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LASPEH Project

LASPEH Project financed under Priority Axis 3 (Environment protection, Risk management and low carbon strategy) of the Programme, aims to promote and support the biodiversity save guard reducing the contraction of biological diversities.

The project LASPEH wants to face the loss of biodiversity, by defining a common strategy to preserve the natural heritage and the landscape in the Low Adriatic basin. Special attention will be paid to species protected by the 92/43/EEC and 79/409/EEC Directives, typical of these eco-regions and/or threatened by environmental variations, caused by climate changes and wrong management. The project will create a network of organizations cooperating for nature conservation and improvement of Natura 2000 sites, by exchanging best practices and developing a common transnational strategy to preserve common species and habitats.

LASPEH will implement several activities and its main outputs are:

- *Transnational Joint Strategy for the management of priority species in Natura 2000 sites*
- *Conservation plans in the involved areas*
- *Conservation pilot actions focused on selected habitat/species*
- *Awareness campaign on stakeholders*

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In Montenegro the project will implement on the slopes of Jezerski vrh in area of National park Lovćen. According to the first National forest inventory, Bosnian pine in Montenegro accounts for 1.1% of the total area under forests. As for the volume, it accounts for 1.9% of the total volume of forests in Montenegro. The steep slopes of the highest peaks of Lovćen, above the subalpine beech forest, are covered by Bosnian pine.

Although this is the natural habitat of *Pinus heldreichii*, number of individuals has been reduced. A common characteristic of the association on Jezerski vrh is the presence of hybrid of Austrian pine and Bosnian pine.

In the frame of this project concrete measures will be undertaken in order to prepare soil and collect seed for growing new individuals with the same genetic material and preserve species and its habitat.



Activities

The most urgent measures aimed at stopping the downward trend when it comes to the number of *Pinus heldreichii* trees on Lovćen and at ensuring self-sustainability of this stand on Lovćen are as follows:

- *Removal of certain Austrian pine trees in order to prevent competition and hybridisation;*
- *Drafting and implementation of a fire protection plan;*
- *Collecting and storage of Bosnian pine seeds;*
- *Establishment of reproductive centre for young Bosnian pine;*
- *Reforestation using propagation material obtained from locally provided seed material;*
- *Detailed overview of the state of health of the stand.*

