

# Climate change in nature parks of the Republic of Croatia: management and development options – Parkadapt2

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## Contracting Authority

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Energy Efficiency Fund (FZOEU),  
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## Implementation period

May 2016 - November 2017



## Project goal

The Parkadapt2 project aims to explore the best world and EU practices in the planning and management of nature parks, adapted to climate change, including a list of the most common and most significant recognized impacts and adaptation measures. The objective of the project is to explore the state of integration of the climate change topic into the nature park management plans in the Republic of Croatia, in the segments of the identification and monitoring of impacts, trends, risks and opportunities, the implementation of mitigation and adaptation measures and educational activities. The goal is also to strengthen the capacity of nature parks in the Republic of Croatia through the dissemination, discussion and application of the acquired knowledge and experience through the Pilot Project in the Nature Park Medvednica and to strengthen the capacity of nature parks for the preparation and application to EU funding programs with a thematic focus on the adaptation of protected areas management to climate changes.

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## Implemented project activities and project results during 2017

During 2017, work on analysing the experience of European parks and strengthening of international cooperation continued. In addition to the desktop analysis, field research was carried out and a member of the project team visited the Zurich-Sihlwald parks, Aargau Jurapark in Switzerland and the European Forestry Institute in Joensuu, Finland.

In the framework of Science with and for Society Call 2017 - HORIZON 2020 programme, the Nature Park Medvednica in co-operation with the European Forestry Institute from Joensuu, Finland, is a partner in the SINCERE project (Spurring Innovations for Forest Ecosystem Services in Europe).

An Action Plan for Adaptation to Climate Change of the Nature Park Medvednica was developed.

The project team went on a study trip to Scotland from 20 to 25 October 2017 to explore the existing experience of monitoring and adapting climate change management in protected areas in the EU. They visited Cairngorms National Park located in the Scottish Highland and Loch Lomond & The Trossachs near Glasgow.

The Handbook for the preparation of action plans for adaptation to climate change in national parks and nature parks of the Republic of Croatia was developed.

Representatives of IRMO participated in the 11th meeting of professional services organized by the Croatian Environmental and Nature Agency (HAOP) held in the Nature Park Biokovo, in Makarska from October 25-27, 2017. At the meeting, the results of the Parkadapt1 and Parkadapt2 projects were presented.

The project “Center for creative and cultural industries for the development of the cultural heritage of castles and fortresses for educational and tourism purposes” - CEKIN was submitted in the scope of the Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia Cooperation Program. IRMO is one of the project partners, as well as the Nature Park Medvednica. This activity enables the capacity building of the Nature Park Medvednica for the design and application of project proposals and includes the impact of climate change on the management of cultural heritage in the park.

Within the Horizon 2020 program, a project proposal SUCCESS - Sustainability governance by communication with and empowerment of society through Science indicators for Responsible Research and Innovation, was prepared.

