

WWF Adria zapošljava: Programskog koordinatora/icu (zaduženog/u za divlje vrste i očuvanje prirode) za ured u Zagrebu

WWF Adria is seeking the Program Officer to implement conservation project activities (and support communication) in the scope of **Interreg Project "Carnivora Dinarica: a project for cross-border cooperation for the long-term conservation of large carnivores in the northern Dinarides"** and **"LIFE EuroLargeCarnivores: Improving coexistence with large carnivores in Europe"**.

Carnivora Dinarica – The purpose is to improve the conservation status of large carnivores in the Natura 2000 sites in this unique cross-border forested area shared by Slovenia and Croatia, where lynx, wolf and bear are still present. Preserving their long-term presence is significant for the biodiversity and ecosystem of the SI-HR cross-border area, so the project focuses on three common challenges: i) the concrete implementation of strategies and the elimination of shortcomings in cross-border management of large carnivores; (ii) reducing the threats to large carnivores, in particular the growing pressure of people (transport, agriculture, fragmentation of habitat) and (iii) (non) understanding of the role of large carnivores in the ecosystem. Compared with previous projects, Carnivora Dinarica is the first one that considers the issue systematically and comprehensively, focusing on the transfer of knowledge from research partners to local practice, and to local communities.

LIFE EuroLargeCarnivores - The purpose of this LIFE project is to improve human-large carnivore's coexistence through cross border cooperation, communication and knowledge exchange and to learn about experiences of managing the presence of large carnivores and to ensure effective implementation of population based conservation strategies for the large carnivores. This includes various approaches across Europe, and aims to highlight the associated social, economic and ecological challenges. Topics include monitoring, conflict mitigation, damage prevention, security concerns, long-term effects on agriculture and hunting, management practices, as well as assisted economic opportunities.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To inform and actively engage key-actors in a consensus-driven approach on their needs and responsibilities,
- To develop cross-border, interdisciplinary pathways to engage formerly passive actors (farmers, land owners, tourism sector, etc.) and bring new perspectives and knowledge to LC management,
- To give added value to existing Large Carnivore projects by promoting their results and sharing best-practices in Adria region
- To provide local stakeholders such as farmers with direct engagement opportunities and custom-fit learning experiences through a trusted peer to peer approach.
- To contribute to the development of reports on LC management harmonization, connectivity and role of large carnivores in the ecosystem
- To support Program officer responsible for communication in development and implementation of Communication work package,
- To assist and support programme manager and Program officer responsible for communication in the implementation of WWF Adria components of the projects, ensuring high quality and timely delivery of activities for Croatia and Slovenia,
- To prepare reports to donor on project activities as required, including the reporting to programme lead within WWF Adria, representing WWF Adria and supporting the implementation of the project in WWF Adria region,

- To monitor the project implementation, ensuring adaptation to changing context, and ensuring quality and timely reporting to lead partner, as required by the project implementation plan.
- To organize logistics and moderate public events, meetings and conferences,
- To actively take part in project meetings and WWF Adria team meetings,
- To follow WWF rules and standards,
- To provide data for sound administration of the assigned projects to the administration and finance department,
- To participate in fundraising by identifying and pursuing funding opportunities based on WWF Adria conservation strategy,
- To carry out other tasks based on WWF Adria conservation strategy and Wildlife programme in coordination with Programme Manager,
- Program Officer reports directly to his/her line manager, Programme Manager

REQUIRED SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- University degree in natural, social or economic science (ecology, biology, environmental management, tourism, etc.)
- At least 3 years of experience in conservation projects,
- Experience in project implementation and management,
- Experience in preparation of project proposals,
- Experience in working on species protection, Natura 2000 and protected areas, and community involvement,
- Fluent in spoken and written English and Croatian (Slovenian is a big advantage),
- Developed analytical, organizational, and communication and networking skills,
- Knowledge of MS Office,
- Driving licence,
- Adheres to WWF's values, which are: Knowledgeable, Optimistic, Determined and Engaging,
- Commitment to WWF's mission and priorities,
- Experience with the issues and priorities of WWF, including e.g. environment and nature conservation, and work for an environmental organisation is an advantage but not a necessity,
- Reliable and easily adaptable person with a team spirit and willingness to work in international and multicultural environment.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- CV in English and Croatian (or Slovenian language),
- Copy of University Degree,
- Letter of Interest in English and Croatian or Slovenian with two references.

WWF Adria is offering an annual contract with possibility of extension. The position is based in Zagreb, Croatia but project activities are implemented in Croatia and Slovenia. It is full time employment, and position duties require frequent travel.

Interested candidates should submit their application with required documents by e-mail to info@wwfadria.org by **28 November 2018** with the following subject line: **CD_ELC Project Officer Vacancy**.

WWF Adria will only respond to selected candidates.