

Protection and sustainable management of natural heritage in European regions

22-23 November 2018, Bucharest

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AGENDA

22nd November 2018

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| 14:00 – 14:15 | Registration and coffee |
| 14:15 – 14:30 | <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Dan Balanescu, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania</i> • <i>Ms. Marie Guitton, Joint Secretariat of Interreg Europe Programme</i> |
| 14:30 – 14:50 | <p>Welcome from the Policy Learning Platform, overview of the workshop objectives and agenda and information on the services provided by the platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Thorsten Kohlisch, Thematic Manager Policy Learning Platform</i> • <i>Mr. Ruslan Zhechkov and Ms. Venelina Varbova, Thematic experts - Environment and resource efficiency</i> |
| 14:50 – 15:20 | Let's get to know each other - interactive introductory exercise |
| 15:20 – 15:40 | <p>What are European regions doing to protect their natural heritage assets? How can interregional learning help policymakers to run their natural heritage policies more efficiently?</p> <p><i>Overview of key thematic areas and challenges addressed by Interreg Europe projects addressing natural heritage policies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Ruslan Zhechkov and Ms. Venelina Varbova, Thematic experts - Environment and resource efficiency</i> |
| 15:40 – 16:10 | Coffee break |
| 16:10 – 16:30 | <p>What are the latest trends and developments at European level?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Vujadin Kovacevic, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i> |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | <p>Let's get practical - presentation of selected good practices from Interreg Europe projects and facilitated discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Use of biodiversity data in decision making: the SITxell project, Spain</i> |

Ms. Núria Pou Àlvarez, Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia (CTFC),
 BID-REX project

- *Beam Parklands, UK*
 Mr. Henry Smith, Town & Country Planning Association, PERFECT
 project
- *Natural heritage as a driver for economic development, the
 Netherlands*
 Mr. Simon Tjisma, Islands of Innovation project
- *Astro-tourism/dark sky tourism in Triglav national park, Slovenia*
 Ms. Helena Cvenkel, Regional Development Agency of Gorenjska,
 Night Light project

17:30 – 19:00 Networking cocktail

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- 09:15 – 10:15 Diving deeper: in-depth discussions in small working groups
*A moderated discussion in parallel working groups on needs, potential
 solutions, approaches, good practices from Interreg Europe Projects.
 Participants will have the opportunity to learn how other regions and cities are
 tackling specific challenges related to the protection of biodiversity and natural
 heritage and start the exchange and networking process.*
- Working group 1: Governance (Suggested projects: BID-REX, BIO-
 GOV, INVALIDIS)
 - Working group 2: Landscapes and green infrastructure (Suggested
 projects: Night Light, Land-Sea, PERFECT)
 - Working group 3: Natural heritage of coastal and fluvial regions
 (Suggested projects: Delta Lady, Green Pilgrimage, HERICOAST)
- 10:15 - 11:15 Continuation of parallel groups session.
- 11:15 – 11:35 Coffee break
- 11:35 – 11:50 Reporting back from the break-out groups
- 11:50 – 12:10 Thoughts and suggestions for future collaboration between Interreg Europe
 projects and the Policy Learning Platform. Facilitated discussion.
*Roadmap of project synergies. Planning next activities and how the platform
 can support interregional exchange process.*
- 12:10– 12:30 Concluding session – what’s next?

*How to optimise natural heritage protection measures – conclusions for local
 and regional policy-makers*
- 12:30 -13:30 Networking lunch