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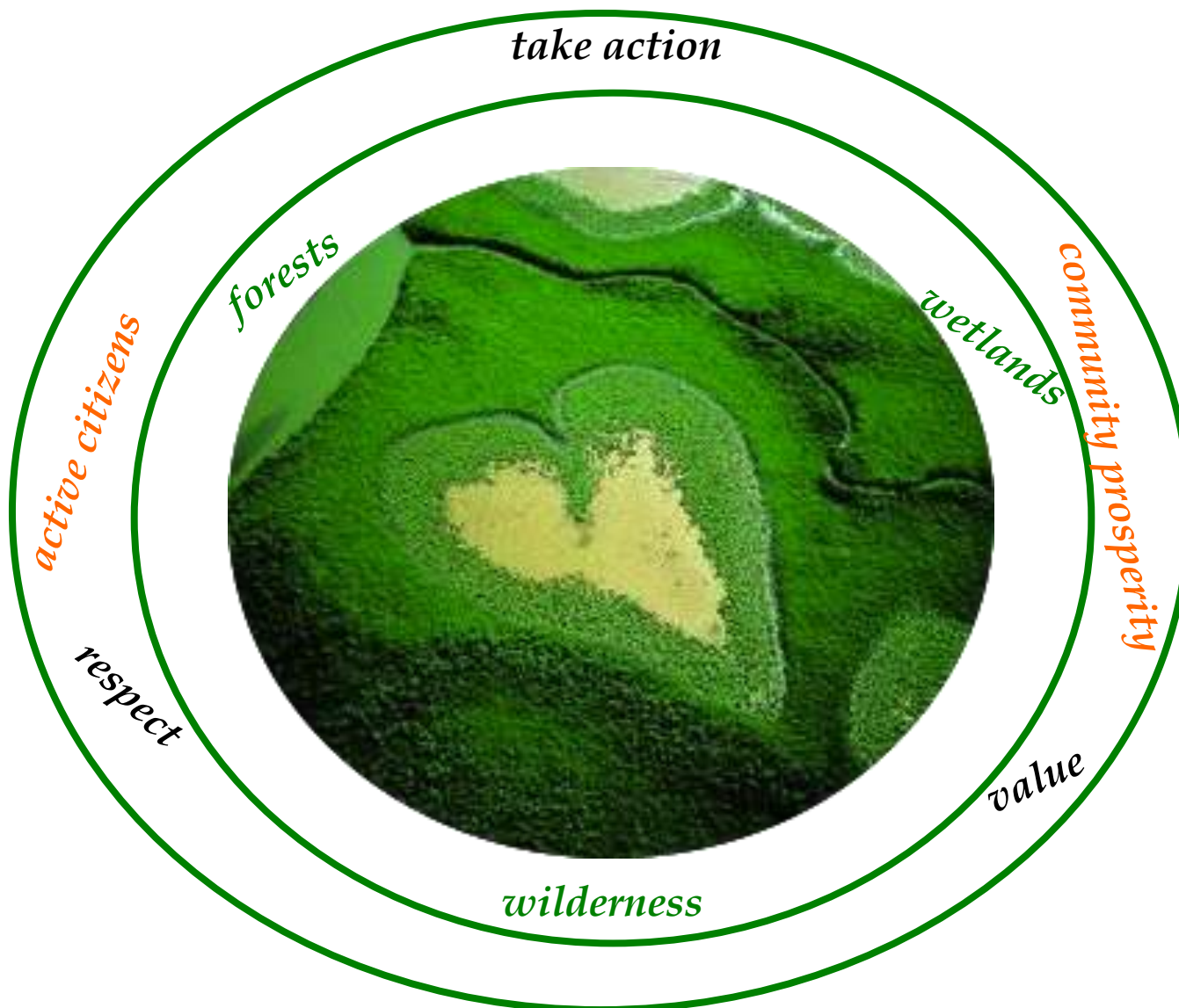


Carpathian Heritage of Ukraine: competitive advantage of green development

Bohdan Prots
ICEL Meeting, Freiburg, Germany



Vision for Carpathians



In the **Green Heart of Europe** the **people** value nature and take action to preserve natural treasures both within and outside of the region.

Current trend:

- Enlargement PA network and development of ecological network;
- Deterioration of protected areas due to territory war and occupation (lost control over PAs and ecological network);
- Greater involvement of the civic sector in PA management (ForestWatch);
- Ukraine-EU Association Agreement;
- Insufficient capacity and poor funding for PAs;
- Insufficient cooperation with local authorities and communities;
- High demand for tourism development (infrastructure projects);
- Illegal logging and illegal timber trade (corruption).

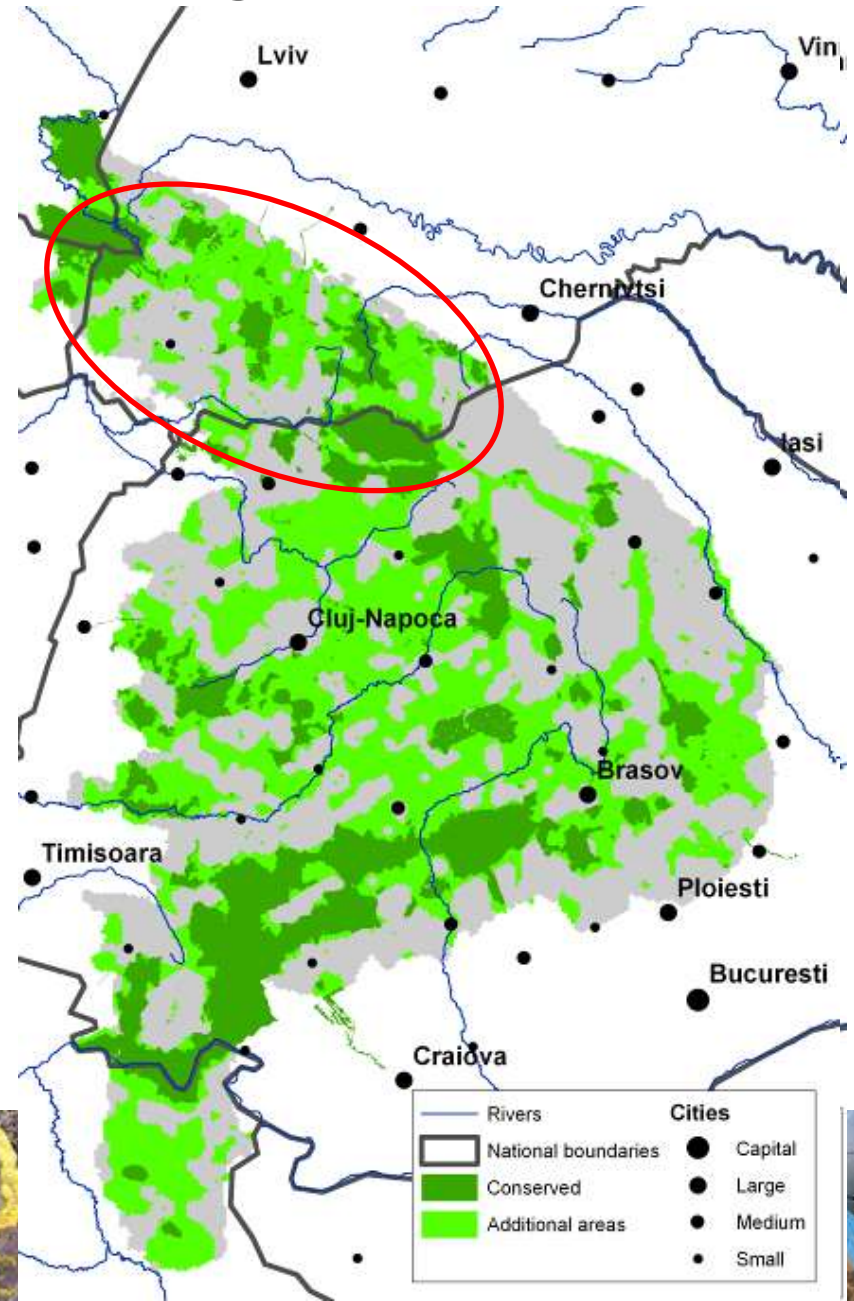
Environmental Governance: ecological network development

Goal: To ensure that is most critical areas for biodiversity conservation in the Eastern Carpathians, critical gaps and ecological network → higher degree of connectivity

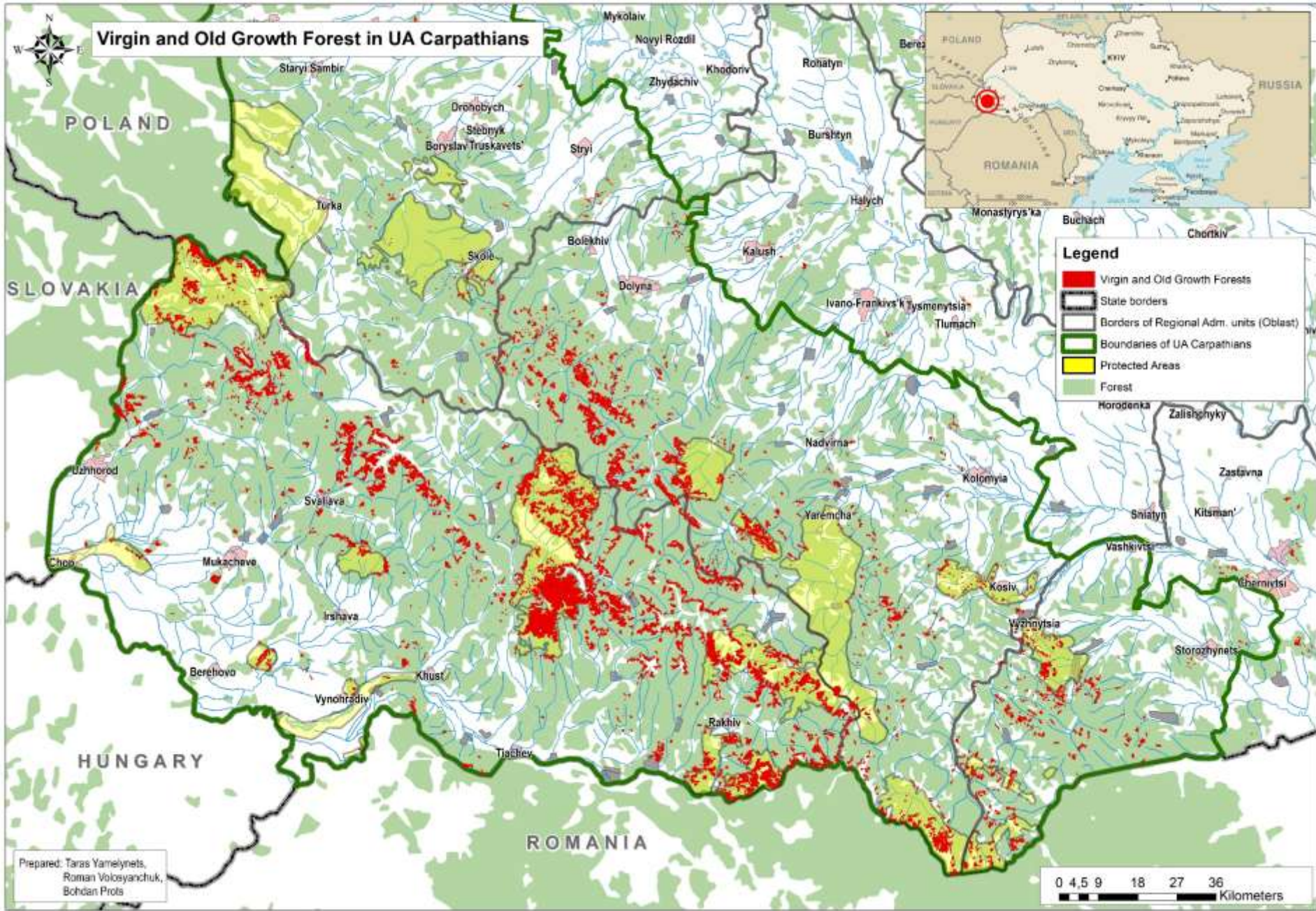
Regional Gap Analysis Illustrates threats for biodiversity hotspots

Potential up to 50% increase for National and Landscape parks

Continue loss of biodiversity for some habitats despite number of PAs increases! Too less too late?



Virgin and Old Growth Forests of the Ukraine Carpathians – Outstanding World Heritage





Green Economy, Protected Areas and Local Culture



A new “green economy” to preserve an old landscape
and eradicate poverty

- Green jobs – new employment opportunities for the local population by involving local people in environmentally and economically sound projects;
- Socio-economic development is a key factor in supporting the protected areas by local communities;
- Building capacities for local communities and protected areas



More Nature, more jobs and more business



The Carpathian Opportunity



These treasures present the region's competitive advantage and a unique opportunity for the region's development. Some of the opportunities are obvious, and some can draw on centuries of previous experience, though with a modern twist.



Innovation approaches for green development

- Civil society involvement in sustainable development
- Green tourism based on support for protected areas and involvement of local communities;
- Local communities compensation scheme for critical cases;
- Certification of forests (FSC);
- Development of ecosystem services (payments for ecosystem services)
- Environmentally sound approaches in mini hydropower development
- Restoration of nature habitats (rivers)
- Energy security and transparency with wood industry

Thank you!



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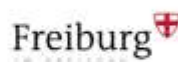


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