

## Bees & Greens:

Evidence-based advocacy for pollinator-friendly best management practices in protected areas of the Green Belt in Serbia



### 1. The Challenge

Serbia is an EU accession country with an EU candidate country status. However, it lacks a lot of nature conservation regulation, enforcement practices and citizens' behaviour that would provide high quality of EU membership. **Regulation relevant for the conservation of pollination ecosystem services are practically non-existent in the current policy framework.**

Many important food crops depend on insects to pollinate them. Without pollinators, many plant species would decline and eventually disappear along with the organisms that depend on them, which would have serious ecological, social and economic implications.

Pollinators are an integral part of healthy ecosystems which are essential for the health and welfare of human society.

### 2. Project Objectives and Results

**Specific objective** of the project is to provide recommendations for protection of pollinators and their important habitats within targeted protected areas in Serbia.

**Main results (outputs)** of the project are:

1. conducted desk and field research on pollinator diversity in selected PAs in Serbia;
2. identified main threats and problems for conservation of pollination services identified by relevant local and national stakeholders;
3. prepared evidence-based recommendations for pollinators and their habitat conservation in investigated PAs in Serbia;
4. presented recommendations to relevant local and national decision makers and stakeholders;
5. conducted public campaign on conservation of pollination services on social networks.

### 3. The Approach

In order to achieve project specific objective and results, we will conduct the following activities:

**WP1 Coordination and management activities;**

**WP2 Development evidence-based pollination services conservation and management recommendations** (engagement of experts, conduction of desk and field research, analysis of results, preparation of the final report with recommendations for best management practices for pollinator conservation in protected areas);

**WP3 Public campaign** for promoting recommendations (preparing user-friendly design of recommendations, organising advocacy meetings with decision-makers and relevant stakeholders, social network campaign).



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**Project location:**

Landscapes of outstanding features Gornje Podunavlje and Subotička pešćara Nature park Stara Planina (Stara mountain)

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