



## **Workshop 2/4:**

### **Land-use changes in the Carpathians and in the Alps**

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#### **Concept:**

The aim of the workshop is to compare land-use and land-cover changes in the northern Carpathians and in the Slovenian Alps. Both regions share a similar history over the last centuries (part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, communist regime after World War II) and currently face rapid political and socio-economic changes due to the ongoing transformation from command to market-oriented economies and the accession to the European Union. These changes triggered widespread land-use and land-cover change, with consequences for cultural landscapes, biodiversity, and many ecosystem services. Understanding the determinants of land change requires considering multiple scales and the historic background of these regions.

#### Input presentations:

- Franci Petek (SI-Ljubljana): Overview of Alpine pastures development in the Slovenian Alps
- Matej Gabrovec and Mimi Urbanc (PL-Krakow): Development of pastures on common land of Velika planina, the Slovenian Alps
- Patrick Hostert (D-Berlin): Post-socialist land change and consequences for ecosystems and habitats in the Carpathians
- Jacek Kozak (PL-Krakow): Land use changes on high mountain pastures in the Chornohora Range, the Carpathians