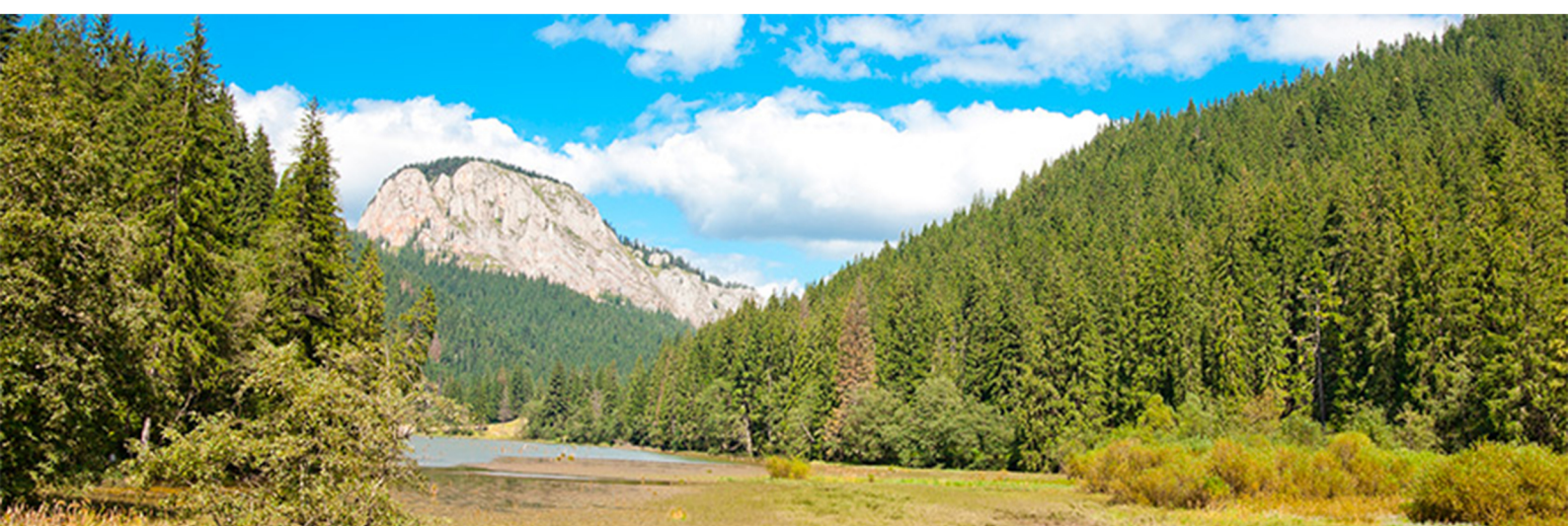


Protection of habitats and species in Europe

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In the framework of the 'Reflecting on Europe' campaign launched by the European Committee of the Regions, Harghita County Council is organising a local event about the „Protection of habitats and species in Europe” which will be held at 27th of March 2018 in Harghita County, Romania.

Following the evaluation of the Birds and Habitats Directives, the European Commission has adopted the Action Plan for nature, people and the economy to improve their implementation and boost their contribution towards reaching the EU's biodiversity targets for 2020.



The main theme of the event „Protection of habitats and species in Europe” will focus on the implementation of the Action Plan:

- Strengthening Member State's compliance with the Nature Directives: strategies and measures at local level in reaching the EU's biodiversity targets for 2020.
- Role of local and regional authorities in improving the implementation of Nature Directives;
- Good practices from European countries in improving the implementation of Nature Directives;
- Communication strategies: how to raise the awareness of citizens (with a special focus on young people), stakeholders and communities in conserving nature?;
- Improving synergies with EU funding instruments – better use of EU funding and making nature more attractive to public and private investments.

The event will be designed as an interactive debate, where participants will discuss with the European, national and regional experts the future of EU Nature Directives, respectively the main challenges and opportunities of nature and biodiversity conservation.

