



CONSULTATION PROPOSAL FOR

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
WILDLAND SUPPORT  
NETWORK**

# Mission



To create a platform for a joint voice on wilderness and wildlands across Europe, helping catalyse and coordinate appropriate action to address the threats and opportunities facing these areas, in the context of an overall strategy.

# Operating Principles



- An initiative not an organization
- Built on partnership already in Wild Europe
- Operational leverage via its members,
- Brussels representation, central European focus

# Objectives I



- To support implementation of the Message from Prague
- To promote coordinated representation on CAP reform
- To enable exchange of best practice. Information Exchange website
- To help coordinate action for specific threats

# Objectives II



- To communicate the concept and value of wild areas in Europe
- To catalyze research by others
- To promote specific projects for protection and restoration
- To promote closer ties with landowner, forestry, agriculture, business, urban social, community etc interests

# Areas of Operation



Area of operation	Example Activity	Comment
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support implementation of policy recommendations from Prague conference</li> <li>• 2012 CAP reform strategy</li> <li>• Multi-sectoral support programme</li> <li>• Wildland Foundation (land acquisition)</li> </ul>	Linkage with all Network partners. Focus on awareness raising not advocacy per se
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildland Information Exchange website</li> <li>• Best practice exchange for management</li> <li>• Multi-sectoral representation of wildland benefits</li> <li>• Promote the wilderness research agenda</li> <li>• Develop Business for Wilderness Forum</li> <li>• 'Early Warning' threat advice</li> </ul>	IUCN/Global Wilderness Task Force to provide advice and research support, alongside Advisory Group and others
'Field' project specialisms (examples)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forthcoming NGO wildland portfolio</li> <li>• Slovakia/Poland/Ukraine mega wilderness</li> <li>• Large restoration initiatives in Western Europe</li> </ul>	WWF alliance a key player with others. Network emphasis on providing catalyst and support rather than direct developer.

# Structure of the Network



- Small, cost-effective secretariat
- Executive Committee
- Multi sectoral Advisory Group
- Individual organization inputs

# Participation in the Network



- Representatives from NGOs, agencies and Pas
- Regional, national, local government
- Eco-tourism & other business operatives
- Professionals and academics
- Representation from associated interests including: landowning, farming, forestry and urban social projects

# Wild Europe Steering Group



Ladislav Miko (Chair)	Former Director Natural Environment EC
Mike Baltzer	Director WWF Danube Carpathian Prog
Richard Blackman	Vice Director Europarc Federation
Eladio Fernandez Galiano	Head of Biodiversity Council of Europe
Natarajan Ishwaran	Head of Biodiversity UNESCO
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Tamas Marghescu	Director IUCN Europe
Jeff McNeely	Chief Scientist, IUCN Global
Vance Martin	Chair IUCN Wilderness Task Force
Feiko Prins	Europe Coordinator Natuurmonumenten
Erika Stanciu	President Europarc Federation
Sebastian Winkler	Coordinator Countdown 2010

# Implementing the Network



- Comments and suggestions
- Participation
- Pro bono consultancy and support
- Fund raising
- Funding provision