

Reviving alpine meadowland in Gorenjska: sustaining vibrant blooms and safeguarding endangered species

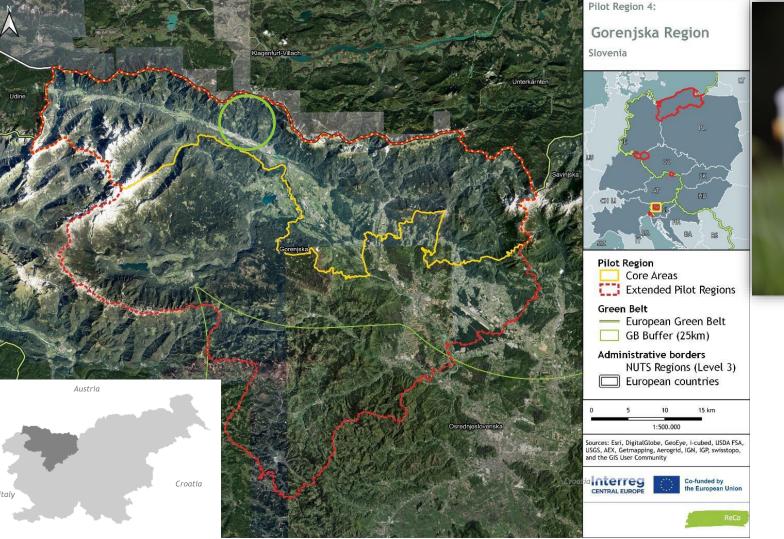




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#### Sustaining vibrant blooms and safeguarding endengered species



What is the problem?

Decreasing of rich alpine meadows in Nature 2000 sites

Changes in agriculture practices

Accelerated forest management

Climate change (drought, floods, storms, mudslides...)



What is our goal?

Encourage the use of conservation measures for certain species

Raising awareness among the population and visitors about the importance of natural values and biodiversity conservation

In the long term, to establish and improve the management of smaller nature protected areas

Integration of the work of the various sectoral professional services and local authorities



What is our pilot action?

1. Upgrading the Daffodil Conservation Programme in Jesenice area

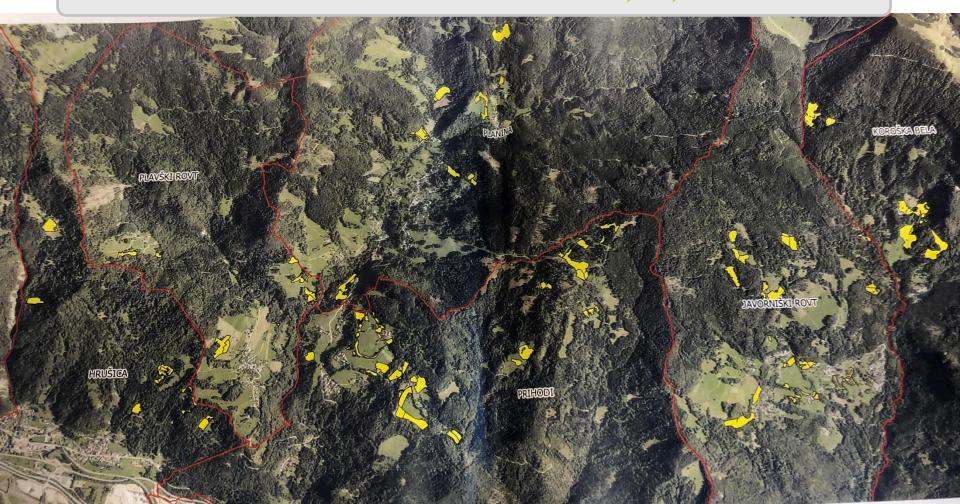
2. Providing integrated VR+AR experience on web app and VR glasses



#### **UPGRADE OF DAFFODIL CONSERVATION PROGRAMME**



2024: 36 contracts with landowners/farmers, 40,52 ha included





#### Inspection of the farmers

Evaluation of the agricultural areas:

- Checking cultivation units by altitude at least once a year
- Size of the mowed area
- Time of the mowing (premature mowing)
- A different processing method from the one declared in the contract
- Ineligible area included in the scheme



# A report of farmers land monitoring in 2024

- 49 discrepancies were found for 18 owners
- the cultivated area or part of it has not been mown (182.0 a),
- premature mowing (47.4 a),
- less demanding cultivation method than declared (20,6 a),
- ineligible area overgrown/no daffodils (15,5 a)
- incomplete cultivation grass cuttings not harvested (6,8 a)



### Monitoring of daffodil plots

- Counting number of daffodil flowers early June
- 10 plots of land (with and without cultivation), circle of 2m diameter, + climatological data (average temperature and rainfall)
- % of daffodils in flower/% of daffodils have already flowered
- 2024: 40% daffodils less than last year
- Possible reasons: snow and frost conditions in late spring





### Collecting seeds of daffodil

- Guideliness on seed collections prepared by Institute of RS for Nature Conservation (IRSNC) - May 2024
- Collecting the seeds in June 2024
- 0,5 l of seeds collected on 7 meadows
- Drying the seeds in the dark and airy space - 3 weeks
- Agreement with IRSNC about the sustainability of the measure until 2029



### Sowing the collected seeds

Three fields established to test the success of daffodil planting (also in the future)

VKOPAVANJE

- Division of test field
- Sowing implementation
- Instructions for monitoring the condition of test plots
- Monitoring of the growth performance until 2029 - sustainability









### Mowing of steep meadows

- Mowing presentation of steep meadow to farmers - 7 July 2024
- 4 farmers selected for mowing of their steep meadows
- Farmer's experience
- Solutions for the future implementation







# Event for visitors at the time of daffodil flowering

- Organization of a hiking trip among daffodils,
  Saturday, 11 May 2024, 30 participants
- Shared information about the area, people, history,
- Raising awareness about biodiversity of the meadows and proper behaviour in the nature presented by botanist from The Slovenian Museum of Natural History







#### Workshop for landowners

- Sunday, 7 July 2024, 50 people (10 farmers)
- Programme:
  - workshop about the richness of biodiversity in meadows of Karavanke prepared by IRSNC
  - demonstration of mowing with a remote- controlled mower, lecture on the richness of biodiversity





# Presentation of VR+AR experience about daffodils

- Promotional event for local stakeholders, residents, landowners and other interested general public
- Presentation of the VR web app and test of the VR glasses
- Exchange of views on the virtual glasses experience
- Implemented on 19 February 2025



#### Cvetoče narcise kadarkoli?



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- predstavitev aplikacije
- preizkus virtualnih očal
- druženje + pogostitev



Dvorana KS, Planina pod Golico 31

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2025: 38 Contracts with landowners/farmers; 42,63 ha included



## VIRTUAL REALITY

Presentation

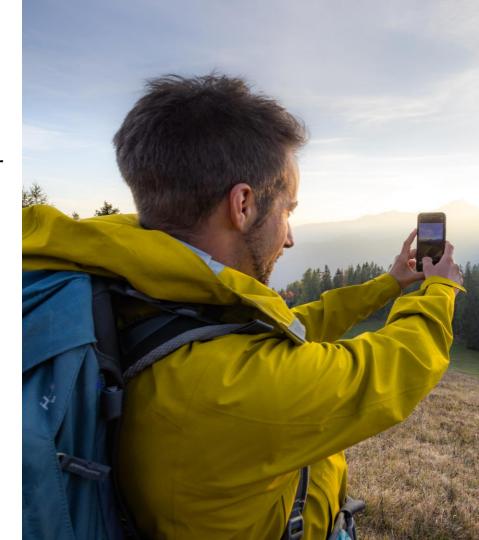
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7. VR+AR EXPERIENCE ABOUT DAFFODILS

#### The main purpose

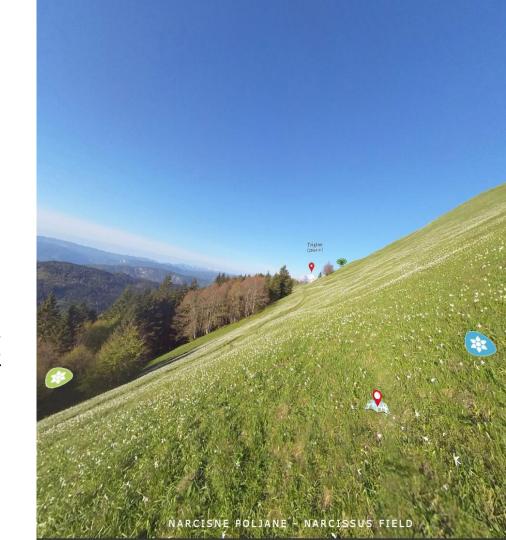
- Increase accessibility visable all year long
- Raise visitor awareness: The natural habitat of the daffodil and people's efforts to preserve it
- Present other rich biodiversity of the area
- Inform the visitors how to behave in nature



#### VR+AR concept

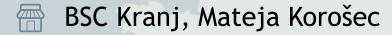
- Based on 360-degree images of the meadows and daffodils flowering
- Information points: photos, texts, maps
- Access: via web app, QR codes on the spot by visitors' devices. VR glasses in TIC Jesenice for more immersive experience: a story that guides the visitor through different locations

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