

### ***Annual report 2018***

**Civic Association Pronatur** (PRONATUR NGO) 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.

#### **Projects and activities:**

**Copernicus Hackaton Danube Hack:** PRONATUR NGO organized this event within the initiative Copernicus Hackaton. The aim of the event was to secure the community support for use of data and services of Copernicus programme. At the event participated a wide range of partners. The event resulted in a set of webinars and the 2-day lasting hackaton event itself. The event brought results in form of projects that are presented on relevant websites.

**Carpathian Convention:** PRONATUR NGO continues in activities in field of sustainable tourism development. PRONATUR NGO is a partner in the project aimed at the development of the Strategy of the sustainable tourism development in the Carpathians. We are contributing the development of databases on financial Instruments, successful project and related guidelines for Slovakia.

**Chance for the nature, chance for the region:** PRONATUR NGO concluded partnership with the organization **Aevis, n.o.** for the implementation of this project. In the framework of this project are implemented activities aimed at the development of the concept of nature tourism in Slovakia and its promotion and awareness raising. Moreover the project focuses on the branding of the Poloniny – which is pilot area of the project. PRONATUR NGO contributes to the activity focused on the promotion of the nature tourism; there were organized public events and discussions in 5 big Slovak towns.

**Greenways Gemer** – PRONATUR NGO submitted project proposal „Greenways Gemer“ focused on the improvement of the tourism infrastructure, mainly cycling tourism. Project was submitted within the call for project under the Office

Government Programme for regional development. Project proposal was not supported.

**CENTRALPARKS** – Building management capacities of Carpathian protected areas for the integration and harmonization of biodiversity protection and local socio-economic development. The project was submitted within the Interreg Central Europe Programme under the leadership of the partner EURAC (Bolzano/IT). Results of the approval procedure is expected in spring 2019 (was supported)

**Burda – Tisovec:** The cooperation between PRONATUR NGO and NGOs from the area of the NP Muránska planina (OZ Zbojská and OZ Nová Burda) continued in 2018. PRONATUR NGO supported the partner NGOs in their activities at the locality Tisovec – Burda, mainly in introducing security and environmental measures on the hiking trail Tisovec – Burda and at increasing quality in the area of Information centre Burda

**Bio-based economy:** Volunteer participation at projects BIOWAYS, BIOVOICES, Biobridges within the programme Horizon 2020. In the framework of the project BioVoices, two representatives of the PRONATUR NGO participated at the Mobilization and Mutual Learning (MML) Workshop: Boosting circular bio-based economy in cities, in November 2018 in Rome.

In 2018 PRONATUR NGO was registered as the recipient for tax contribution.

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

More information on activities of PRONATUR NGO is available at the webpage [www.ozpronatur.sk](http://www.ozpronatur.sk).

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Annex: Financial report 2018