



The Carpathian Day – 26 th of September

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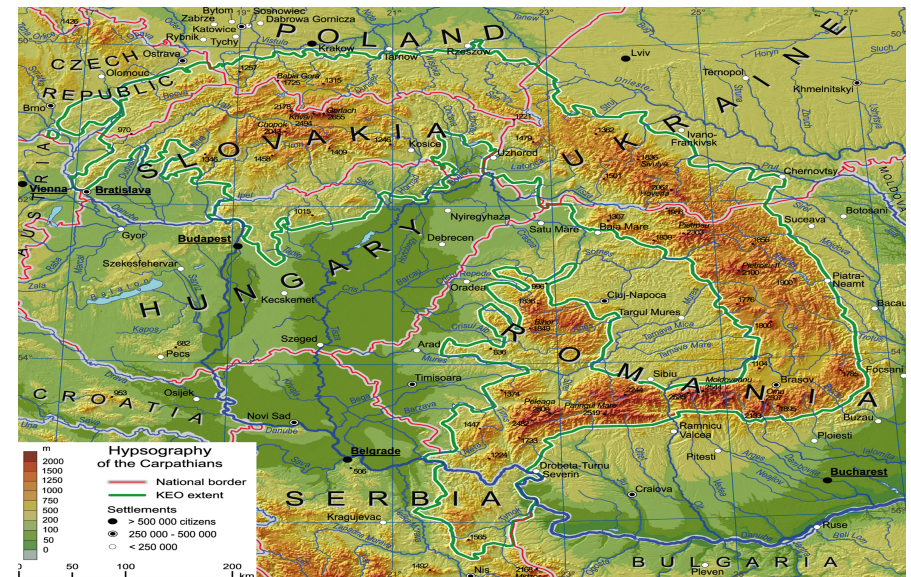
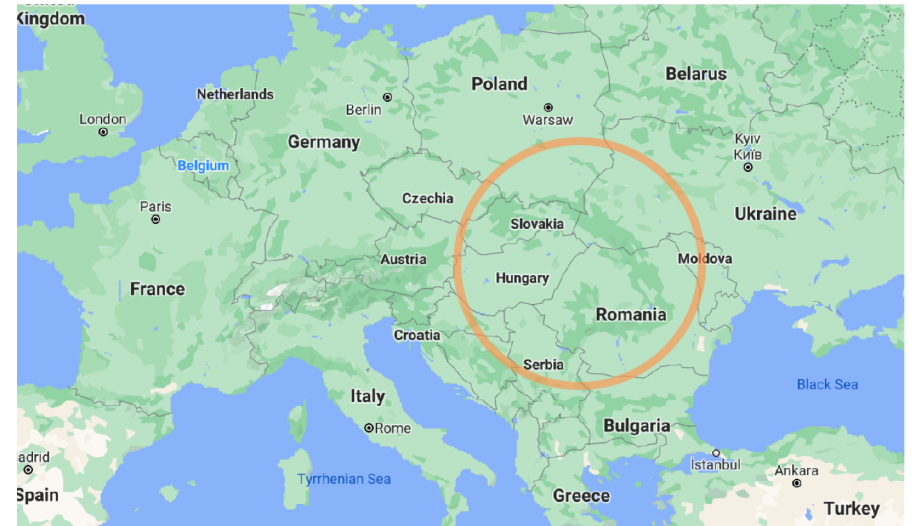


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International Day of the Carpathian Mountains

Celebrating the International Day of the Carpathian Mountains within the framework of the Carpathian Convention is significant for several important reasons:

- Promoting Biodiversity Conservation
- Fostering Regional Cooperation
- Cultural and Historical Heritage
- Tourism and Recreation
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Promote Carpathian Convention



Why celebrate International Day of the Carpathian Mountains

- Choosing this date and celebrating the International Day of the Carpathian Mountains within the Carpathian Convention is an opportunity to recognize the ecological, cultural, and economic importance of this unique mountain range. It serves as a reminder of the need for collective action to protect and sustainably manage this valuable natural resource.
- In Romania, we celebrate International Day of the Carpathian Mountains on the 26th of September.



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- On September 26th, as part of the International Day of the Carpathian Mountains, a series of engaging activities were organized by Retezat National Park Administration, in partnership with local authorities and NGOs to celebrate the importance of the Carpathian region. From hiking along the Via Transilvanica trail to educational events at the Nucșoara Visitor Center, these initiatives aimed to raise awareness about the Carpathians' biodiversity, cultural significance, and role in sustainable tourism, involving both students and the local community.



Morning

- We covered 3 km of the Via Transilvanica Terra Dacica trail from Peștera to Nucșoara, together with students from Sălașu de Sus Primary School, at the initiative of the Sălașu de Sus - Hunedoara Commune Mayor's Office during the European Week of Sport. #BeActive. We discussed about the International Day of the Carpathian Mountains and why this day is important for nature and the community. Via Transilvanica was the perfect location to talk about the importance of mountain communities.
- Via Transilvanica, the "road that unites," is a long-distance tourist route of 1,400 kilometers that diagonally crosses Romania from Putna to Drobeta Turnu Severin and is intended for hiking, cycling, or horseback riding. Via Transilvanica is marked with painted markings and signposts, and at every kilometer, there is an individually sculpted andesite milestone, forming probably the longest art gallery in the world, accompanying travelers throughout the journey.



Noon

- Together with the Gradistea Muncelului-Cioclovina Natural Park, we organized an event at the Nucșoara visitor center entitled "The Carpathians of Romania, a sanctuary of biodiversity, a source of culture, and a treasure of history."
- The purpose of the event was to inform and raise awareness among both 11th-grade students in forestry and tourism sections and the teaching staff from Alexandru Borza Geoagiu Agricultural Technical High School about the immense wealth of the Carpathians, both in terms of biodiversity and socio-cultural aspects.



Noon

- We were joined by Anca Rusu, the manager of the Hațeg Country - Retezat Ecotourism Destination, who spoke to us about the extraordinary natural richness of the Carpathians of Romania and the importance of local communities and their role in harmonious tourism development.
- We also had Ina from the "Via-Retezat" Mountain Tourism Association, who launched the photo exhibition "Walking through the Carpathians" at the APNR Nucșoara Visitor Center on this occasion, presenting nature with some wonderful sights from 5 mountain ranges in Hunedoara County.
- We were accompanied by the team from the "Cuminte de Weekend" show, from media Radio Romania Cultural.



Evening

- At Nucșoara Visitor Center, we had the Junior Ranger team from the "Junior Ranger in the Mountains and Meadows" project, along with their parents, watching the documentary film "Wild Romania,,," by România Sălbatică the most ambitious documentary film about nature in our country.
- We ate pancakes all day, as the event is part of the "Junior Ranger in the Mountains and Meadows" project, funded by the Partnership Foundation - Polgár-Társ Foundation and MOL Romania through the Green Spaces program, Protected Natural Areas component.



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