

### Annual report 2019

**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:

**Chance for the nature, chance for the region:** In 2019 continued implementation of the project under leadership of the Aevis NGO (Programme of the Government Office). Project activities are focused on the development of the concept of nature tourism and its promotion in Slovakia. Moreover, project supports the development of the branding of Poloniny region. Project is funded by the Office of the Government of SR

**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. Project was supported by the Office of the Government.

**Nature Tourism Association:** In June 2019 was established the Nature Tourism Association aiming at support of the development of nature tourism in Slovakia. PRONATUR NGO is one of the foundation members and the representative of the PRONATUR NGO Zuzana Okániková was designated director of the Association.

**Digital nomads:** In 2019 PRONATUR NGO entered the partnership with other 6 partners from EU countries in preparation of the project Digital nomads - „Boosting sustainable tourism development and capacity of tourism SMEs through transnational cooperation and knowledge transfer“ within the scheme

COSME 2019. Project aims at establishment of an environment friendly for a specific target groups in tourism sector – so called digital nomads i.e. people who work on travels.

**Mountain crown of Gemer (Vrchárska koruna Gemera)** – in the framework of the project scheme of Regional Tourism Organization Gemer, PRONATUR NGO submitted a project proposal „Mountain crown of Gemer“ focused on the support of the cyclotourism in Gemer and promotion of several interesting touristic places. Unfortunately the project idea was not funded.

**Internship of international student:** In the period April - June 2019 PRONATUR NGO hosted a young German student Lukas Weyh from the University of Uppsala (Sweden). Lukas Weyh is specialized in sustainable tourism. It was a new positive experience for PRONATUR NGO.

**CENTRALPARKS** – In 2019 the project „Building management capacities of Carpathian protected areas for the integration and harmonization of biodiversity protection and local socio-economic development,“ was approved and started to be implemented. Project is funded by the programme Interreg Central Europe. Main project activities focus on elaboration of relevant strategic and action documents in field of biodiversity protection, sustainable local tourism development and communication between nature protection and local communities. Another focus is devoted to the elaboration of the Carpathian Toolkit of ecosystem services and its promotion and implementation throughout Carpathians. There are 8 partners from 7 countries cooperating in the project.

**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, GreenPULS, GreenTechLab within the programme Horizont 2020.

PRONATUR NGO cooperated with the Bioeconomy Cluster e.g. in consultation process for development of the Strategy for bioeconomy in Slovakia (Contribution of the Slovak bioeconomy to the Strategic plan CAP 2021-2027). In April 2019 we

participated at the event Open Innovation World Café at the Slovak Agriculture University in Nitra. We contributed to organization and moderating of the event.

In 2019 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 2019