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CEST training for stakeholders

Report of the workshop about technical aspects and use of the newly developed CEST

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The workshop was organized by the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic (SNC SR, PP2) in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic (Associated Partner of the Centralparks project) and OZ PRONATUR (PP6) as the activity A.T3.2 Training programme for local/regional authorities. It was held in hybrid form on 10th November 2021 between 10:00 and 14:00 at the meeting room of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic (Námestie Ľ. Štúra 1, Bratislava) and online.

Workshop agenda

- 9:45 - 10:00 Registration and connection to the workshop
- 10:00 - 10:10 Opening and welcome remarks (*Katarína Butkovská* - Director General of the Directorate for Protection of Nature and Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic; *Ján Kadlečík* - State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic; *Isidoro De Bortoli* - Eurac Research, Italy - Project Centralparks Lead Partner)
- 10:10 - 10:30 Introduction to the ecosystem services theme (*Peter Mederly* - Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra and PRONATUR NGO)
- 10:30 - 10:40 Development of assessment of the ecosystem services and the health of ecosystems in Slovakia and EU (*Petra Semjanová* - Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic)
- 10:40 - 11:00 Assessment of ecosystem services in Slovakia - why it makes sense (*Ján Černecký* - State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic)
- 11:00 - 11:20 Presentation of the project Centralparks and preparation of the Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit (CEST) (*Ján Kadlečík*)
- 11:20 - 11:40 Presentation of the Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit (*Ján Černecký*)
- 11:40 - 12:00 Coffee break
- 12:00 - 12:15 Assessment of ecosystem services - the main phases and steps (*Peter Mederly*)
- 12:15 - 13:00 Examples of ecosystem services assessment (*Peter Mederly*)
- 13:00 - 13:30 Discussion on practical use of CEST in the work of authorities and organizations of nature conservation, protection of biodiversity, landscape and environment management
- 13:30 - 13:45 Conclusions and closure of the workshop

The invitation was distributed by the Associated project Partner - Slovak Ministry of Environment to different stakeholders (local, regional and national public authorities, sectoral agencies, NGOs, higher education and research, education centre, project partners) and 111 stakeholders registered for the workshop. The workshop was attended by 11 participants onsite and 80 online (see the list), including representatives of 4 project partners (PP1, PP2, PP6, PP8).

The workshop was held as national event in Slovak language.



The workshop was opened by the Director General of the Directorate for Nature and Biodiversity Protection of the Slovak Ministry of Environment Ms Katarína Butkiovská, who stressed the importance of the ecosystem services and their assessment in the current development in nature and landscape protection, followed by Mr. Ján Kadlečík of the SNC SR, representing Project Partner 2 and the organization responsible for the outputs O.T3.1 (Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit - CEST) and O.T3.2 (Training programme for local/regional authorities), who also moderated the workshop, and Isidoro De Bortolli, as a representative of the Centralparks project Lead Partner - Eurac Research, who highlighted the work intensity in elaboration of the CEST and importance of stakeholders involvement and training.





The experts of the OZ PRONATUR, Ministry of Environment and SNC SR introduced participants to the theme of ecosystem services (ES), informed about development of the ES assessment in EU and Slovakia. J. Kadlečík presented in short the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE project Centralparks and preparation of the project important output - Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolikt (CEST) elaborated by the TTTF on the CEST in 2020-2021 under lead of Slovak experts from PP2 and PP6 working also in academic sphere. One of the main authors of the CEST Mr. J. Černecký of SNC SR presented the CEST itself, its content and main chapters. Mr. P. Mederly (Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra and PRONATUR NGO) provided explanation of the step-by-step approach in the ES assessment process recommended in the CEST and some examples of the ES assessment in Slovakia.

During the discussion (moderated by P. Semjanová) the participants consulted need for urgent ES assessment and providing of data for integrated evaluation of benefits of ES especially in national parks and other protected areas related to planned transformation of nature conservation and administration in Slovakia and urged Ministry of Environment and other authorities to continue in the process of mapping and assessment of ES and speed up these activities. Generally the workshop had positive feedback and participants expressed interest in the theme and CEST itself.

Presentations of the workshop will be available for participants at the web site of the SNC SR on the Centralparks project section (<http://www.sopsr.sk/web/?cl=12303>).



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Target groups outreach:

Target group		Institution	No. of particip.
1.	National public authority	Ministry of Environment	22
2.		Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	2
3.		Ministry of Health	1
4.		Slovak Environment Inspection	1
1.	Regional public authority	Prešov Self-government region	2
1.	Local public authority	City of Banská Bystrica	1
2.		Self-government of Bratislava - Dúbravka town	1
1.	Sectoral agency	State Nature Conservancy of the SR - Directorate	12
		SNC SR - branches - Administrations of PAs	6
2.		Slovak Environment Agency	6
3.		Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute	1
4.		Slovak Water Management Enterprise	7
5.		National Forest Centre	1
1.	Higher education and research	Water Management Research Institute	1
2.		Slovak Academy of Sciences (ILE, IG)	5
3.		Technical University in Zvolen	3
4.		Comenius University in Bratislava	1
5.		Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava	2
6.		Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra	1
7.		Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra	1
8.		National Agricultural and Food Centre	3
9.		Eurac Research (IT) - LP	2
10.		Esprit s. s r. o.	1
1.	Education centre	Education and Information Centre Biele Karpaty - PP8	1
1.	NGOs	OZ PRONATUR - PP6	2
2.		WWF Slovakia	3
3.		Bratislavské regionálne ochrannárske združenie BROZ	1
1.	Other	Branislav Vršanský	1







Annex 1

PARTICIPANTS



