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## STRATEGIC PLAN | PROGRAMS AND POTENTIAL ACTIONS

### PROGRAM-U1: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & ACTION

**Environmental Education & Action** [schools, universities, NGOs, municipalities, Hromada]

- Eco lectures, Eco leadership
- Carpathian Biosphere Reserve: Conservation awareness
- Environmental & Governance Passport in Hromadas
- Volunteers Program
- Carpathian Ethnographic Expeditions
- Cultural & Theatre
- Engagement at Policy level (ministry meetings, etc.)
- Partnerships in Legal Discourses (Debates)
- Waste Management in Hotel Industry
- Summer School for Youths
- Develop some short course on “environmental law”

### PROGRAM-U2: POLLINATORS AND NATURE CONSERVATION

1. Habitat Restoration and Pollinator Corridors
2. Capacity Building, Education and Awareness Programs for Youths and Local Communities
3. Pesticide-Free Zones and Sustainable Agriculture Initiatives [linking Agroecology at Small Farms Initiative]
4. Citizen Science and Pollinator Monitoring Programs
5. Bee-Friendly Beekeeping
6. Pollinator Gardens in Local Communities
7. Creating Nesting Sites for Wild Pollinators
8. Climate Change Adaptation Research for Pollinators
9. Cross-Border Conservation Initiatives
10. Leveraging the EU Nature Restoration Law for Pollinator Conservation

## **PROGRAM-U3: AGROECOLOGY, SMART FARMS AND WILD FOODS**

### **Revival of Soil Biology**

- Preparation of Agroecology Handbook for Farmers in Ukrainian language
- Education of identified farmers on Agroecological Practices
- Agroecological Farmers Action Research & Measurement
- Farmers Trainings and Education on Ukrainian Law on Organic Production Standards and Legal Implications for Organic Food Chain
- Farmers Foods Diversity Festival (annual)
- Joining networks in Europe and sharing the learning
- Homestead poultry integrated
- Livestock integration
- Millets integration
- Fisheries integration
- Regenerative agriculture
- Farmers seed selection, storage, preservation

### **Ethnobotany of Wild Foods and Post-Harvest Knowledge in Carpathian Forests**

- Ethnobotanical Documentation of Wild Food Plants in Carpathian Mountains
- Documentation of Biocultural, Cultural and Food/Nutritional Values of each Species
- Studying Local Knowledge Transfer
- Opinion Survey on Sustainable Harvesting Methods
- Educating School Children through Dissemination/Communication of Scientific Knowledge & Sustainable Harvesting Method

## **PROGRAM-U4: RIGHTS OF MINORITY AND ROMA PEOPLE**

### **Advocacy for the Rights of Minority (Roma) People**

- Membership with Council of Europe
- Stakeholder Workshop for Participatory Action for Human Rights of Roma People in Cross-Border Carpathians (Hungary, Romania or Slovakia side)
- Partnerships with International Organizations and Academic Institutions
- Develop "Legal Training Short Course" [online]

## **PROGRAM-U5: A HYBRID RADIO INITIATIVE**

- Hybrid Online, FM & Community Radio Initiative for Western Ukraine: "Voices of Resilience and Recovery"
- Citizen Journalists Trainings
- Developing Citizens' Media

## **PROGRAM-U6: PROMOTING LOCAL SELF GOVERNANCE**

### **Advocacy & Capacity Building on Local Self-Governance in Rural and Semi-Urban Territories**

#### Action

- Stakeholder Mapping and Needs Assessment
- Capacity Building Workshops and Training Programs
- Legal Trainings and Grassroots Advocacy
- Rights Education and Public Engagement
- Creation of Local Governance Action Plans
- Strengthening Civil Society and Local & Traditional Institutions
- Decentralization and Financial Management Reforms
- Developing E-Governance Tools
- Sustainability and Local Ownership
- Online Short Courses

#### Governance Functions

- Land Use Planning and Natural Resources Management (agriculture, forest, green spaces, water, grasses, etc.)
- Local Infrastructure and Public Utilities
- Health and Social Services
- Education and Cultural Affairs
- Local Economic Development
- Environmental Protection and Sustainability
- Public Participation and Citizen Engagement
- Crisis Response and Social Stability

