

		<p>Albania (NAPA)</p> <p><i>Vlatko Trpeski (tbc)</i> Head of Department for Nature, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia</p> <p><i>Dierk Weinhold</i> Ministry of the Environment, Energy, Building and Climate Protection, Lower Saxony, Germany</p>
10:30	Introduction to the Conference Format and Scope	<i>Dr. Eick von Ruschkowski</i> Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation
11:00	Key Note: Nature-based Tourism and the Sustainable Development Goals: Opportunities and Challenges	<i>Ardiana Mici, PhD</i> Korca University, Albania
12:00	Lunch	
13:30	<p>Case Studies on Strategic Approaches for the Conservation of Natural Resources on the Balkan: Why do we need to protect our natural resources and how do we succeed?</p> <p><i>Decision Work Frame for identifying priority areas for the conservation of biodiversity in Romania</i></p> <p><i>Balkans GeM – Generating momentum on water and forests in the Balkans</i></p>	<p><i>Dr. Volker Wachendörfer & Dr. Alexander Bittner</i> German Federal Environmental Foundation (DBU)</p> <p><i>Anela Stavrevska-Panajotova</i> Project Manager, Connecting Natural Values & People Foundation, Skopje, North Macedonia</p>
14:30	<p>Funding for Sustainable Regional Development and Conservation: Current State and Opportunities</p> <p><i>Support to economic diversification of rural areas in South Eastern Europe (SEDRA) – GIZ measures for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Prespa Ohrid Region</i></p> <p><i>The Open Regional Fund for South East Europe – Implementation of Biodiversity Agreements (ORF BDU)</i></p>	<p><i>Anica Palazzo</i> Advisor, Support to Economic Diversification of Rural Areas in South Eastern Europe (SEDRA)</p> <p><i>Ekrem Hyseni</i> GIZ ORF BDU Project Country Coordinator in Kosovo</p>

	<i>Support to sustainable tourism development in the frame of the project "Transboundary Biosphere Reserve Prespa", Phase II. A development project of the Republic of Albania, co-financed by the Federal Republic of Germany through KfW Development Bank</i>	<i>Constanze Schaaff Chief Technical Advisor/Team Leader, GFA Group</i>
15:30	Coffee Break	
16:00	<p>Showcasing examples of nature-based tourism in Southeastern Europe – How can we sustainably use our natural capital while raising awareness about it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case Study 1: Mountain Biking in the Prespa Ohrid Region - Case Study 2: Bird-watching in North Macedonia - Case Study 3: Land of Eagles and Castles - Case Study 4: Ecotourism in Rodna Mountains National Park as a tool for nature conservation - Case Study 5: Nature-based tourism in Galičica National Park - Case Study 6: Shara Mountain - Case Study 7: Assessment of anthropogenic impact on the Pietrele and Red Valleys in Retez National Park - Case Study 8: "Time Travel" as a method for nature-based tourism in Giresun, Turkey 	<p><i>Tobias Gessler Ride Albania</i></p> <p><i>Emanuel Lisichanets</i></p> <p><i>Mirjan Topi PPNEA</i></p> <p><i>Claudiu Iusan Rodna National Park, Romania</i></p> <p><i>Andon Bojadzi Galičica National Park, North Macedonia</i></p> <p><i>Frosina Pandurska</i></p> <p><i>Oana Viorica Danci Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania</i></p> <p><i>Aysegul Cil Lush Nature Consultancy, Turkey</i></p>
18:30	Summary of Day 1 / Lessons learned / Discussion	<i>Klaudja Koci/Eick von Ruschkowski</i>
19:00	End of Day 1	
(19:00-19:30)	Side Meeting for BalkaNatureNet members	
19:30	Conference Dinner	
May 7, 2019	Symposium	
8:30	Region-Specific Nature-Based Tourism: The Regional Benefits of Nature-Based Tourism and the Concept of Certified Nature and Landscape Interpreters in the	<i>Hilke Feddersen & Inga Albers Lüneburg Heath Nature Park / Jesteburg Tourism Office</i>

	Lüneburg Heath Nature Park, Germany	
9:15	Local nature guide training in Bulgaria and Albania	<i>Dorothe Lütkemöller</i> terolog gGmbH, Germany
10:00	Coffee break	
10:30	World Café Identifying Regional Needs in Nature Conservation, Recreation and Tourism for the Prespa-Ohrid Region	Four World Café Tables (15 minutes each) Facilitators: <i>Verena Harms, Thomas Fish, BNN Members (tbd)</i>
11:45	Presentation of world café results and Discussion	
12:30	Lunch	
14:00	Workshops: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity Building 1: Mapping and Inventorying our Natural Capital Assets – Community Mapping Exercise 2. Capacity Building 2: Developing Nature-Based Tourism Activities in the Prespa and Ohrid Regions – German-Albanian Partnerships 3. Capacity Building 3: Training Future Nature Guides 4. Capacity Building 4: Conservation across borders – Enhancing International Collaboration Across the Balkan Countries 	Workshop Leaders: <i>Thomas Fish, PhD</i> HumaNature <i>Hilke Feddersen, Lüneburg Heath Nature Park</i> <i>Dorothe Lütkemöller</i> terolog gGmbH <i>N.N.</i> BalkaNatureNet
16:00	Presentation and discussion of workshop results	Moderator: Eick von Ruschkowski
17:00	Closing remarks and future outlook	BNN/PPNEA/PONT
17:30	End of Day 2	
18:00	Departure to Tirana for participants with an early morning flight on the next day	
18:00	Dinner for those remaining in the region	
May 8, 2019	Field Trip / Departure	
8:00	Shuttle to Tirana for later departures	
Optional:	Full-day field trip on Lake Ohrid (Albania/North Macedonia); visit to St. Naum Monastery	After conclusion of the field trip, shuttle to Tirana (international participants).

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