

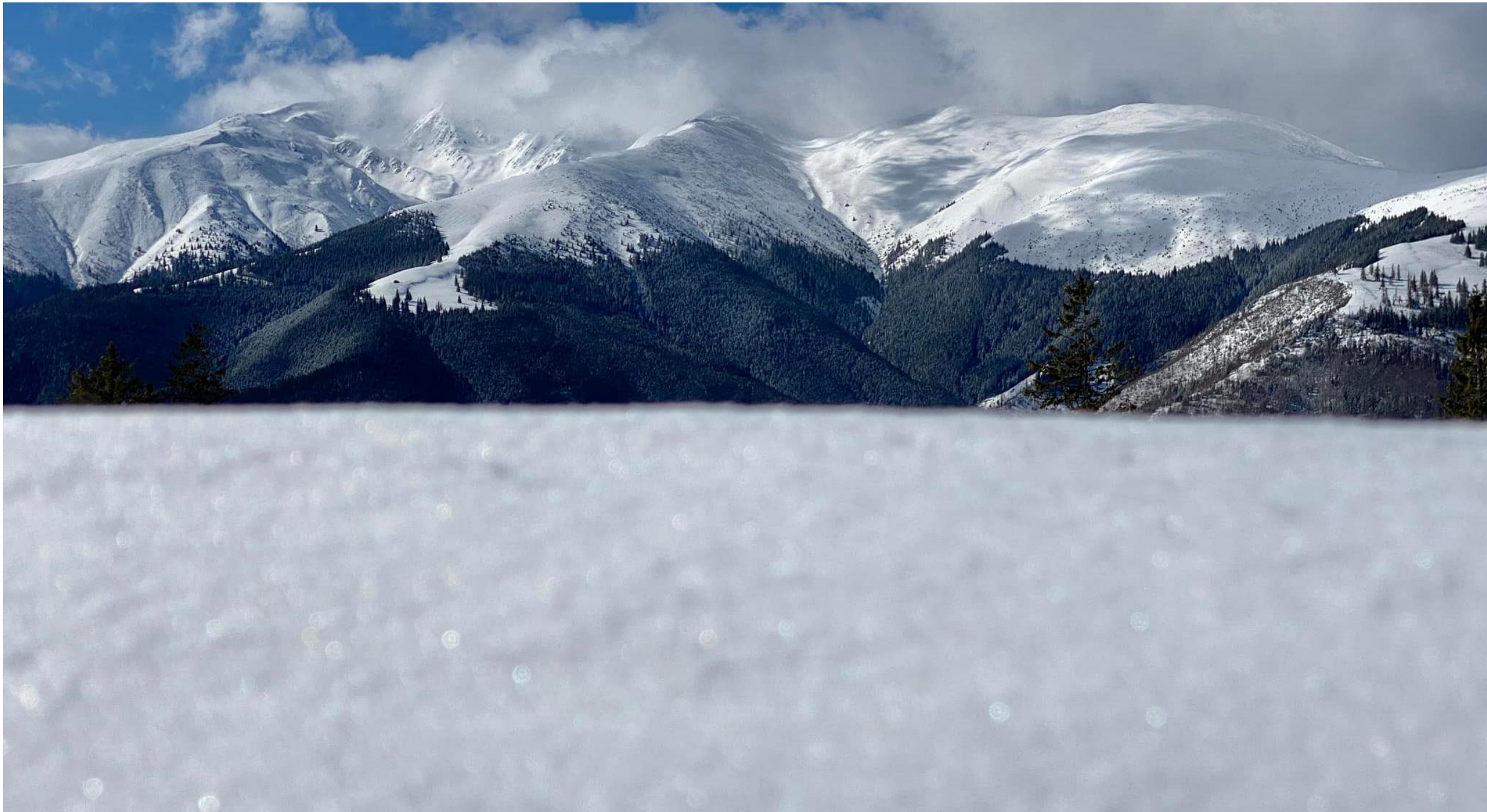


Field report

February 2022

Creating the largest forested National Park in Europe





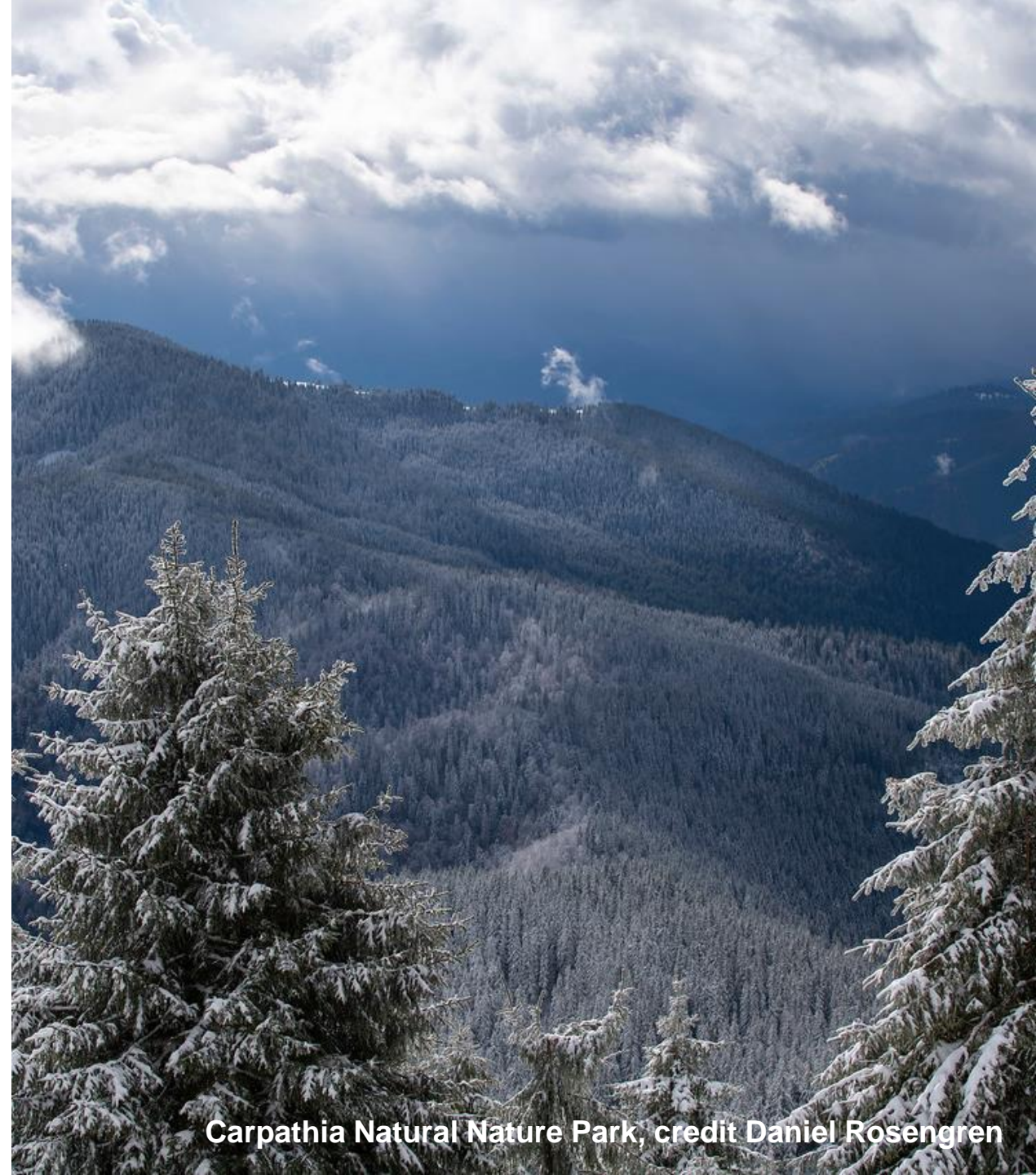
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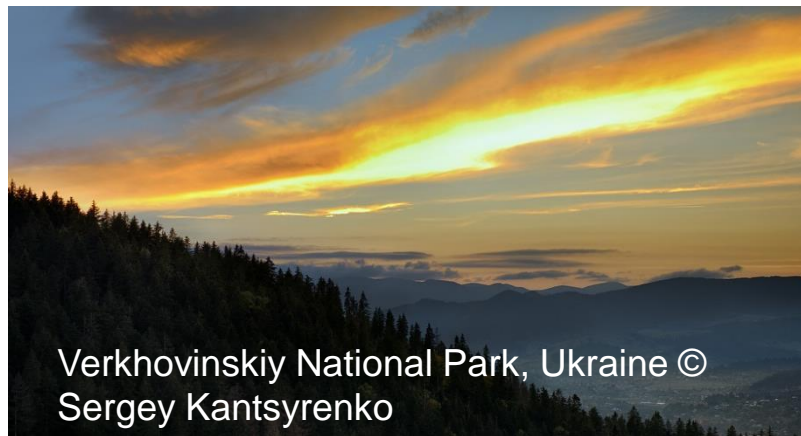


United for people and nature

- Known for their scenic beauty and huge primary forests, the protected areas of the Ukrainian Carpathians have now become a shelter for refugees. Visitor centers, administrative buildings, and settlements in national parks are filling up with people who have fled their homes further east, searching for a safer place.
- Over the past few days, we have come together, working with the Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS) and other partners, to provide support to the Ukrainian protected areas to tackle the new reality they face.
- We have organized two convoys with each over 3,5 t of food, tents, mattresses, blankets, clothes, hygiene products, heating systems to the administration of Protected Areas in the Ukrainian Carpathians.
- FZS and FCC will continue to respond to the needs of the protected areas, while we remain consistent in our nature protection and conservation activities in the Făgăraș Mountains.



Carpathia Natural Nature Park, credit Daniel Rosengren

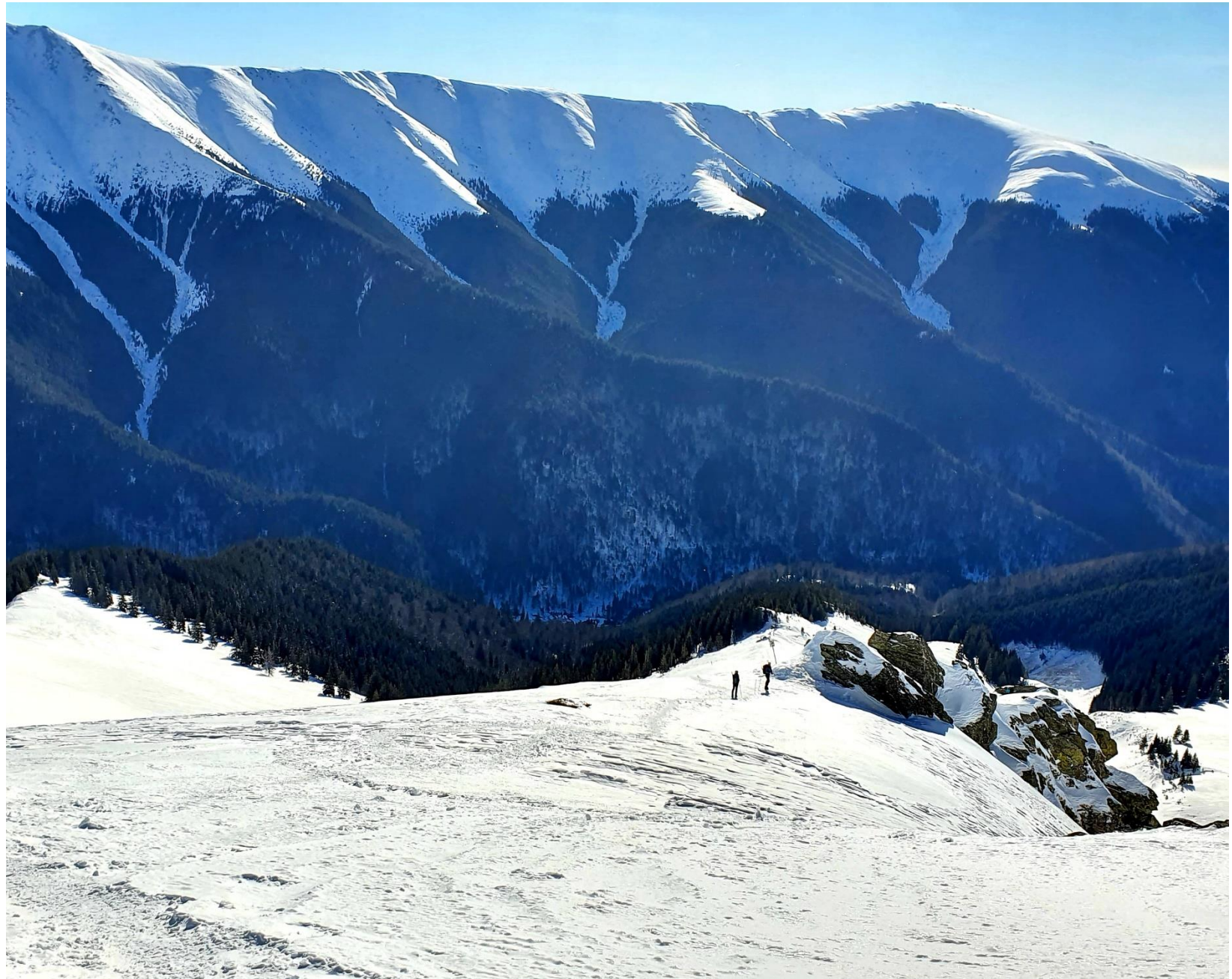


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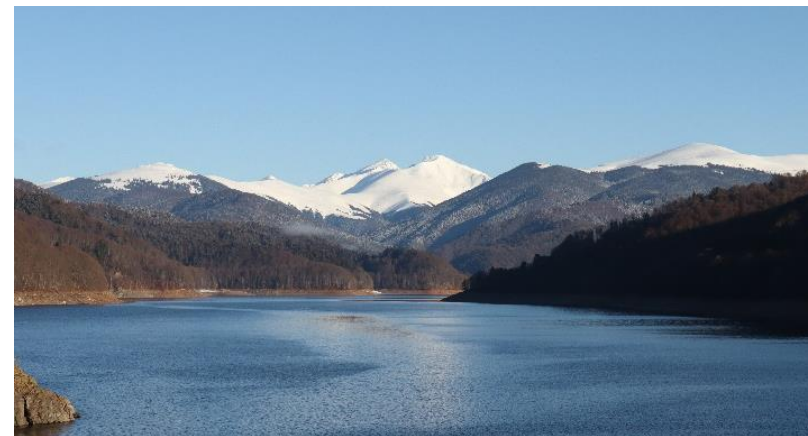
Forest conservation and management



- 26,693 ha of forest and pasture now have protected status under the CARPATHIA project.



Images from the project area





Făgăraș Mountains – February view from the northern side



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Ecological restoration



- We have organized the seedlings by species, lots, groups of species and years of vegetation.
- Public funding as well as your [donations](#) help to create new forests, in a world that continuously loses biodiversity.
Thank you!



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**Wildlife
conservation**



- We have almost completed our wolf monitoring, with a total of 66 samples collected at the end of the month. We are pleased with these results and will see how much more we can manage to find in March, with the intermittent snow cover. We miss the freezing winters and heavy snow of the past.



Wildlife monitoring

- The field teams were busy with the monitoring of red and roe deer. In Dâmbovița Valley, species density has been rising since we bid for the first hunting concession in 2011 and the feeling is that numbers are more natural again. We had a pleasant surprise within the Management Unit 18, which we have managed since 2019, where we also found an abundant deer population. We are pleased that the protection measures we took have positive results. At first glance, it seems that the situation in our latest hunting concession in Nucșoara commune is still quite poor.
- We also prepare to restart the golden eagle monitoring with our project partner, [Milvus](#).



- However cute the calves are, they are still wild animals. Our field team had to intervene on several occasions to remind tourists who wanted to get too close to the herd that they must keep a distance.
- We keep monitoring the three herds of free-ranging bison and we have signs we might have other calves later this year.



Wildlife management

- We have donated eight sheep to livestock owners that have lost sheep due to wolf attacks in the Rucăr and Dragoslavele area.
- With this voluntary compensation we help local farmers in a practical and unbureaucratic way, which is the core of our wildlife management philosophy.
- The rangers and the rapid intervention teams are present in the field and keep a close eye on the forest. Wild boars make their presence known near the villages and we want to prevent possible damage of crops and meadows.







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Conservation Enterprise Programme



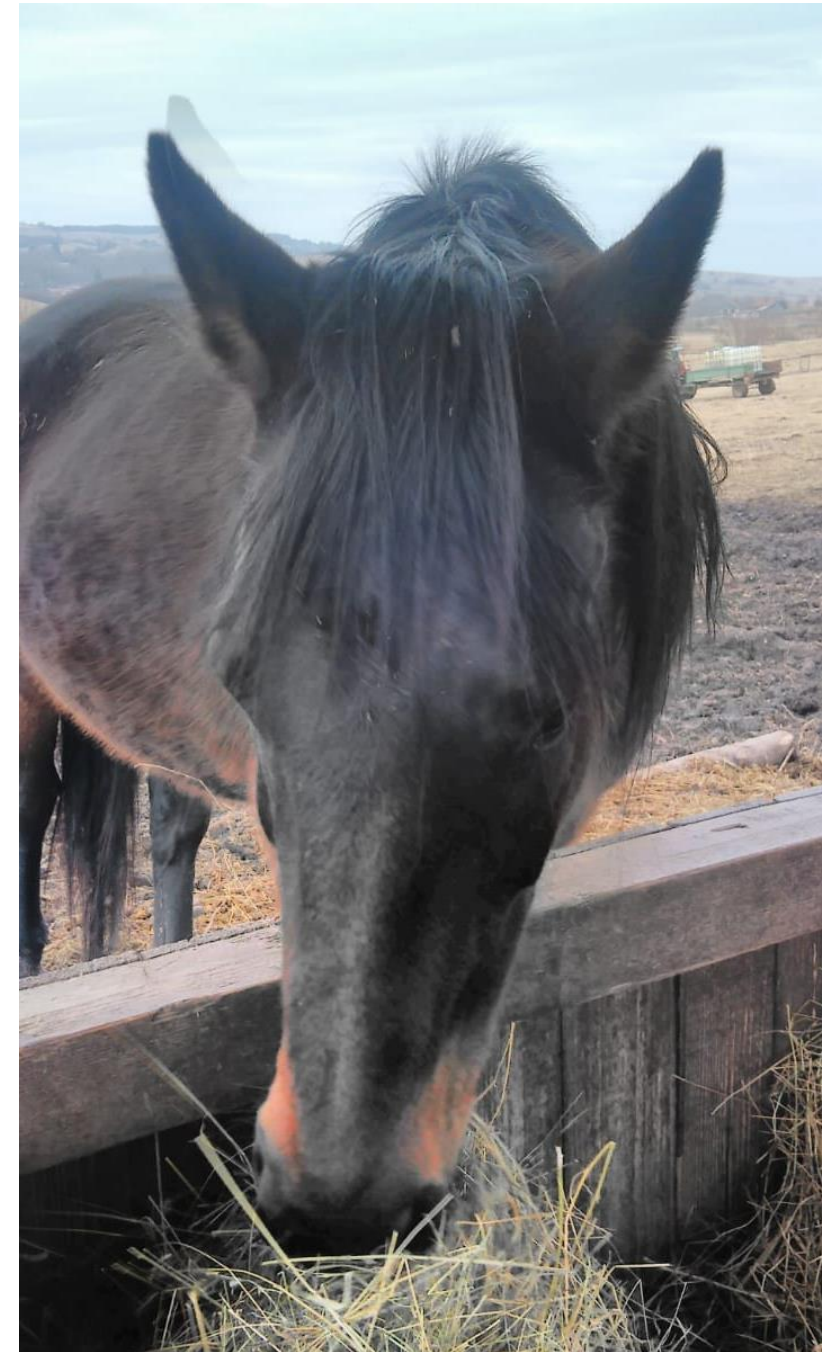
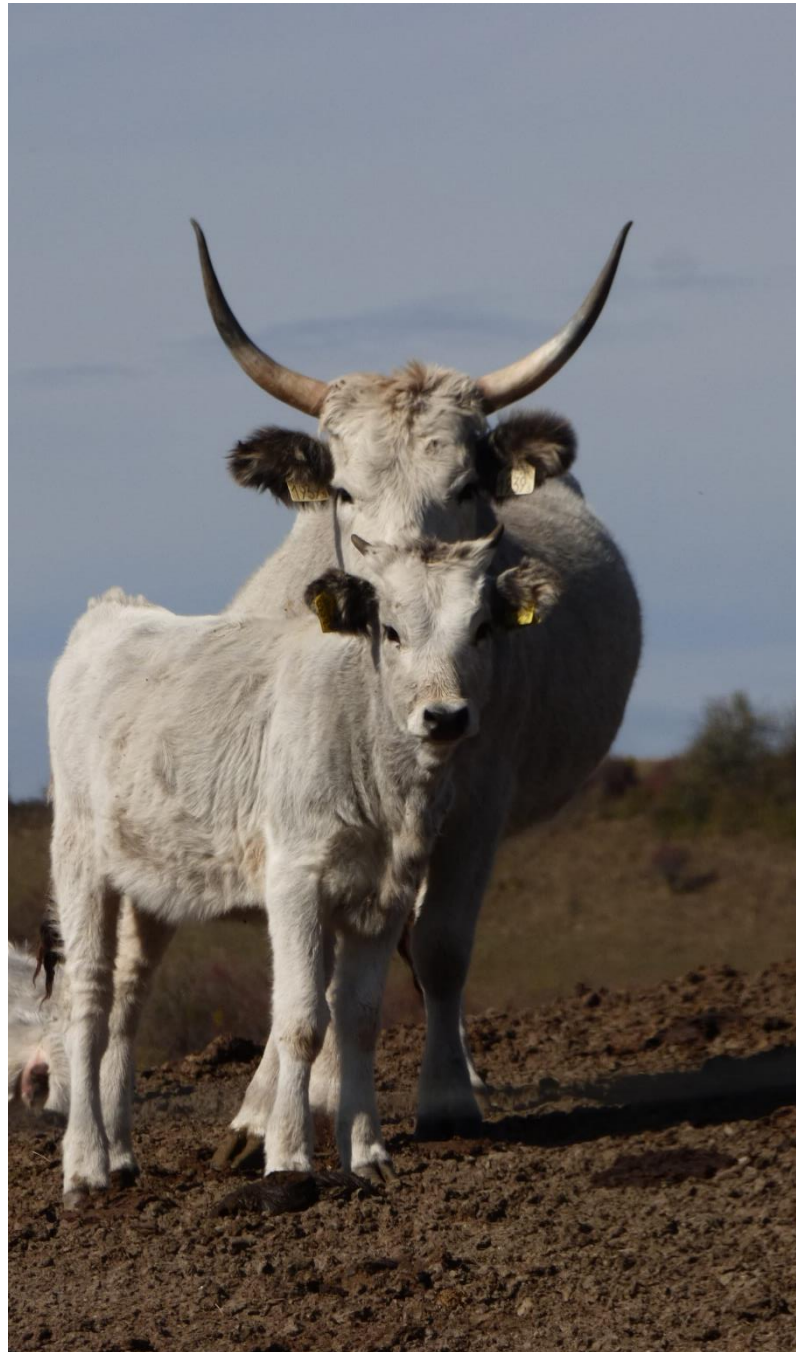
Food HUB

- Roadele Munților Food HUB continues its activity. We have more than 20 local producers and we intend to expand the activity, focusing on both business-to-business and business-to-customer options.
- Whenever we have gourmand visitors, we encourage them to donate and try a tasty selection, ordering products and supporting both local producers as well as the forest conservation project.
- We deliver at a national level through Sameday courier service and soon you will find these products at Auchan in Pitești.



Cobor Biodiversity Farm

- Our grandparents say that country air is good for the appetite. What would you say if you saw our grey cattle?
- The vet came for routine medical check-ups and the herd got their regular deworming treatment.
- The first donation in 2022 of Carpathian shepherd dogs was finalised. These beautiful four females have started their new lives within other farms in the Făgăraș Mountains.
- All the horses are doing well, especially Bella, who turned 19. She got carrots and apples and a tuneful Happy Birthday.



Cobor Biodiversity Farm

- Cobor is open for guests in search of a quiet place. Local cake recipes and other dishes are always appreciated. Amongst a few guests and some teambuilding – don't forget we do have great facilities for companies, not only for individuals.
- The story of the farm and of the Carpathian shepherd dogs' breeding programme will be live this spring at Radio France International. Thank you for the visit!



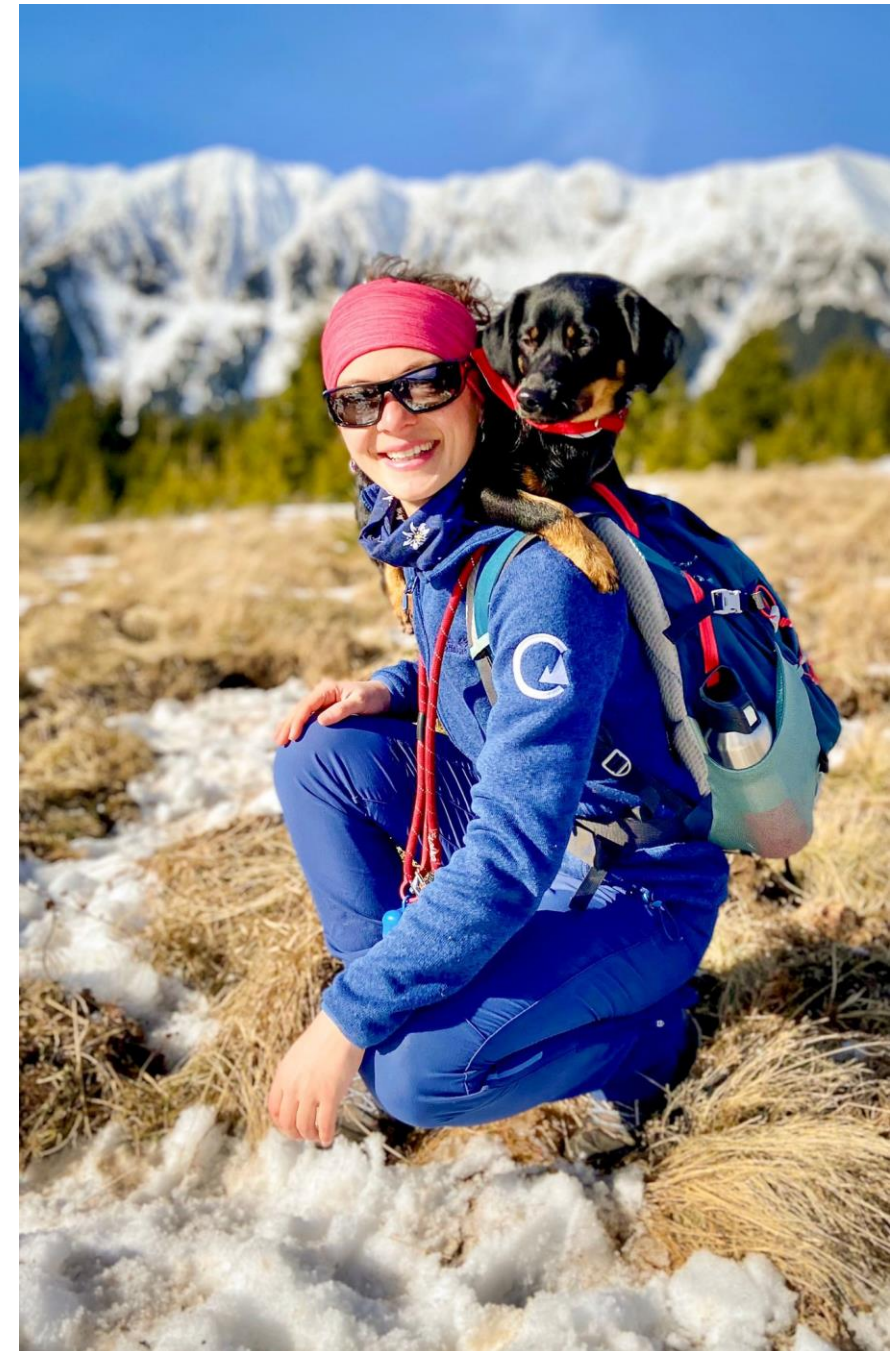
- We now have all the legal requirements in place, needed by The Veterinary Directorate, and will soon start operating our own local slaughterhouse.
- We have hired a butcher/farm assistant. We are convinced by the taste and quality of our beef, but now is the time for many more to try it.
- Before the snow fell, we managed to clear 45 ha of pastures. This year we will use less diesel, as we have installed a 3,000 l reservoir.



Wildlife hides

- We have finished the training of the next generation of guides for nature based experiences at our four wildlife hides and glamping experiences.

101 nights have already been booked! It is never too early to make plans for your adventure in the Făgăraș Mountains at reservation@travelcarpathia.com.





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Communication & community outreach



Făgăraș Mountains Ambassadors

- Who could be more perfect to speak on behalf of the conservation of the Făgăraș Mountains than two close friends of our project?
- We had a wonderful time out in the field with the nature photographer Dan Dinu and nature filmmaker Cosmin Dumitrache, directors of the groundbreaking România Sălbatică 2021 documentary (Wild Romania - an international version coming up soon).



- This was not an exercise to see who can run faster, human vs. wildlife 😊, but just a friendly visit of the local football club Lerești Muscel, who wanted to see the bison and meet with our specialist in fauna and communication.
- We are proud to be a supporter of the team and have them wear the historical symbol of the bison.



- Propark Foundation for Protected Areas have carried out the training of Educators for Nature, aiming to prepare a generation of tutors for our [educational centre Richita](#). This summer we will host numerous camps for children, thus we need more wonderful 'green' teachers, to accommodate the high request for such activities.
- 20 participants enjoyed the 3 full day programme and look forward to applying the concepts with the centre's visitors.



- With the pandemic numbers still being high, our presence at events is mainly online.
- We participated in the conference organized by the Țara Făgărașului Community Foundation about 'Developing the capacity of NGOs in Țara Făgărașului'.



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- Logos for Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and the Active citizens fund.
- Text: *Proiect derulat de Fundația Comunitară Țara Făgărașului în parteneriat cu Institutul de Cercetare Făgăraș și Fundația Mihai și Maria Frățilă cu sprijinul financiar Active Citizens Fund România, program finanțat de Islanda, Liechtenstein și Norvegia prin Granturile SEE 2014-2021. Conținutul acestui material nu reprezintă în mod necesar poziția oficială a Granturilor SEE și Norvegiene 2014-2021; pentru mai multe informații accesați www.eeagrants.org.*
- Text: Site dedicat: www.societateacivilatf.ro
- Logo for 'DEZVOLTAREA SOCIETĂȚII CIVILE DIN ȚARA FĂGĂRAȘULUI'.

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- Top left: A woman with long brown hair.
- Top right: A woman with glasses and long brown hair.
- Middle left: A man with short dark hair in a blue patterned shirt.
- Middle right: A grey placeholder icon.
- Bottom right: A man with a beard and short dark hair in a blue patterned shirt.

In the top right corner of the video grid, there is a logo for 'FĂGĂRAȘ RESEARCH INSTITUTE' with the text 'r' and 'icf' in large stylized letters, and 'TUL TARE RAȘ' below it.

- At the invitation of the high school students from Youth Bank Făgăraș, who are eager to get involved in green projects, we have met online and talked about how the planting process works and what conditions must be met to ensure the success of a new forest.
- We are glad that this spring we will have a lot of help from the young to restore the secular oak pastures in the vicinity of the Cobor Biodiversity Farm.
- We thank the Țara Făgăraș Community Foundation for the way in which they involve locals to make decisions regarding the communities' future.



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- 'The living library' is a project of the Leo Leolution Club Câmpulung that operates under the motto 'Solution through evolution'.
- This series of webinars are meant to help final high school year students find the way they want to go in life. The speakers talk about practical experiences, about things that do not appear in books.
- We were happy to discuss our forest conservation project, about volunteering and a better balance between humans and nature.

26-27 FEBRUARIE

4 SESIUNI/ZI,

ÎNCEPÂND CU ORA 11:00

PROGRAM

SÂMBĂȚĂ, 26 FEBRUARIE

11:00 - 11:40 - Angela POP
Reprezentant Conservation
Carpathia

11:50 - 12:20 - Prof. Univ. Dr.
Doru NIȚESCU
Președinte Senat UNATC

12:30 - 13:00 - Alex COTOANȚA
Arhitectură

13:10 - 13:40 - Dr. Elena BOSTAN
Medic Stomatolog

DUMINICĂ, 27 FEBRUARIE

11:00 - 11:40 Brîndușa POPESCU
Avocat

11:50 - 12:20 - Ovidiu STOICA
IT- Software Development

12:30 - 13:00 - Șerban UNGUREANU
Educator/ Învățător

13:10 - 13:50 - Col. (r) Marian DOROJAN
Comisar Șef de Poliție

Făgăraș Fest, 5-7th August

- We celebrated the Romanian version the Valentine's Day on [Făgăraș Fest Facebook page](#) with the most beautiful messages for these fantastic mountains. We awarded three of the messages with a coffee table book, with nature photos signed by Dan Dinu.
- It must be true love if you decide to carry your 2 kg prize up to the second highest peak (Negoiu) in the Făgăraș Mountains! ☺
- Congratulations to the winners: Ciprian (in photo), Cosmin and Virgil!
- We look forward to seeing you at Făgăraș Fest 2022: 5-7th August, Valea Avrigului, Sibiu county, Romania.



- Whenever we have the possibility, we invest in the training of our team.
- And as Communication is a general need and must, we have organised, with financial support of the OAK foundation, a presentation training and a media training, for the colleagues that are required to have these skills.



Results

26,693 ha

of forest under permanent protection,
safeguarded for future generations

78,000 ha

protected for wildlife, with no sport or
trophy hunting

1,157 ha

clear-cuts bought and restored

3,051,432

saplings planted in clear-cuts, riparian
galleries and artificial spruce monocultures

200

locals find income opportunities
through the CARPATHIA project

1,200

students and teachers involved in
environmental education projects

20+

local producers are part of the Food
HUB Roadele Munților





I've been here before, but I keep coming back...

Join us in:

- Creating the largest forested National Park in Europe.
- Annual restoration of the original ecosystem of over 100 ha of clear-cuts.
- Protecting wildlife across a total of 78,000 ha.
- Sustainable development of local communities.
- Environmental education projects.



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