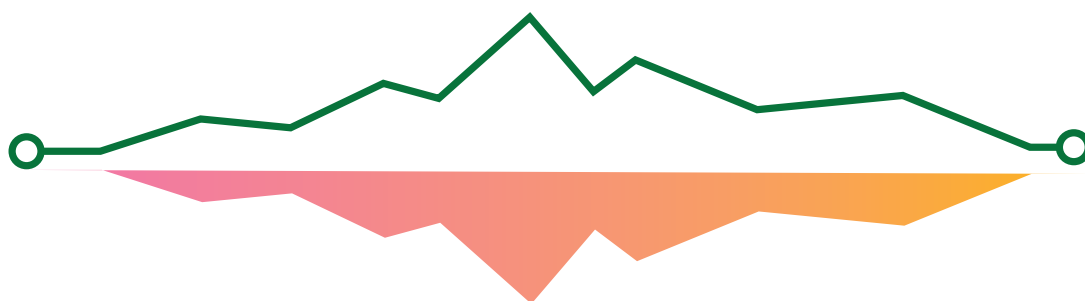




VII Parks Dinarides CONFERENCE



GLOBAL AND EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES ON PROTECTED AREAS IN THE DINARIC REGION

2-4.12.2025.

Podgorica · Hotel VOCO



PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 02nd DECEMBER 2025

18:00–20:00 Morača Hall	Registration of participants
18:00–20:00 Morača Hall	DINARIC WORLD CAFÉ The informal session is designed as a dynamic space for short presentations, open discussions, and the exchange of ideas among representatives of NGOs, institutions, and local communities. By showcasing successful regional and local initiatives in the field of nature conservation, participants will have the opportunity to explore concrete examples of collaboration and innovative approaches in protected area management. The aim of the session is to highlight the key role of civil society in achieving nature conservation goals, encourage stronger partnerships among different stakeholders, and promote participatory practices that contribute to enhancing biodiversity across the Dinaric region. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nomination of the “Skadar Lake Watershed” for a Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Montenegro–Albania) – Environment Programme, EnvPro• Regional programme “United for Rivers” – The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Eko-tim• Conservation of the Ulcinj Salina – Center for the Protection and Research of Birds (CZIP)• Successful advocacy for establishing a public institution for managing protected areas in the Zenica-Doboj Canton, Bosnia and Herzegovina – Citizens’ Association Fojničani, Maglaj
19:00 Hall Sitnica	Parks Dinarides Management Board Meeting
20:00–22:00 Restaurant	Dinner

WEDNESDAY, 3rd OF DECEMBER 2025

09:00–09:45	Registration of participants
10:00–10:30	OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• dr Trifun Savić – General Director of the Directorate for International Cooperation and EU Funds, Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Northern Development of Montenegro• Zoran Mrdak - president, Parks Dinarides – Network of the protected areas of Dinarides• Michael Hošek – president, EUROPARC FEDERATION• Oliver Avramoski – director, IUCN ECARO
10:30–12:00 Čelebić Hall	PANEL SESSION I: GLOBAL AND EUROPEAN TRENDS IN NATURE CONSERVATION The panel will provide an overview of the most significant global and European trends in the field of nature conservation, with an emphasis on how these processes affect the management of protected areas in the Dinaric region. The panel will present current policies, initiatives, and strategic frameworks that shape the modern approach to biodiversity protection. Special attention will be given to how regional knowledge, achievements, and experiences can contribute to meeting international objectives and strengthening the visibility of the Dinaric region within global nature conservation processes. Moderator: Danijel Garić

10:30–12:00 Čelebić Hall	<p>Keynote Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Hošek – EUROPARC Federation • Oliver Avramoski – IUCN ECARO <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marinela Đuretić – National Parks, Montenegro • Marko Pečarević – Public Institution "Priroda" Zagreb, Croatia • Stefania Petrosillo – IUCN WCPA, Italy • Zoran Mrdak – Parks Dinarides – Network of Protected Areas of the Dinarides • Discussion and Conclusions
12:30–13:00	<p>Coffee Break</p>
13:00–14:30 Čelebić Hall	<p>PANEL SESSION II: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND NATURA 2000 – WHERE DO THE PROTECTED AREAS OF THE DINARIDES STAND?</p> <p>The panel will present the efforts of the countries of the Dinaric region in establishing and managing the Natura 2000 network as a key element of the European integration process. Drawing on the experiences of Slovenia and Croatia, it will highlight practical steps, stakeholder engagement, institutional solutions, and the challenges faced after joining the EU. The aim of the panel is to demonstrate, through the exchange of experiences, how countries in the region can more effectively organize the process of aligning with EU standards and build a sustainable and functional Natura 2000 system.</p> <p>Moderator: Jelena Marojević Galić</p> <p>Keynote Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leon Kebe, Notranjski Regijski Park, Slovenija <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vlatko Trpeski -Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, North Macedonia • Tatjana Masten Milek – Public Institution Green Ring of Zagreb County, Croatia • Vuk Iković – EPTISA, Crna Gora <p>Discussion and Conclusions</p>
14:30–15:30	<p>Lunch</p>
15:30–17:00 Čelebić Hall	<p>PANEL SESSION III: MECHANISMS AND TOOLS FOR ENHANCING PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Effective management of protected areas requires modern tools, standards, and expertise. This session will present innovative tools that demonstrate how digital platforms and monitoring systems contribute to improved planning and the conservation of natural values.</p> <p>Moderator: dr Marija Vugdelić</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milena Šijan – Expert, Croatia • Grega Makovec – Institute for Nature Conservation, Slovenia • Andon Bojadži – Galičica National Park, North Macedonia • Michael Hošek – EUROPARC Federation • Marija Vugdelić – GEF 7, Montenegro <p>Discussion and Conclusions</p>
18:00 Čelebić Hall	<p>GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PARKS DINARIDES</p>
20:00 Resturant	<p>BAZAAR</p>

PANEL DISCUSSION

EXPERIENCES IN INTEGRATING BIODIVERSITY INTO SECTORAL PLANNING

9:00 – 10:30

Morača Hall

The panel discussion aims to present the key national-level mechanisms that enable the integration of sustainable development principles and biodiversity conservation into sectoral policies and planning documents, such as spatial planning, forestry, agriculture, and tourism. Through examples of good practice from Montenegro and the region, participants will examine the extent to which these mechanisms are currently utilized, as well as the challenges and opportunities associated with intersectoral cooperation.

Moderator: Marija Tripunović

Panelists:

- Almedina Vukić Martinović – General Secretariat of the Government, Montenegro
- Aneta Kankaraš – Expert, Montenegro
- Fatima Mehović – Environmental Protection Agency, Montenegro

Discussion and Conclusions

WORKSHOP

MODALITIES OF FUTURE COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PARKS DINARIDES AND THE EUROPARC FEDERATION

9:00 – 10:30

Sitnica Hall

The workshop is focused on exploring possible models for formalizing cooperation between the Parks Dinarides network and the EUROPARC Federation. Participants will discuss options for institutional partnership, forms of membership, and mechanisms for joint action within European initiatives for protected areas. The goal of the workshop is to define concrete steps toward establishing a sustainable and mutually beneficial cooperation framework between the two networks.

Moderator: Martin Šolar

Keynote Speakers:

- Tit Potočnik, National park Triglav, Slovenia
- Michael Hošek, Europarc Federation

10:30–11:00

Coffee Break

11:00–12:30
Čelebić Hall

PANEL SESSION IV:

NATURE RESTORATION IN THE PROTECTED AREAS OF THE DINARIDES

Moderator: Milica Kandić

The panel session aims to showcase the activities of organizations and institutions in the field of nature restoration.

Key note speaker: Tomislav Hudina, Udruga Biom, Croatia

Panelists:

- Leon Kebe – Notranjska Regional Park, Slovenia
- Dragan Kovačević – Republic Institute for the Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of RS, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Borut Perić – Škocjan Caves Regional Park, Slovenia
- Ranko Milanović – Tara National Park, Serbia
- Tomislav Hudina – Biom Association, Croatia

12:30–13:00

Conclusions and Closing of the Conference

13:00

Lunch and Departure of Participants

The conference is organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Northern Development of Montenegro, with the support of the **GEF 7 project "Integrating Biodiversity into Sectoral Policies and Practices and Strengthening the Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas in Montenegro."**

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