *Listera ovata*, *Platanthera* sp., *Allium carinatum*, *Crepis praemorsa*, *Gladiolus imbricatus*, *Iris graminea*, *Ophioglossum vulgatum*, *Lilium bulbiferum*, *Scorzonera purpurea*. Rare plants of pastures include also *Gentianopsis ciliata*, *Gentianella lutescens* or *Stachys germanica*. In traditional orchards under trees *Orchis pallens*, *Orchis purpurea*, *Ophrys holubyana*, *Orchis morio* and *Orchis mascula* can be found.

Wetlands in the area are of not large area but represent important biodiversity hotspots. Plant species include *Epipactis palustris*, *Dactylorhiza majalis*, *Triglochin palustre*, *Carex davalliana*, *Carex distans*, *Parnassia palustris*.

Along the water streams we can find Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior* (Alno-Padion, *Alnion incanae*, *Salicion albae*), in lower parts on southern slopes mixed oak-hornbeam forests (*Galio-Carpinetum*).

Mycological research proved the occurrence of many notable indicative species numerous species of *Hygrocybe*, *Clavaria*, *Entoloma*, *Geoglossum*, *Microglossum*, *Ramariopsis Thuemenidium*, *Trichoglossum* and *Tremellodendropsis* genus. Current research shows that preserved grasslands belong to one of the richest in fungi species within Europe (assessment by CHEG quality score system - scoring 83, comparing to other rich ecosystems in Europe of score 73).

Habitats of Community Importance:

6210* Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometea) – important orchid sites

6510 Lowland hay meadows.

7220* Petrifying springs with tufa formation (*Cratoneurion*).

7230 Alkaline fens,

6430 Hygrophilous tall-herb fringe communities of plains and of the mountain to alpine levels

9130 Beech and fir-beech forests.

Fauna of White Carpathians is unusually diverse thanks to geographical location as well as varied structure of plant communities including highland elements. The species diversity of insects is high due to the low application of pesticides, but at the other hand the monoculture type of present land use practices are responsible for decrease of insect species in the area.

Species of Community Importance:

Most notable insects in the territory are represented by target species of the project - *Lucanus cervus*, *Maculinea nausithous*, *Maculinea teleius*, *Colias myrmidone*, *Lycaena dispar*, *Callimorpha quadripunctaria*, *Eriogaster catax*, *Rosalia alpina*.

The other species of Community Importance include: *Vertigo moulinsiana* and *Vertigo angustior* from the Mollusca phylum live in the moss layer in the spring fens. Amphibians are represented by *Triturus cristatus*, *Hyla arborea*, *Rana temporaria*. *Bombina variegata* occur in shallow pools. Different reptile species occur here *Coronella austriaca*, *Elaphe longissima*, *Natrix natrix*, *Elaphe longissima*. Among birds we can spot *Alauda arvensis*, *Alcedo atthis*, *Ciconia nigra*, *Dendrocopos leucotos*, *Dendrocopos medius*, *Dryocopos martius*, *Ficedula albicollis*, *Lanius collurio*, *Pica pica*, *Scolopax rusticola*, *Sylvia nisoria*. Several birds of prey may be observed – *Pernis apivorus*, *Accipiter nisus*, *Accipiter gentilis*. Meadows are inhabited by *Crex crex* and *Coturnix coturnix* as well as different mammal species *Myotis myotis*, *Felis silvestris*.

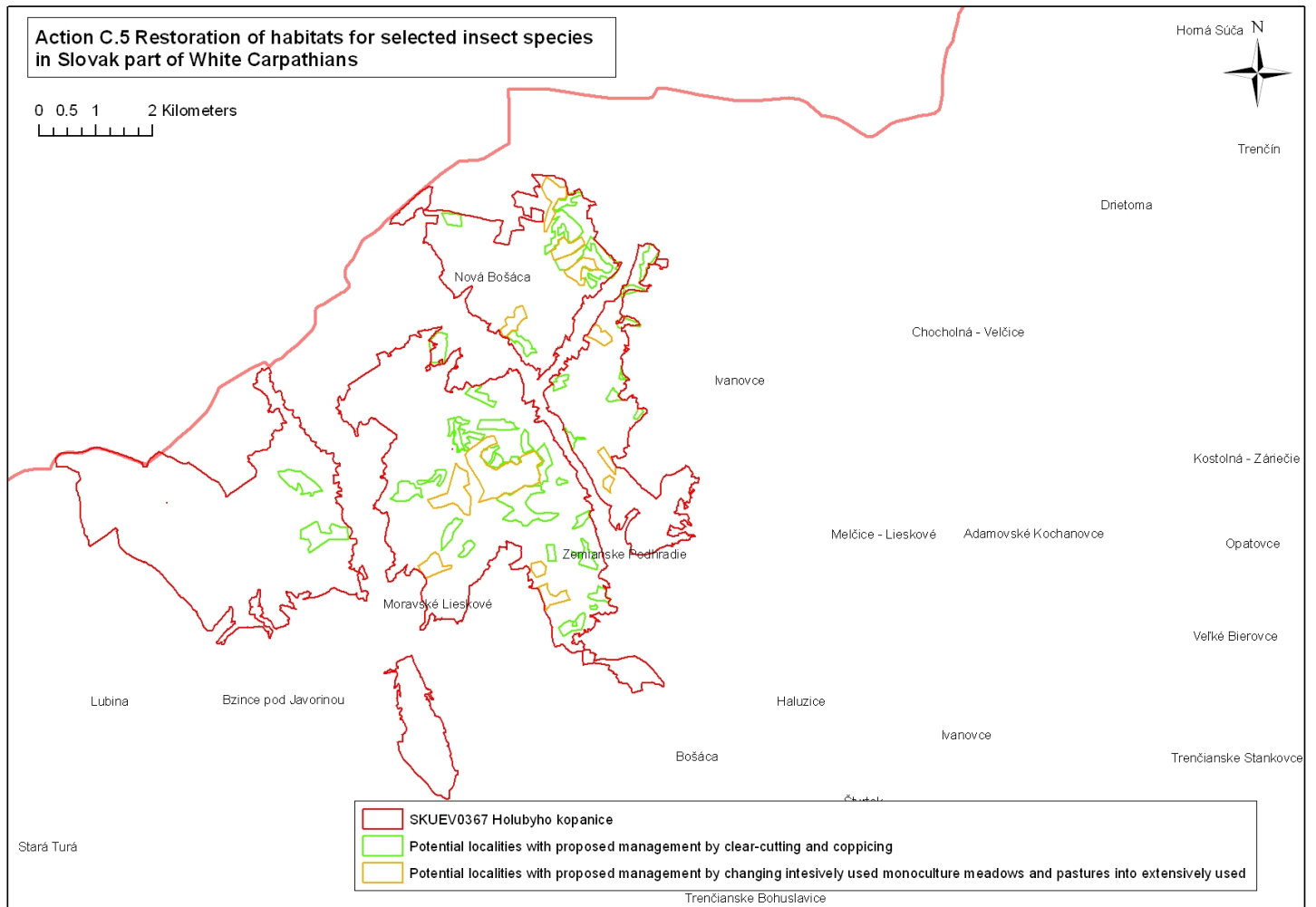
Other important species:

There occur populations of rare butterflies *Maculinea arion*, *Parnassius mnemosyne*, *Brenthis hecate*, *Chloroclysta miata*, *Drymonia obliterate*, *Lemonia taraxaci* and *Lemonia dumi* in the meadow vegetation. Extensively managed orchards are the habitat of *Saturnia pyri*. The insect are represented also by *Theridion suaveolens*, *Theridion nigrovariegatum*, *Clubiona genevensis*, *Micaria silesiaca*, *Zelotes hermani*, *Hydrophoria albiceps*, *Phaonia subventa*, *Anelosimus vittatus*, *Tenuiphantes zimmermanni*, *Harpalus marginellus*, *Pterostichus foveolatus*, *Pardosa riparia*, *Atypus piceus*, *Colon latum*.

Other animals include *Salamandra salamandra*, *Zootoca vivipara*, *Bufo bufo*, *Anguis fragilis*, *Micromys minutus*, *Glis glis*, *Musccardinus avellanarius*, *Vulpes vulpes*, *Meles meles*, *Martes foina*, *Putorius putorius*.

These birds are also common in the area - *Actitis hypoleucos*, *Anthus trivialis*, *Ardea cinerea*, *Carduelis cannabina*, *Cululus canorus*, *Jynx torquilla*, *Locustella naevia*, *Miliaria calandra*, *Motacilla cinerea*, *Musicata striata*, *Picus viridis*, *Saxicola rubetra*, *Buteo buteo*, *Strix aluco*, *Asio otus*.

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