**Open Borders for Wildlife in the Carpathians (*OBWIC) PROJECT***

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION FORM**

**HARMONIZED MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS OF TRANSBOUNDARY INTEREST**

**FOR ”OPEN BORDERS FOR WILDLIFE IN THE CARPATHIANS”**

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| **5** | **MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS AND IMPLEMENTING INSTRUMENTS** |  |
| **5.1.** | **STRUCTURAL CONNECTIVITY** |  |
| **5.1.1.** | **No constructions should be made in ecological corridors (Zona Non Aedificandi). These include all buildings that requires a construction approval or other types of barriers such (fences, impermeable roads, dams, canals, pipelines etc.)** |  |
| **5.1.2.** | **No construction should be planed into Ecological corridors. These include buildings, fences, impermeable roads, dams, canals, pipelines etc.** |  |
| **5.1.3.** | **No changes in land use categories should be operated when proposed land use category conduct to worsening of habitat conditions compared to current state** |  |
| **5.1.4.** | **Ecological corridors territories are subject to SEA and EIA procedure and plans and activities overlapping its areas require prior environmental assessment** |  |
| **5.1.5.** | **Plans and projects of building of linear infrastructure (construction/ essential reconstruction of motor roads, railways, pipelines, electrical transmission lines, dams etc.) are subject to SEA and EIA procedures and the decision on placement of such infrastructure on in ecological corridors must be taken only on basis provided that:**   * The option has positive highest integrated ecologic and economic impact; * Zero option (Refusal from construction) has been considered; * Mitigation and compensation measures have been considered and included into the development plan if they are expected to have positive * Compensation measures are considered as the last possible option if other options (mitigation/refusal construction) are not applicable/efficient. |  |
| **5.1.6.** | **The banks of rivers and streams shall be preserved so as to avoid a barrier effect; natural riparian vegetation should be preserved.** |  |
| **5.1.7.** | **Fencing of agricultural/forest land should be limited within the migration corridor** |  |
| **5.1.8.** | **List of critical points and management measures of migration corridors to be shared with road and rail companies in order to keep corridor permeability at a high level** |  |
| **5.1.9.** | **Addition of guidance elements (vegetation adjustments, revitalization of natural elements, additional suitable planting)** |  |
| **5.2.** | **FUNCTIONNAL CONNECTIVITY** |  |
| **5.2.1.** | **No litter container should be placed in bottle-neck zones** |  |
| **5.2.2.** | **Seasonal and time limitation of activities that caused high level of noise and disturbance as sport and entertainment events, military exercises** |  |
| **5.2.3.** | **Road signs to be installed at places where the road cuts through the corridor (decreased speed limit, beware of animals crossing)** |  |
| **5.2.4.** | **Preparation of guidelines for structural and functional design of underpasses, overpasses and green bridges (on both the existing and planned infrastructure)** |  |
| **5.2.5.** | **Agricultural waste, biomass, carcasses placed in the migration corridor should be secured from wildlife** |  |
| **5.2.6.** | **Restriction of growing crops attractive to wildlife in places near to migration corridors (e.g. corn - bear)** |  |
| **5.2.7.** | **Implementation of other preventive measures by farmers in the migration corridors instead of fencing** |  |
| **5.2.8.** | **Biodegradable municipal waste (compost) dumping site to be placed outside the migration corridor** |  |
| **5.2.9.** | **Prohibition of building “hunters’ observation seats” in the migration corridor** |  |
| **5.2.10** | **Setting the responsibilities for future management of the green bridges in order to safeguard its functionality and its surrounding** |  |
| **5.2.11.** | **Hunting should be restricted within the migration corridor** |  |
| **5.2.12.** | **Forest management should be done while respecting functionality of migration corridors** |  |
|  | **ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS** |  |