

# OUR MISSION - CONSERVING NATURE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE THROUGH LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIPS AND FINANCING

 Red Cross – Local branch Ohrid	 Galicica National Park 24150 Ha	 Alpine Club Patagonia Ohrid	 Public Scientific Institution Hydrobiological Institute Ohrid	 Lake Prespa Monument of Nature & Ezerani Nature Park 17789 Ha & 1.917 Ha	 MES/ PrespaNet	 Pelister National Park 17150 Ha	 13 CLIMATE ACTION
 Vevchanski Springs Monument of Nature 1370 Ha	 Association for active tourism Explorer 2018 Ohrid	 green businesses supported	 Jablanica Mountain National Park	 Lake Ohrid Monument of Nature	 Balkan Foundation for Sustainable Development (BFSD)	 14 LIFE BELOW WATER	 15 LIFE ON LAND
 Eko-svest Subsidiary Vevchani	 Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts (MASA)	 Natura 2000 species	 Korab Koritnik Nature Park Albania 53850 Ha	 Albanian Alps National Park Albania 82845 Ha	 Shar Mountain National Park 62705 Ha	 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS
 Shebenik National Park 34000 Ha	 Pogradec Terrestrial/Aquatic Territory Protected Landscape 27300 Ha	 Natura 2000 Habitats	 Partnerships	 Territory (ha) of Protected Areas	 Mavrovo National Park 62705 Ha	 4 QUALITY EDUCATION	
 AlbNatyra Association	 Une, Gruaja (Me, the Woman)	 Ecological Corridors	 Prespa National Park Albania 27750 Ha	 Endemic Species	 PPNEA/ PrespaNet	 Prespa National Park Greece 32700 Ha	 Albanian Centre for Environmental Governance (ACEG)
 United Agro-Environmental Association (Agri-En)	 Connecting Natural Values and People Foundation (CNVP)	 ILIRIA-Protection and Social & Environmental Development Association	 SPP/ PrespaNet	 NATURA 2000			
 PLANNING	 CONTEXT	 INPUTS	 MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	 HUMAN RESOURCES	 STRATEGIC PLANNING	 OUTCOMES	

## PRESPA OHRID NATURE TRUST



- 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.
- Capacity development and watershed management. Call for Proposals.
- Future Call for Proposals and partners.

 Output 1	 Output 2	 Output 3	 Output 4
Sustainability Preserved	Effective Funding	Conservation Supported	Effective Management

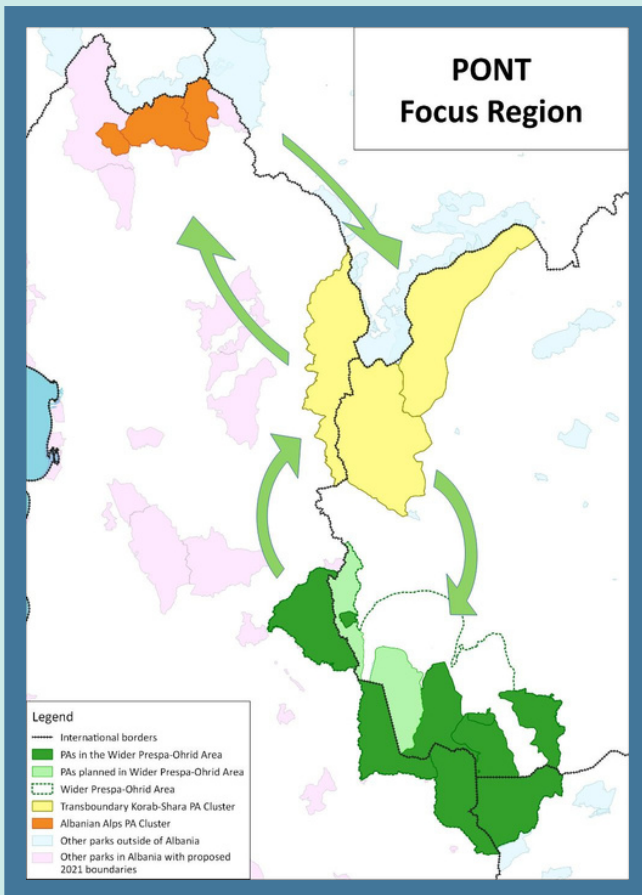
# OUR VISION - TRANSBOUNDARY CONSERVATION AREAS ARE RECONNECTED AND SUSTAINED AS IMPORTANT BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOTS WHERE PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

## PRESPA OHRID NATURE TRUST

Established in 2015, the Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust (PONT) is the only transboundary conservation trust fund in the Balkans.

### THE PONT FOCUS REGION

The work of PONT initially focused on the Prespa Lakes and their surrounding environment, including the entire Galicica National Park and Pelister National Park in North Macedonia which extends outside the watershed of the Prespa Lakes. PONT then expanded its work beyond the wider Prespa region adding the wider Ohrid region and other conservation areas in both North Macedonia and Albania. PONT has now further expanded to include the Korab-Shara region and the Albanian Alps region as well as ecological corridors connecting the regions.



## FOCUS ON ACTION

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

PONT raises and manages funds for conservation grants, underpinned by a rigorous monitoring and evaluation programme. The focus is on supporting operational costs, conservation actions, and long-term capacity development for local organisations, complemented by the work through national EAs/NGOs and 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 the governance and management effectiveness of the Protected Areas in the PONT focus region, 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).

**E-MAIL: [INFO@PONT.ORG](mailto:INFO@PONT.ORG)**  
**WEBSITE: [WWW.PONT.ORG](http://WWW.PONT.ORG)**

## 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, or 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.



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

