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**Tiskovno sporočilo z
dne 19.12.2024****MEDVEDI, VOLKOVI, RISI, ŠAKALI:
UNIVERZA V VIDMU (ITALIJA) VODI
EVROPSKI PROJEKT ZA
IZBOLJŠANJE SOBIVANJA ČLOVEKA
IN PROSTOŽIVEČIH VRST**

V projekt je vključenih osem držav jadransko-jonskega območja od Italije do Grčije. Predvideni ukrepi so osredotočeni na krepitev transnacionalnega spremljanja vrst, preprečevanje in zmanjševanje škode, soustvarjanje aktivne skupnosti deležnikov za spodbujanje sodelovanja in inovativnih pobud za izboljšanje sobivanja.

Videm, 19. december 2024 – Cilj evropskega projekta, ki ga vodi Univerza v Vidmu (Italija), je izboljšati sobivanje med človekom in velikimi zvermi (risi, volkovi, medvedi, šakali) ter okrepiti njihovo varstvo kot ključni dejavnik za varovanje biotske raznovrstnosti ekosistemov, kjer imajo te vrste ključno vlogo. Partnerstvo vključuje poleg vodilnega partnerja še devet projektnih partnerjev iz osmih držav jadransko-jonske regije: Italije, Albanije, Hrvaške, Grčije, Severne Makedonije, Črne gore, Srbije in Slovenije. Aktivnosti bodo potekale v številnih naravnih območjih severovzhodnih Alp, Dinarskega gorstva,

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December 2024****BEARS, WOLVES, LYNXES, JACKALS:
THE UNIVERSITY OF UDINE (ITALY)
LEADS AN EUROPEAN PROJECT TO
IMPROVE HUMAN-WILDLIFE
COEXISTENCE**

The project involves eight countries from the Adriatic-Ionian region, from Italy to Greece, are involved in the project. The foreseen actions are focused on strengthening transnational species monitoring, prevention and reducing damage, co-creation of an active stakeholder community to foster participation and innovative coexistence initiatives.

Udine, 19 December 2024 – The aim of the European project, led by the University of Udine (Italy), is to improve the coexistence between humans and large carnivores (lynxes, wolves, bears, jackals) and to strengthen their protection, as a core element in preserving the biodiversity of ecosystems where these species play a key role. The partnership includes beside the lead partner also nine project partners from eight countries in the Adriatic-Ionian region: Italy, Albania, Croatia, Greece, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia. Activities will take place in

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Pindskega gorstva, kjer so prisotne velike zveri. Skupaj na teh območjih živi preko 4000 volkov in medvedov ter več kot 200 risov.

Da bi dosegli pričakovane rezultate, se bo projekt osredotočil na krepitev spremljanja in skupnega zbiranja podatkov na transnacionalni ravni, krepitev strategij in ukrepov za preprečevanje in zmanjševanje tveganja škode zaradi živali, aktivno vključevanje lokalnih skupnosti in deležnikov (kmetov, rejcev, lovcev) in soustvarjanje inovativnih praks ter pobud za gospodarjenje z zemljišči in spodbujanje sobivanja človeka z velikimi zvermi.

Namen. Pobuda je nastala z namenom izboljšanja sodelovanja na področju ohranjanja narave, s posebnim poudarkom na vidikih sobivanja človeka z velikimi zveri in favno nasploh. Poleg tega je namen projekta tudi izboljšanje ekološke povezanosti, krepitev mreže zelenih infrastruktur kot so zeleni mostovi in podvozi na prometnih infrastrukturah, ter varnost prehodov na namakalnih kanalih.

Prednosti. Projekt nudi priložnosti za uporabo inovativnih strategij pri upravljanju in ohranjanju narave. Omogočil bo krepitev sistemov spremljanja velikih zveri in določil pristope za izboljšanje sobivanja s človekom. Prednost bo tudi v skupni pripravi strategij za omilitev in preprečevanje

several natural areas of Northeastern Alps, Dinaric Alps and Pindus, where large carnivores are present. Together, these areas are home to over 4000 wolves and bears and more than 200 lynxes.

To achieve the expected results, the project will focus on strengthening monitoring and joint data collection at the transnational level, enhancing strategies and measures to prevent and reduce the risk of damage caused by animals, actively involving local communities and stakeholders (farmers, breeders, hunters), and co-creating innovative practices and initiatives for land management and fostering coexistence between humans and large carnivores.

Objective. The initiative was created to improve cooperation in the field of nature conservation, with particular focus on aspects of human coexistence between with large carnivores and wildlife in general. Furthermore, the project aims to enhance ecological connectivity, strengthen the network of green infrastructures, such as green bridges or underpasses on motorway infrastructures, and ensure the safety of crossings on irrigation canals.

Benefits. The project offers an opportunity to apply innovative strategies in the nature management and conservation. It will enable the strengthening of large carnivore monitoring systems and identify strategies to improve coexistence with

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tveganj poškodb in škode ob negativnih interakcijah z domačimi živalmi.

Dejavnosti. Med izvajanjem projekta se bodo implementirali tri sklopi projektnih aktivnosti. V prvem sklopu se bo okrepilo sodelovanje za uskladitev postopkov in tehnik spremljanja populacij. Poleg tega se bodo izvajale aktivnosti za izboljšanje preglednosti pri pridobivanju in interpretaciji podatkov ter krepitev znanja o razširjenosti in ekološki vlogi velikih zveri. To bo doseženo tudi s pomočjo skupne digitalne platforme s podatkovno bazo, ki bo spodbujala varovanje populacij velikih zveri in ohranjanje njihovih habitatov. Drugi sklop dejavnosti bo usmerjen v spodbujanje učinkovitejših participativnih procesov za pomoč pri inovativnem upravljanju habitatov velikih zveri. Priporočljivo je spodbujanje aktivnega iskanja rešitev naraščajočih izzivov povezanih z družbenimi konflikti, ki nastajajo na območjih sobivanja, in pa tudi kulturnih in okoljskih vplivov na habitate. Tretji sklop aktivnosti bo usmerjen v ustvarjanje priložnosti za lokalne skupnosti, kot je mreža "živih laboratorijev", ki ustvarjajo podporno okolje, v katerem prebivalci lokalnih skupnosti in deležniki aktivno sodelujejo pri raziskovalnih in upravljaljskih dejavnostih. Vse te projektne dejavnosti bodo širile znanje o velikih zvereh, soustvarile priložnosti za obnovo zelene infrastrukture in ekoloških koridorjev ter

humans. An additional advantage will be the joint development of strategies for mitigating and preventing the risk of harm and damage resulting from negative interactions with domestic animals.

Activities. To implement the project three main activities will be carried out. Firstly, the collaboration will be strengthened to harmonize monitoring procedures and techniques for carnivore populations. In addition, it will increase transparency in the acquisition and interpretation of data, aimed at enhancing knowledge on the distribution and ecological role of large carnivores. This will also be achieved through a common digital platform and database that will promote the protection of large carnivores and the conservation of their habitats. Secondly, the adoption of more effective participatory processes will be promoted to support innovative management of large carnivores' habitats. Encouraging the active search for solutions to the growing challenges associated with social conflicts in coexistence areas, as well as the cultural and environmental impacts on habitats, will be key. The third set of activities will focus on creating opportunities for local communities, such as the of "Living Labs" network. That is, living laboratories in which communities and stakeholders actively participate in research and management activities. These project activities will expand knowledge on large carnivores, co-create opportunities for the restoration of green infrastructure and ecological corridors, and lay the

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postavile temelje za opredelitev skupnih strategij za sobivanje.

Projekt: Projekt z naslovom Krepitev sodelovanja za reševanje družbeno-okoljskih izzivov EUSAIR paradne pobude PET HAB ECO (akronim 4PETHABECO) se izvaja v sklopu programa Interreg IPA ADRION. Projekt je namenjen ohranjanju populacij velikih zveri s preizkušanjem inovativnih rešitev za njihovo varovanje in obnovo njihovih habitatov, še posebej s krepitvijo zelene infrastrukture, zmanjševanjem konfliktov pri sobivanju ter izboljšanjem ekološke povezljivosti. Dolgoročni učinki projekta se bodo zagotovili na osnovi soustvarjanja skupnih strategij in akcijskih načrtov za skupno upravljanje populacij velikih zveri jadransko-jonskega območja, varovanje in povečanje njihovih kopenskih habitatov ter povezljivosti le-teh, kar bo omogočalo tudi udeležanje strateških ciljev EUSAIR, v sklopu čezmejne paradne pobude PET HAB ECO. Vodilni partner projekta je Univerza v Vidmu (Italija). V projektnem partnerstvu pa sodeluje še devet partnerskih inštitucij, in sicer poleg Mediteranskega inštituta za okoljske študije Znanstveno-raziskovalnega središča Koper, še Lovska zveza Slovenije, Univerza v Beogradu (Srbija), OIKON d.o.o. (Hrvaška), Arcturos (Grčija), Venetian Cluster (Italija), CZIP - Center za varstvo in proučevanje ptic (Črna Gora), Igea MAK d.o.o. (Severna Makedonija) in PPNEA (Albanija), ter sedem pridruženih partnerjev. Projekt se je začel izvajati v letu 2024 in bo trajal tri leta.

foundations for defining joint strategies for coexistence.

Project: The project titled Strengthening cooperation to address socio-environmental challenges of the EUSAIR flagship initiative PET HAB ECO (acronym 4PETHABECO) is implemented within the framework of the Interreg IPA ADRION programme. The project aims to conserve large carnivore populations by testing innovative solutions for their protection and restoration of their habitats, by strengthening green infrastructure, reducing conflicts in coexistence and improving ecological connectivity. The long-term effects of the project will be ensured through the co-creation of joint strategies and action plans for the joint management of large carnivore populations in the Adriatic-Ionian region, the protection and enhancement of their terrestrial habitats and their connectivity. This will also enable the implementation of the strategic objectives of the EUSAIR, within the framework of the cross-border flagship initiative PET HAB ECO. The lead partner of the project is the University of Udine (Italy). The project partnership also involves nine other partner institutions, namely the Mediterranean Institute for Environmental Studies of the Science and Research Centre Koper, the Hunting Association of Slovenia, the University of Belgrade (Serbia), OIKON (Croatia), Arcturos (Greece), Venetian Cluster (Italy), CZIP - Centre for Bird Protection and Research (Montenegro), Igea MAK (North Macedonia) and PPNEA (Albania), as well

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as seven associated partners. The project began in 2024 and will last three years.

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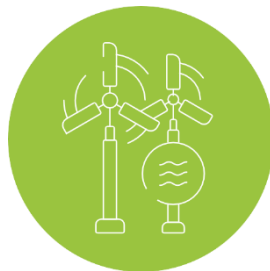
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Spletna stran projekta še ni bila aktivirana.



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SPLOŠNE INFORMACIJE O PROJEKTU

INSIGHTS ON THE PROJECT

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Naslov projekta: *Krepitev sodelovanja za obravnavo družbeno-okoljskih izzivov EUSAIR paradne pobude »VAROVANJE IN IZBOLJŠANJE NARAVNIH KOPENSKIH HABITATOV IN EKOSISTEMOV« (PET HAB ECO)*

Title of the project: Strengthening cooperation to address socioenvironmental challenges of EUSAIR flagship PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF NATURAL TERRESTRIAL HABITATS AND ECOSYSTEMS (PET HAB ECO)

Trajanje projekta: 01/09/2024 - 31/08/2027
Celotni znesek: 1.672.774,36 €
Evropski sklad za regionalni razvoj (ESRR): 1.421.858,19 €

Duration: 01/09/2024 - 31/08/2027
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Projektne partnerji:

LP Univerza v Vidmu, Italija
PP2 Univerza v Beogradu, Srbija
PP3 OIKON, Hrvaška
PP4 ARCTUROS, Grčija
PP5 Znanstveno-raziskovalno središče Koper, Slovenija
PP6 Venetian Cluster, Italija
PP7 CZIP Birdlife, Črna Gora
PP8 IGEA MAK, Severna Makedonija
PP9 PPNEA, Albanija
PP10 Lovska zveza Slovenije, Slovenija

Project partners

LP University of Udine, Italy
PP2 University of Belgrade, Serbia
PP3 OIKON Ltd.- Institute of Applied Ecology, Croatia
PP4 ARCTUROS – Civil Society for the Protection and Management of Wildlife and the Natural Environment, Greece
PP5 Science and research Centre Koper, Slovenia
PP6 Venetian Cluster, Italy
PP7 CZIP Centre for Protection and Research of Birds, Montenegro
PP8 Igea MAK, IGEA MAK Ltd., North Macedonia
PP9 PPNEA Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania,
PP10 Hunters Association of Slovenia, Slovenia

Povzetek projekta

Projekt 4PETHABECO je namenjen ohranjanju populacij velikih zveri s

Summary of the project

The 4PETHABECO overall objective is to test solutions and innovative

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preizkušanjem inovativnih rešitev za njihovo varovanje in obnovo njihovih habitatov, še posebej preko krepitve zelene infrastrukture, izboljšanja povezljivosti, zmanjševanja konfliktov pri sobivanju in krepitve zmogljivosti. Strateški dolgoročni cilj je okrepitev sodelovanje v jadransko-jonski makroregiji, da bi podprli EUSAIR paradno pobudo PET HAB ECO (steber 3, kakovost okolja).

Stanje napredka

Projekt je v prvem izvedbenem obdobju

Glavni učinki

- ✓ Orodja za digitalne rešitve (platforma za izmenjavo znanja, podatkov in spodbujanje projektov občanske znanosti v zvezi s spremljanjem velikih zveri)
- ✓ Strategija in akcijski načrt za inovativno upravljanje habitatov velikih zveri za izboljšanje sobivanja
- ✓ Demonstrativne pilotne akcije za zmanjšanje vplivov/škoda na domačih živalih
- ✓ Živi laboratoriji z digitalnimi orodji za spodbujanje skupnostnega znanja in inovativnega soustvarjanja

management approaches to protect and restore terrestrial habitats and populations of large carnivores, also envisaging the restoration of green infrastructure and eco-corridors. Indeed, it aims to address humans- large carnivores' conflicts and straighten capacity building. The strategic long-term goal is to enhance collaboration in AIR to support EUSAIR flagship PET HAB ECO (pillar 3 Environmental quality) full implementation.

State of progress

The project is in the first implementation period

Main outputs

- ✓ Digital solutions tools / platform for exchange of knowledge, data and foster citizen science projects regarding large carnivore monitoring
- ✓ Strategy and action plan for innovative large carnivore habitats management to improve coexistence
- ✓ Demonstrative pilot actions on reducing the impacts/damages on domestic animals
- ✓ Living labs with digital tools for fostering community-based knowledge and innovative co-creation