Session 6 Best Practices

Cooperation between governmental and non-governmental organizations in the framework of the European Green Belt Initiative

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GO/NGO-Network of the European Green Belt Initiative
….incomplete choice of organisations
Cooperation GO & NGO
Trans-national level

Cooperation of German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, EuroNatur and BUND

- **May 2013, Berlin**: Celebration act “10 years European Green Belt Initiative” with signing of *Joint Declaration of Intent*

- **Research- and Development- (R+D-) Project “Advancing the European Green Belt Initiative”** (2011-2014)
  - E.g. Pan-European Green Belt Conferences in Mavrovo (2012) and Slavonice (2014), homepage [www.europeangreenbelt.org](http://www.europeangreenbelt.org)

- **R+D- Project “The European Green Belt as part of Green Infrastructure”** (11/2015-01/2018)
Cooperation GO & NGO
Trans-boundary level: Italy-Slovenia

Project application submitted on 29th September 2016:
Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Interreg V A Italy-Slovenia

- **European Green Belt Bike Trail** - “Cycling along the European Green Belt and the Italian-Slovenian Border” (proposed duration: 07/2017-06/2019)
  Main aim: Valorising natural and cultural resources of the Green Belt by promoting bike-tourism and the intermodality with railways

- Lead Partner: **Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia** (Italy)

- Partners from Italy and Slovenia: Tourism and rural development agencies, railway agencies, universities, ministries, protected area administrations, nature conservation NGO, European Cyclist Federation (ECF)
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- Habitat surveys of the inner-German Green Belt (2001 and 2012) ► part of national ecological network

- Regular Management-Conferences in the framework of the implementation of the National Nature Heritage (2011, 2013, 2016): representatives from all Green Belt-Land owners ► Federal States and their conservation foundations, conservation agencies, NGO etc

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Cooperation of Environmental Agency, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water and Austrian League for Nature Conservation:

“Public Relation for the Austrian Green Belt”

Example activities:

- 2-days press trip (6/7th October 2016) at the Green Belt Upper Austria – Czech Republic
- Green Belt Work Camp “Northern Weinviertel - South Moravia“ (20 - 25th September 2016), habitat management, international exchange and experience of border history
Cooperation GO & NGO on regional level
Large Scale Nature Conservation Project
“Rodachtal-Lange Berge-Steinachtal Green Belt”

- Implementation-phase since 2016, runtime approx. 10 years
- Nationally representative large scale project
- Project area: 316 km², comprising 127 km Green Belt (Thuringia/Bavaria).

- Budget: Approx. 9 Mio. €: 75% federal funds (BMUB/BfN), 15% funds from Federal States, 10% funds from the administration union (rural districts Coburg, Kronach, Hildburghausen, Sonneberg) with financial contribution from NGO.
- Implementation by administration union in close cooperation with GO and NGO active on site.
Haidmühle (Germany) and Stožec (Czech Republic)

- Since 2003: **Trans-boundary interactive cultural landscape museum (KuLaMu)**
- 2016: **Joint Interreg A-Project** “European Adder (Vipera berus)” of the municipalities Haidmühle und Stožec
- Joint LIFE-project Application: National parks Šumava/Bavarian Forest and BUND in close cooperation with municipality
Leopoldschlag (Austria)

- Cooperation of the municipality with the Austrian League for Nature Conservation (Naturschutzbund Österreich)
- Management of the Natura 2000 area “Maltsch” along the Green Belt Upper-Austria-Czech Republic; e.g. information events, guided tours, wetland management with water buffalos
- 2005: Opening of the Green Belt and Natura 2000 Information Center
- Since 2005 every year: International Green Belt Camps Maltsch/Malše
Cooperation of the Ministry of Environment Albania and the NGO PPNEA

- Nomination Process “UNESCO World Heritage Beech Forest” of two sites along the Green Belt Albania
  - Core Zone Rajca in the Shebenik- Jablanica National Park
  - Strict Protected Area Lumi I Gashit in the Albanian Alps

- NGO supports GO with data and expertise
- GO finalizes and sends application

- Successful use and combination of resources and knowledge
- GO willingness necessary
Cooperation of the Ministry of Environment Albania and the NGO PPNEA

- Nomination Process “UNESCO World Heritage Beech Forest” of two sites along the Green Belt Albania
  - Status with worldwide attention
  - Chance for sustainable development
  - Successful conservation

- Next step: Evaluation of site
Cooperation of local Regional Agency of Protected Areas (RAPA), EuroNatur, PPNEA and local NGOs

- Project „Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development at the Green Belt Albania“ (06/2015 – 03/2017); supported by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and the German Federal Ministry of Environment.

- Implementation jointly by
  - RAPA (GO)
  - PPNEA (NGO)
  - EuroNatur (NGO)
Cooperation of local Regional Agency of Protected Areas (RAPA), EuroNatur, PPNEA and local NGOs

- Implementation of **Pilot Projects** to improve nature protection and sustainable development in:
  - Shebenik- Jablanica National Park
  - Lumi I Gashit in the Albanian Alps

- Joint selection of suitable pilot projects between **GO and NGOs**

- Implementation of Pilot Projects by **local NGOs on-site**
Thank you!
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