

# Night Light

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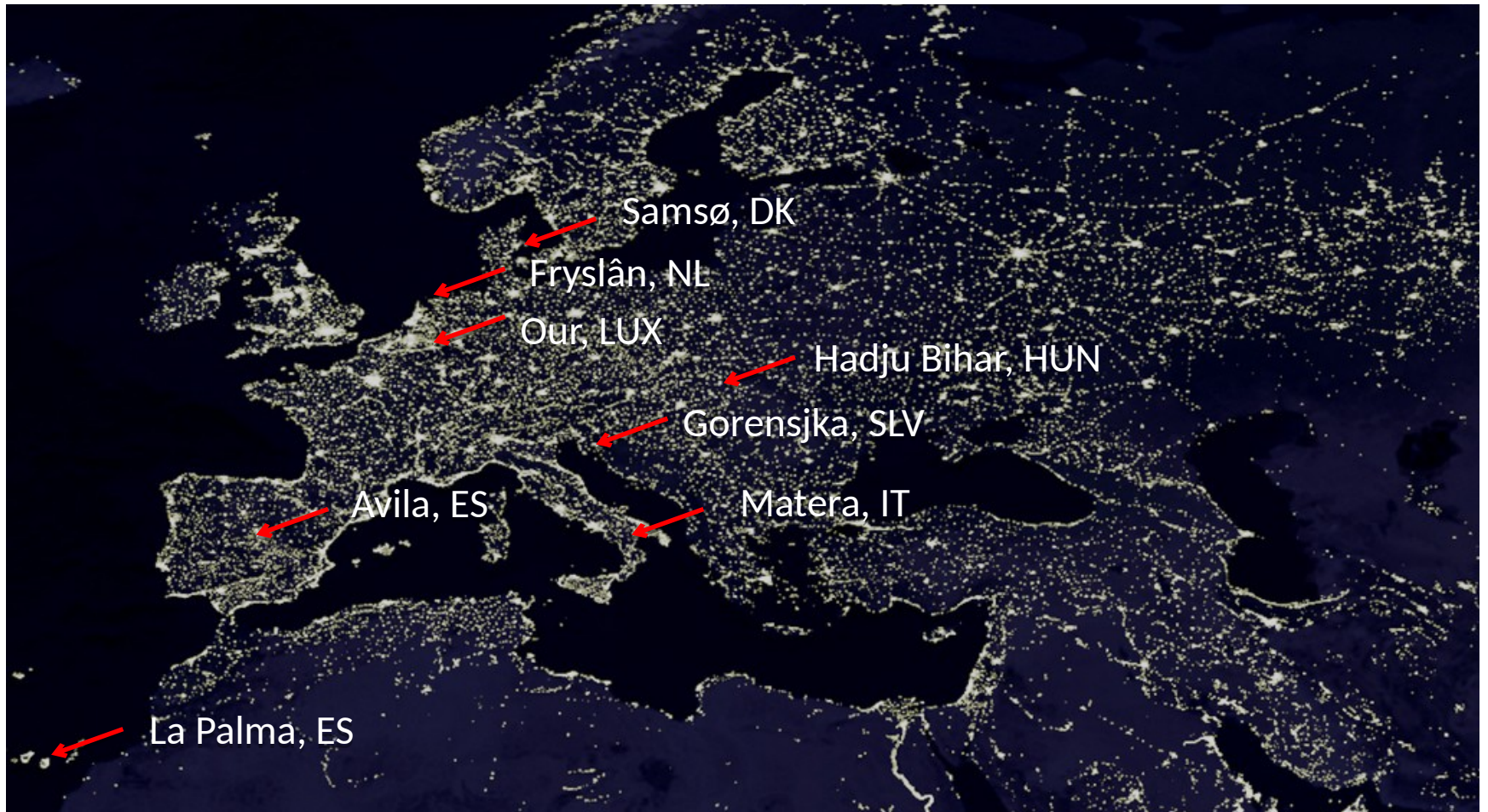
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## CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS FOR DARK SKY AREAS

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# Night Light Partners







# GORENJSKA/SLOVENIA

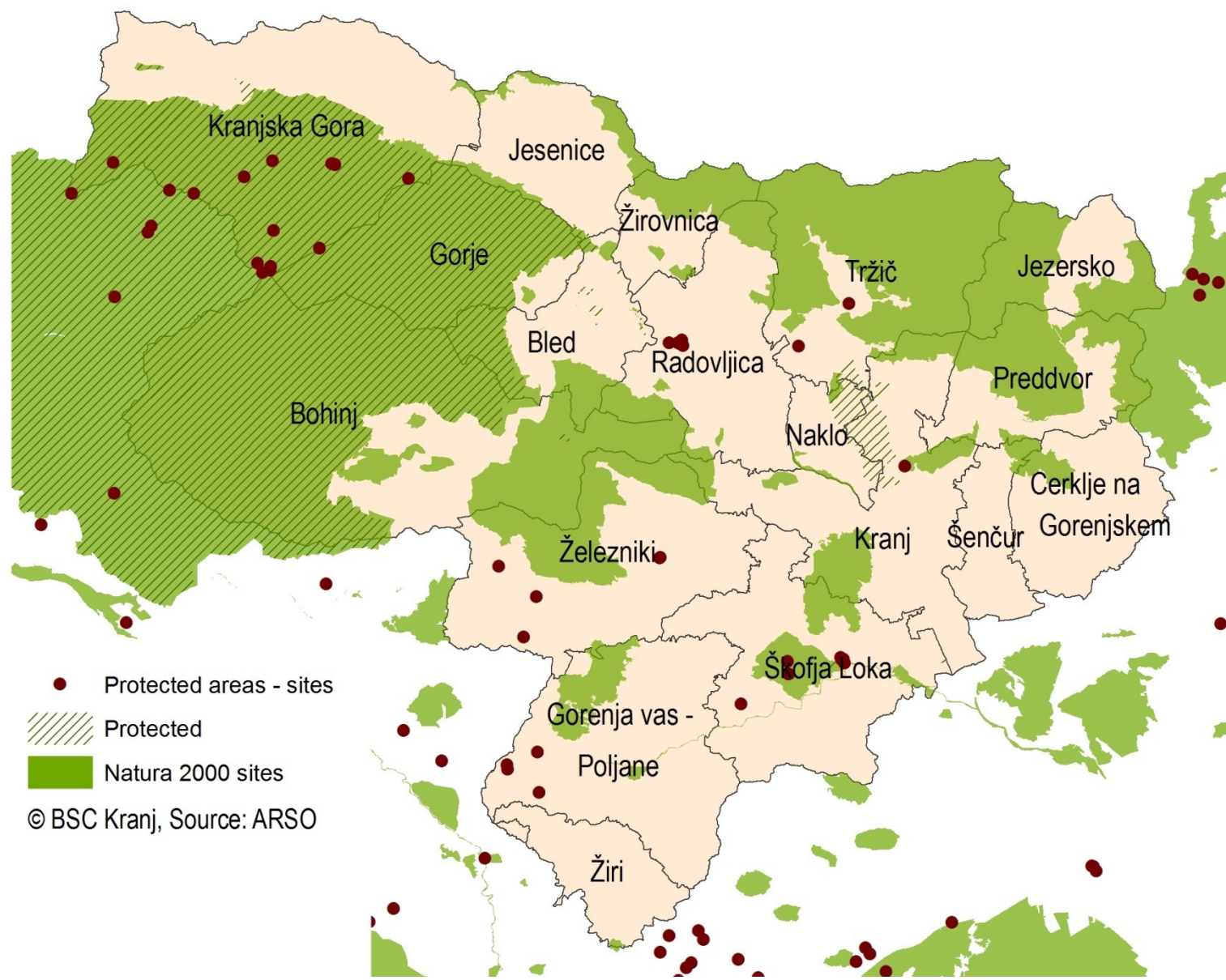


 Gorenjska region

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# PROTECTED AREAS/NATURA 2000











## INNOVATIVE CROSS LINKAGES

- Empowerment of stakeholders, policy level in diverse fields of NIGHT LIGHT development topics
- Working on policy challenges/solutions with putting the darkness into the centre of regional development,
- Boost innovative programs /solutions connected to Dark sky topics: biodiversity, technology, tourism,....



## SOLUTIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF NATIONAL PARK TRIGLAV AREA AND NEAR BY AREAS

- We now understand and use darkness as an asset (on local/regional policy level) and among other stakeholders,
- Darkness is becoming interesting value (identity issue), we value our dark areas (which has to be officially defined) much more,
- New innovative lighting installations in settlements (local communities) are being placed, having in mind the reduction of light pollution, some local communities decided to switch off all public lighting in night light (midnight till 6 am),
- Innovative lighting solutions are becoming important part of the local communities energy action plans and we are looking forward to develop approaches also on regional level (in connection with climate change and Covenant of mayors)

## SOLUTIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF NATIONAL PARK TRIGLAV AREA AND NEAR BY AREAS

- We raised understanding of importance of darkness for biodiversity (looking for options to upgrade Natura 2000 and National park management plans) and foster research in the field ,
- We are rediscovering the ancient stories, customs and knowledge about stars in our settlements,
- We are looking forward to foster sustainable, green touristic products and put darkness into the centre of new innovative touristic offer (e.g. stars and culinary, stars and hiking, stars and events,.....).



# ADDED VALUE OF INTERREG EUROPE PROGRAM/PROJECT NIGHT LIGHT

We are grateful to INTERREG EUROPE to support our project NIGHT LIGHT which enable us to:

- Get the opportunity to start to work on the topic of darkness as the regional development issue - the topic was novelty in our region (for policy level and other stakeholders as well)
- Learn from other regions - partners in the project (how to develop policies, approaches, solutions,...)
- Have the opportunity to exchange information, knowledge with diverse stakeholders, experts from diverse field of Night light topics,
- Without NIGHT LIGHT our region Gorenjska would not be able to become frontrunner in Slovenia in the field of darkness

