



Field report

May 2022

Creating the largest forested National Park in Europe





Aid Ukraine

- Together with Frankfurt Zoological Society and other partners, we have organised another two convoys to Ukraine containing 2.5 tons of hygiene and sanitation products and 5 tons of beds and mattresses.

A big thank you to everybody involved!



Main activities summary

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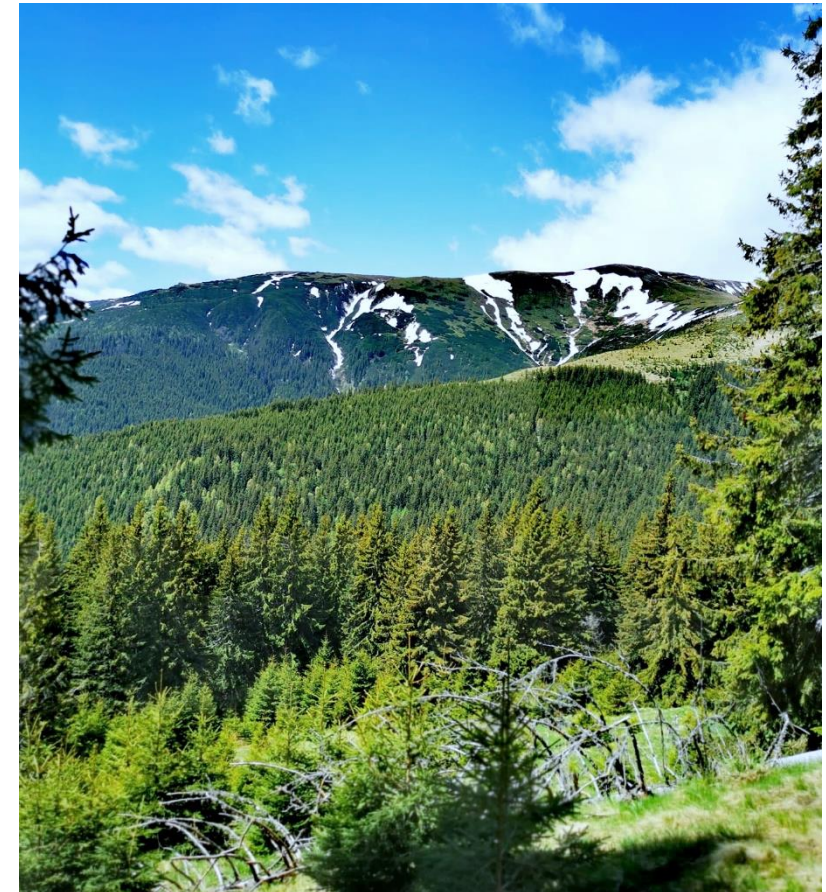
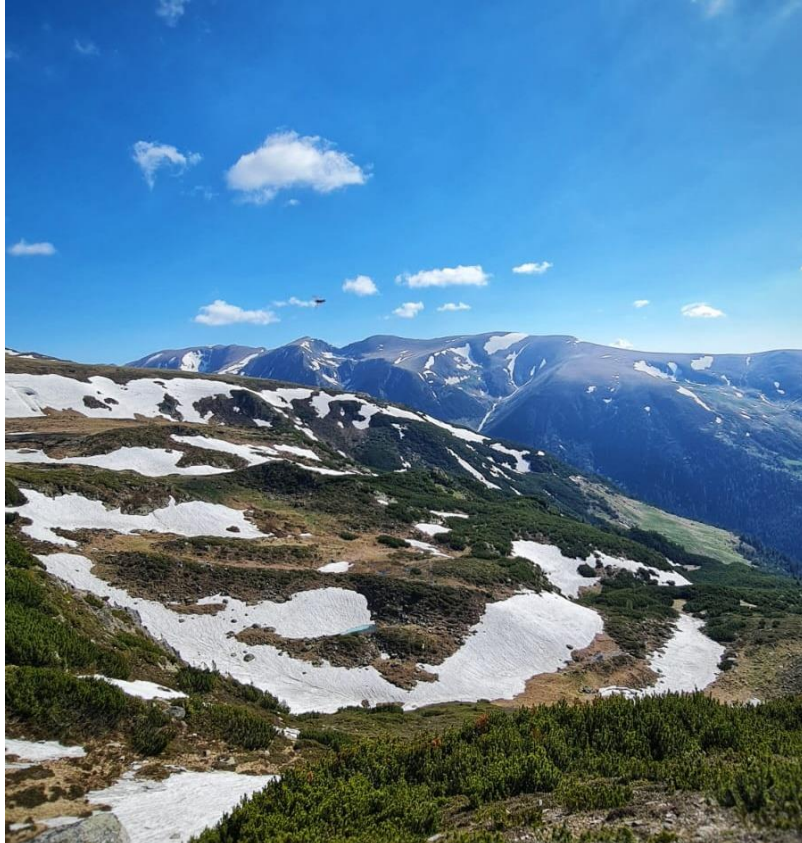


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Forest conservation and management



- In May, we were able to purchase an additional 35.5 ha of forests for protection.



Images from the project area







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Ecological restoration



- **117,9 ha of forests replanted in one season** – an absolute record in 10 years of ecological restoration for CARPATHIA! We put a huge amount of effort into this and we are full of hope in looking forward to having new forests in the future within the Făgăraș Mountains.
- **435,250** spruce, fir and beech **saplings** were planted
- Donkeys and horses are very helpful in carrying saplings to places where no vehicle can reach.
- Public funding and also your donations made this possible.
Thank you!



Media trip

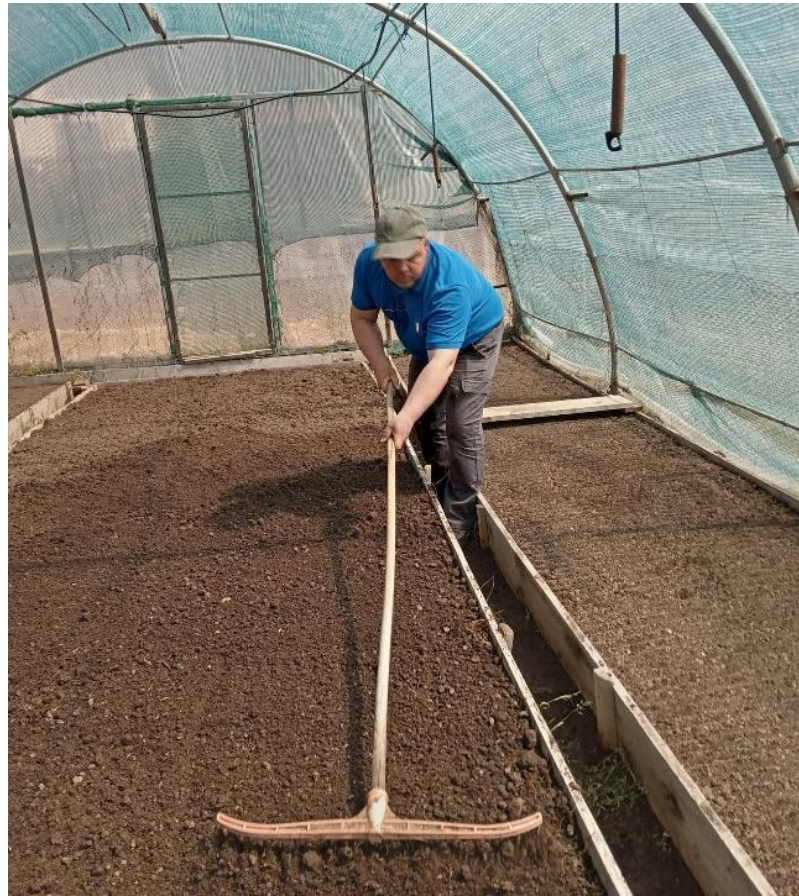
- The story of the clear-cuts in the Făgăraș Mountains inspired a group of journalists to respond to our two days' invitation to come and contribute to planting saplings and sharing our restoration activities.
- On the second day we were the hosts of Nucșoara commune Mayor, Ion Cojocaru, who showed us the beautiful side of the Făgăraș Mountains and how nature and preserving it in balance can help the growth of the local economy: in autumn we will launch a common project related to the ancient beech tree pastures in the area.



- Continuous care of the seedlings in the greenhouses.
- Weeding around the saplings in the tree nurseries.
- Seeding spruce trees.
- Installing shade nets in the tree nurseries. Fir is especially sensitive at this young age to burning due to sun light.
- For the beaver reintroduction project we have continued planting willow along the river banks.



Green houses and tree nurseries





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Wildlife conservation



Wildlife monitoring

- We closely monitor the bison herd released into the wild and observe two calves born into separate bison groups. 😊
- Preparations for the restart of the golden eagle monitoring are on-going. May is the month of hatching so the golden eagle activity is low. On one of our field days, we observed a nest of peregrine falcons with chicks.
- We started preparations of the next step of bear monitoring across 120,000 ha.
- We are busy completing the report of the wolf DNA study.



Wildlife images & videos

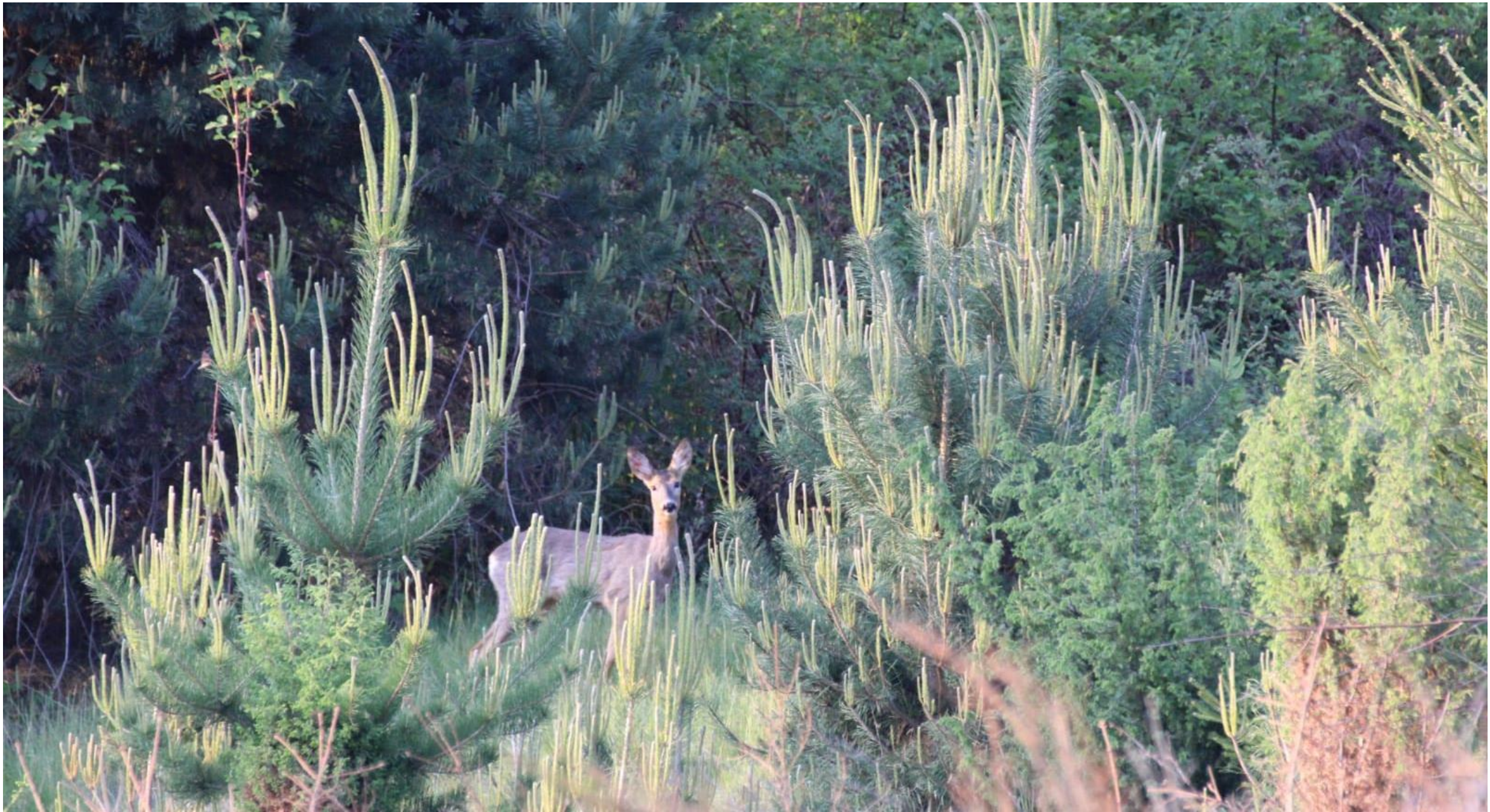
lynx

mixed species

capercaillie

chamois







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Conservation Enterprise
Programme



Cobor Biodiversity Farm

- The hospitality coordinators have a new assistant to welcome our visitors - meet [Florinel](#) (video). Rejected by his mother, he became our bottle fed mascot.



The farm activities go on:

- Cleaning up dry vegetation from pastures, small bushes that haven't been grazed during the last season.
- Installing a water point for the cattle.
- Finishing the construction of the small shelter for the employees who work with the horses and Carpathian shepherd dogs.
- Cleaning up the ditches on the side of the road and cutting the grass.
- Maintenance of the outdoor furniture we use for guests. We bought a new horse carriage so visitors can enjoy a more comfortable excursion across the surrounding hills.
- Preparing the equipment for the alfalfa and hay making.
- Taking care of the horses, cattle and Carpathian shepherd dogs.



- We start the summer events at Cobor with a CARPATHIA bike tour.
- On the 18th of June we invite all bike enthusiasts for an 80 km tour, brunch and farm visit.



We look forward to welcoming you to Cobor!

Carpathia Bike Tour

Ediția Cobor

18 iunie 2022

Organizatori:





Food HUB

- From time to time we get this question from people who want to be involved in our forest conservation project: “What can we do to help?”
The sweetest and most unexpected answer is “You can eat!” 😊 Each order from the Food Hub supports local producers.
- The [Fruits of the Făgăraș Mountains](#) Food Hub is one click away (delivering only in Romania, but nationwide with [Sameday](#)).
- Dandelion jam and syrup are ready.



Wildlife hides

Book a wildlife experience and your trip will contribute to forest conservation and to the wellbeing of the local producers.

[Impressions](#) from our visitors and [videos](#) made by our guides.

We look forward to welcoming you to [Travel CARPATHIA!](#)



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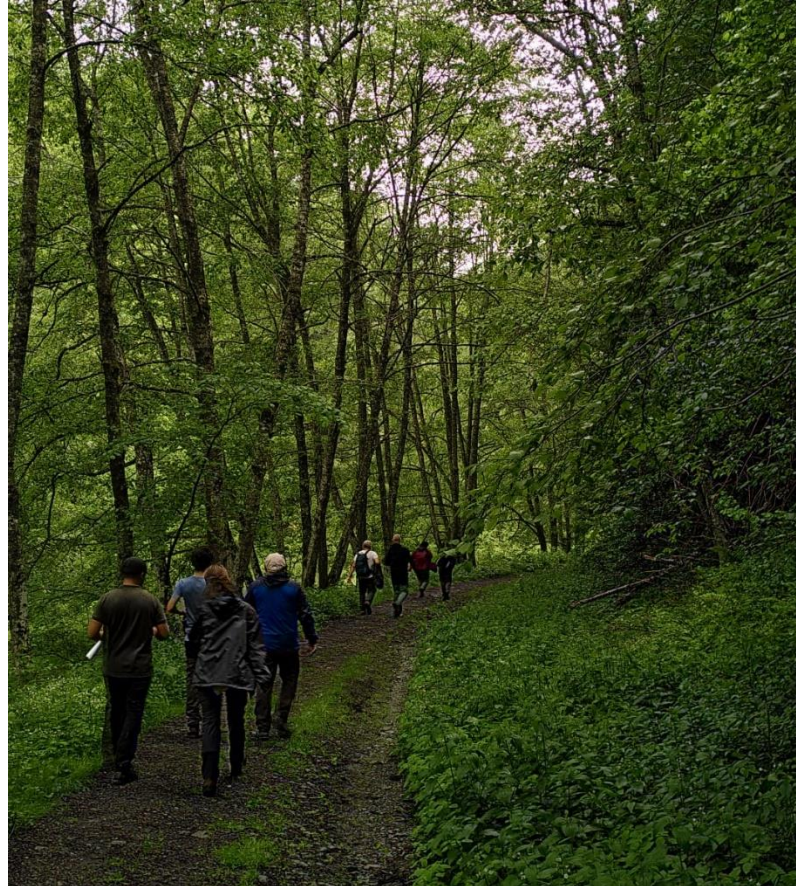
Communication &
community outreach



- The European Forest Institute (EFI) has launched ‘Systemic solutions for upscaling of urgent ecosystem restoration for forest-related biodiversity and ecosystem services’ (SUPERB), the largest cross-border project to restore forest ecosystems in Europe.
- Out of 12 demonstration areas chosen for the project, the only Romanian demonstration area is in the CARPATHIA forests of the eastern Făgăraș Mountains. The project is developed in collaboration with The Circular Bioeconomy Alliance, established by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.
- [DETAILS](#) about the project and the field visit with CARPATHIA.
- Event video [HERE](#).



SUPERB project colleagues visiting Conservation CARPATHIA demo area



- LIFE, the European Commission's funding line for environment and climate policy projects, celebrated its 30th anniversary on 21st May.
- The EU LIFE Programme is the only EU fund directly managed by the European Commission and has been one of the most important public sources of funding for environmental projects since 1992, supporting 4,600 projects across Europe.
- We appreciate the support of the European Commission for our two LIFE-funded projects during 2012-2018 and 2019-2024.



LIFE turns 30 and we are part of it!

30 1992 - 2022 *LIFE* **#LIFEis30**
30 years of bringing green ideas to LIFE

Crearea unei zone de natură sălbatică în sudul
munților Carpați, România, LIFE18 NAT/RO/001082

CARPATHIA
European Wilderness Reserve

#ParculNaționalMunțiiFăgăraș

Commitment to the Environment

- The business community is launching an unprecedented initiative in Romania: The Commitment to the Environment, an initiative that aims to bring together the Romanian business community in assuming a sustainable future, in harmony with the environment.
- The project is initiated by eMAG, together with Foundation Conservation Carpathia and GreenTech, and aims to encourage and support companies in Romania to take measurable goals and concrete actions to protect the environment and prevent climate change.
- Details [HERE](#).



- Romanian Business Leaders, a community set on growing a strong business network for the benefit of the country and the people, invited us to present the story of our conservation project.
- To their great surprise, Barbara and Christoph received the Expats-in-love-with-Romania award at the RBL summit.



- Formed in 2010 by Argentinian conservationists and activists, [Rewilding Argentina](#) is heir to the legacy of [Tompkins Conservation](#).
- Their visit was a true inspiration for us, as we share the same challenges of being conservationists, but also promoters of a new green economy.



Doing good is contagious

**click on the hyperlinks for short, beautiful stories*

- Casa Bună Association continues doing good in the Făgăraş Mountains: [camps](#) at Richita educational centre, [ophthalmological caravans](#), IT interventions for the children that received computers donated during the pandemic.
- We continue raising donations to build a day centre at Nucşoara. If you would like to support us, do so [here](#), mentioning Day Centre Nucşoara. In the meantime, [65 children](#) from our project area have weekly on-line courses with the volunteers.



- We have discussed in the field with the students from the Faculty of Biology, Ecology and Environmental Science, University of Pitești, about ecological restoration, wildlife monitoring and reintroduction of species, invasive alien plants and also about species of Community interest, included in Annex I of the EU Habitats Directive, like *Tozzia carpathica*, present in our project area.
- Richita educational centre was very much admired for its infrastructure and for the tasty local dishes.



Results

26,900 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

3,486,682

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

200

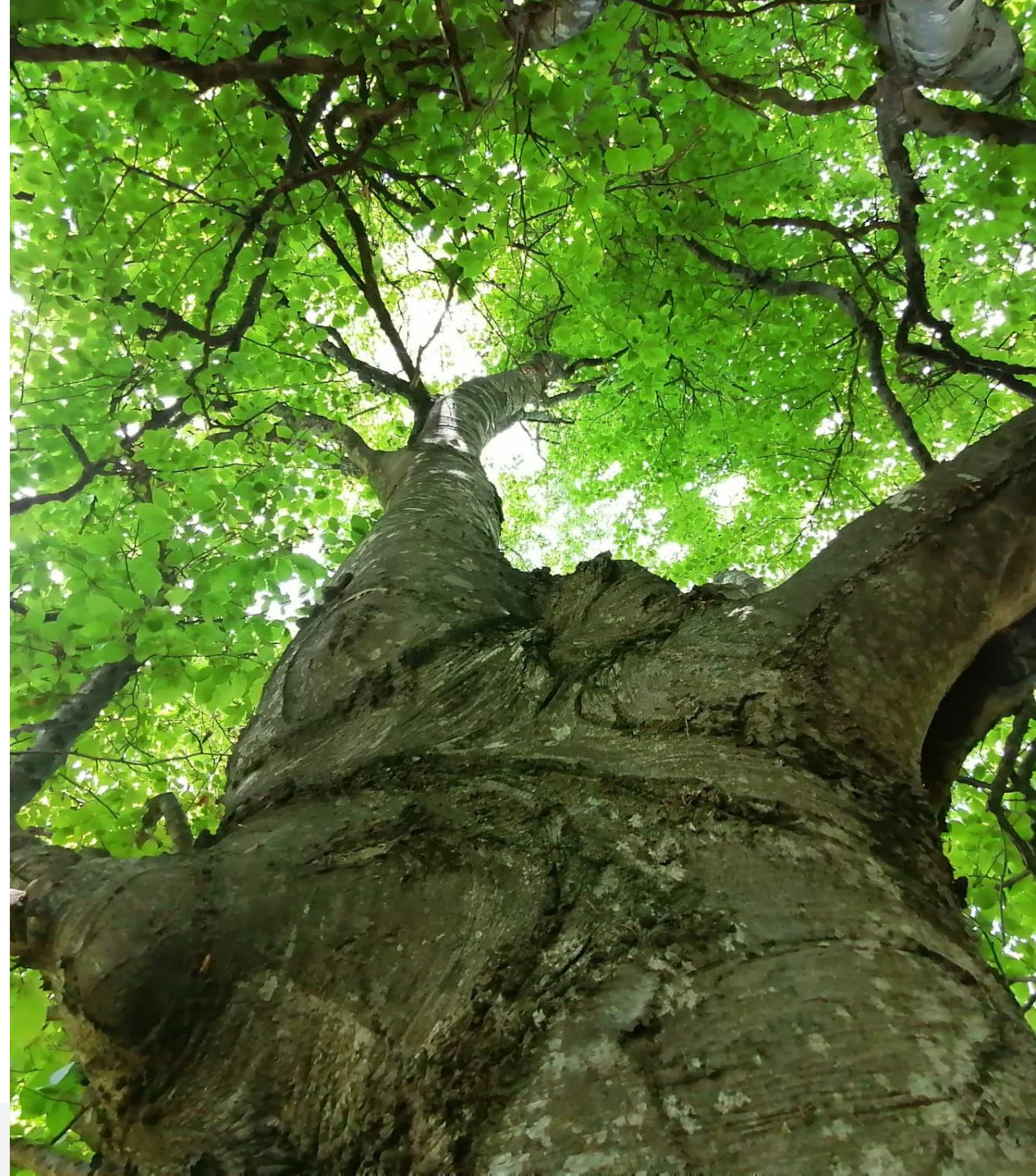
locals which make a living from the CARPATHIA project

1,200

students and teachers involved in environmental education projects

20+

local producers are part of the Food HUB Roadele Munților





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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