

Občianske združenie PRONATUR

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Annual report 2017

Civic Society Pronatur (OZ Pronatur) is a volunteer organization of associated persons according to the Act No. 83/1990 Coll. The organization was established in 2007 with focus on the nature protection, sustainable regional development, support of marginalized social groups and sound lifestyle. While reaching the set aims we use the support of geoinformatic technologies and services.

PRONATUR NGO carries out activities focused on the regional development, ecosystem services, geoinformatic services. Activities are carried out either on volunteer basis or financed by diverse project schemes

Implemented project and activities:

SDI4apps: In 2017 continued the implementation of the project SDI4Apps, there were performed activities focused on development of solutions for the support of ecosystem services through the second version of web application and related services. PRONATUR NGO in cooperation with partners organized the event Danubehack 3.0 (16-17. december 2017). The event brought interesting solutions and set of presentations called Open data academy aiming at increasing awareness on open data and potential of its utilisation. Representatives of various sectors were present at the event.

Carpathian Convention: PRONATUR NGO is active in support of the sustainable tourism under the principles of the Carpathian Convention. PRONATUR NGO is a partner in the project „Strategy for Sustainable Tourism Development of the Carpathians“ with the role on behalf of Slovakia develop databases of financial Instruments, successful projects and relevant guidelines. The representative of the PRONATUR NGO participated at the meeting of the Carpathian Convention - Conference of Parties (COP5) which took place 10th – 12th October 2017 in Lillafüred (HU). This conference is organized each three years in the country that overtakes the Presidency of the CC. At the conference are presented results of last three years and plans for future years. The Presidency over next three years will have Hungary. The conference is an opportunity to acquire new partnerships and contacts, e.g. with Mr. Rudolf Bauer who is leading the process of establishment of the DMO Gemer.

Burda – Tisovec: In 2017 PRONATUR NGO continued in cooperation with local NGO - OZ Zbojská, supporting their activities in the locality Tisovec – Burda, in particular at construction of the Forest open air museum in Tisovec and at construction of touristic trails.

Bio – Based Economy: Volunteer participation in initiatives and projects Bio Regions, Bio Bridges, Bio Voices within the Programme Horizon 2020

Submitted projects:

Greenways – Let's Visit and Explore: PRONATUR NGO is a project partner; project proposal was submitted in October 2016 within the Interreg HU-SK cooperation. Partners of the project are NGO Živá planina, ŠOP SR S-NP Muránska planina, Cserhat NP, ZOME Cserhat. Project proposal was not funded.

Projekt Intermark 4.0. Internationalization and new models of regional marketing for development of SMEs in a digital economy. This project proposal was submitted in cooperation with partners from Italy, Bulgaria, and Austria. The aim of the project is

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improvement of regional policies for an internationalization of regions through innovative approaches in terms of EU commitments toward a better competitiveness of SMEs on international markets. The project was submitted within the 3rd call of Interreg scheme.

CENTRALPARKS – „Building management capacities of Carpathian protected areas for the integration and harmonization of biodiversity protection and local socio-economic development„. The project is aimed at enhancing of cross-border cooperation and networking. Project supports implementation of the Carpathian Convention in the space of the mountain areas of the Central Europe. The project was submitted within the programme Interreg Central.

Conference: Administration of the NP Muránska planina organized a conference on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the designation of the NP Muránska planina on 28th September 2017. PRONATUR NGO contributed with a presentation on ecosystem services and sustainable tourism in the NP Muránska planina. At this occasion PRONATUR NGO was awarded by the Administration of the NP for long-year cooperation in field of sustainable tourism development and for building communication bridges between regional stakeholders.

PRONATUR NGO continues in implementation of activities that are in line with the aims set in the statutory documents.

In 2017 PRONATUR NGO was registered as the recipient for tax contribution.

More information on activities of PRONATUR NGO is available at the webpage www.ozpronatur.sk.

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Annex: Financial report 2017