

1st Open Call- Normal Projects	
Project code	ROHU-103
Project title	IRIS Joint protection of cross-border natural values Carei-Nyiradony
Priority axis	1 - Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)
Investment priority	6/c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage.
Implementation period	28 Months (April 01, 2018 – July 31, 2020)
Objective	The project's main objective was the conservation and safeguarding of the sites part of the national natural parks. Conserving their natural values, organizing awareness campaigns on the protection, promotion and development of their natural heritage and creating tourist routes to facilitate access to these natural values of these areas (ensuring accessibility by bicycle) will also increase the number of visitors.
Partners	Lead Beneficiary: Municipality of Carei (Romania)
	Project Partners: PP2: Gúth-Keled Non-profit Association for Tourism and Nature Protection (Hungary)
TOTAL Budget	€ 665,714.00 out of which ERDF € 565,856.90 Total eligible expenditure certified within the project: € 657,161.63 Budget execution: 98.72%
Summary	<p>The activities implemented within the project aimed to improve the iris conservation state, a species threatened with extinction, and the efficient promotion of the cross-border natural heritage by connecting the Carei Dendrological Park with the Nyíradony Szakolykert and the Feny Forest through a thematic route. Improving the natural heritage of the area, it became more attractive, leading to an increased number of tourists in the area.</p> <p>The main activities implemented within the project::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a new thematic route starting at Gencsy House, Nyíradony and ending in the Carei Dendrological Park (with 31 signs, 8 information panels, 1 tent, 25 bicycles and 3 rest points for visitors);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring and conserving the original iris habitat in the Fény forest (land preparation, iris planting, soil remediation, habitat testing and further care) • Creating a garden for native species in Nyíradony Szakolykert, near the Gencsy House. This garden will be predominated by iris and the native species, presenting the plant itself and its habitat; • Constructing a fixed stage at Gencsy House for various activities such as lectures, presentations and events; • Creating a service building (with toilets, sinks, showers, etc.) at the Gencsy House in Nyíradony; • Setting up two information points to promote the area and thematic routes; • Rehabilitation and conservation work at the Dendrological Park in Carei (land clearing, creation of new alleys, renovations of the old skating rink where a new mobile skating rink will operate in winter and an outdoor exhibition in summer); • Creating a thematic route in the Dendrological Park around Karolyi Castle in Carei, Romania (with digital display, tree information panels, 100 maps and bicycle parking for visitors); • Developing a mobile application for tourists presenting the thematic route, all the relevant natural and cultural attractions and the tourist services along this route. <p><i>On July 31, 2020, the project was successfully finalized. All activities provided in the project were completed (100%).</i></p> <p>The Programme Output Indicator is CO23 <i>Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status</i>. Through the project ROHU-103, 306.54 hectares of land have better conservation status.</p>
<p>Main results</p>	<p>The main results of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 thematic route, starting from the Gencsy House in Nyíradony and the final point is the Carei Dendrological Park; - 306.54 ha of land, the original habitat of the iris and other native species restored, developed and conserved; - 1 mobile application for tourists. <p>Website/webpage: http://guthkeledegyesulet.hu/?page_id=320 https://nyirbike.hu/en/home/ https://www.municipiulcarei.ro/conferinta-de-inchidere-rohu/</p>