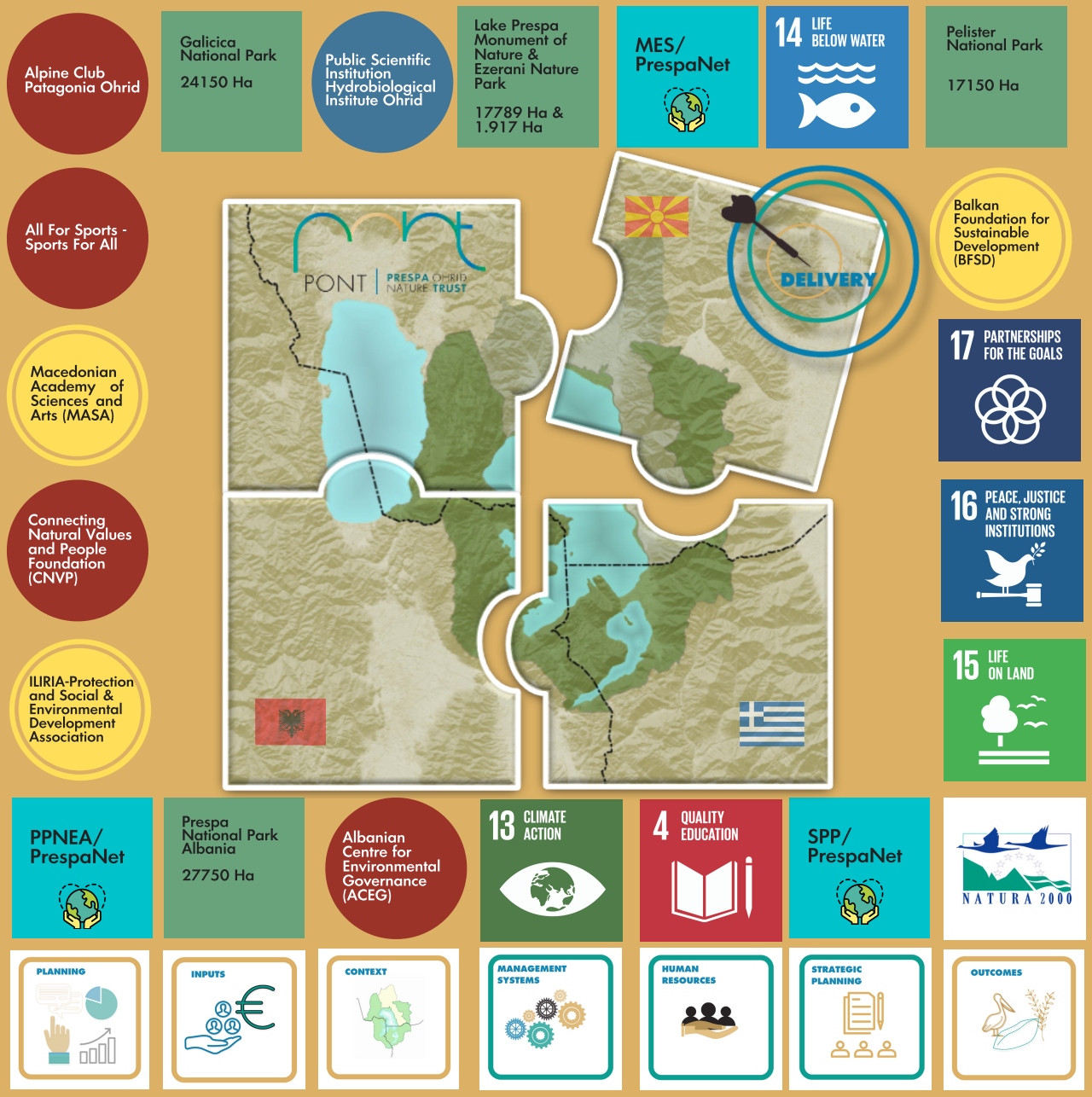
Our Mission - Conserving nature for a sustainable future in the Prespa-Ohrid ecoregion through long-term partnerships and financing.

THE GRANTEE MAP



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- Protected Areas (PA)
- Assistance on IUCN Red List assessments (Global, National) and EU Natura 2000 requirements. Call for Proposals.
- Partnership between public bodies for water monitoring at Lake Prespa.
- PrespaNet Partners
- Supporting PA's in specialised Conservation Action; Environmental education and transboundary Cooperation.
- Involvement and benificiation of local people in PA management. Call for Proposals.

Our Vision - The transboundary Prespa-Ohrid ecoregion is sustained as one of the world's most important biodiversity hotspots where people live and work in harmony with nature.

FOCUS ON ACTION

PONT provides long-term co-financing to Protected Area Management Authorities (PAs) and Environmental Actors (EAs) working in the Prespa-Ohrid ecoregion.

PONT raises and manages funds for conservation grants, underpinned by a rigorous monitoring and evaluation programme. The focus is on supporting operational costs and long-term capacity development, that is complemented by short-term, project-based funding from other donors. PONT is a funding organisation - it is not government affiliated nor does it implement or directly undertake any conservation activities itself.

With a focus on action, PONT supports and emphasises:

- Long-term commitment
- Transparency and accountability
- Optimising sustainable use of resources
- Active local involvement benefiting the local community and working with local organisations
- International and European principles for conservation such as the Natura 2000 network
- Government commitment to conservation
- Effective collaboration and partnership working.

FUNDING APPROACH

PONT aims to improve governance and management effectiveness of the Protected Areas in the Prespa-Ohrid ecoregion, as well as contribute to biodiversity conservation and the sustainable management of natural resources by EAs and transboundary conservation champions present and active in the region (NGOs, municipalities, scientific and academic institutions).

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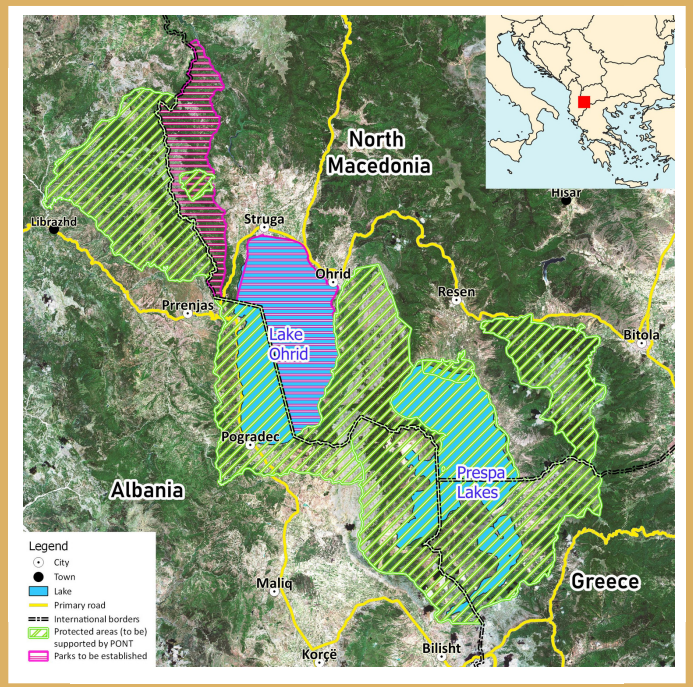
Established in 2015, the Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust (PONT) is the only transboundary conservation trust fund in the Balkans dedicated to preserving the region's rich natural, historical and cultural heritage.

THE REGION

Regarded as one of the most ecologically valuable areas in Europe, the region hosts the Prespa and Ohrid lakes considered to be Europe's oldest lakes. Their waters, surrounding mountains and the animals and plants that make this region magnificent are in dire need of effective and long-term protection.



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OUR IMPACT

Capable organisations working in cooperation with their partners, to effectively manage and wisely use the protected areas nested in a wider resilient landscape for the benefit of nature and people.

OUR PARTNERS

Currently our main partners are the MAVA Foundation and KfW (German Development Bank), which is mandated by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

PONT is actively seeking additional donors to further its work and achieve its mission. Donors can contribute per country, actor, region, with project based funding or capital donations to the fund.

LEGAL STRUCTURE

PONT is a private, legally independent grant-making foundation, registered in Germany. The small but efficient PONT team mainly operates from the PONT Regional Programme Office in Tirana, Albania. Based in Frankfurt, the Nature Trust Alliance provides PONT, Caucasus Nature Fund (CNF), Blue Action Fund as well as Legacy Landscapes Fund with financial, IT and administrative support.

NATURE TRUST ALLIANCE

An investment committee under the PONT Supervisory Board, manages the investment portfolio in line with the joint PONT/CNF investment policy including a sustainability policy

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