

Setting up Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust

Piggybacking for speed

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Context

- Complex
 - Transboundary
 - Multiple protected areas designations
- Long term interest
 - Donor commitment
 - CSO engagement
- A solid NGO and weak institutional bodies
- Determination to make it happen



Set up mechanism

- Donors driven process – 2012 Luc Hoffmann request. KFW & MAVA
- Rapid set up blue printing on Caucasian Nature Trust
 - Feasibility study (2014),
 - Establishment as a non-profit entity based on German foundation law (2015),
 - Rapid capitalisation (2016),
 - First grant (2016).
- Development of a realistic strategy and respecting donors' niches
- Establishment of a governance and operational mode warranting good delivery on the mission

Challenges / Perspectives

- Unfavorable political context
 - Economic crisis
 - Lack of appropriate regulatory framework
- Low absorption capacity
 - Limited NGO capacity
 - Weak management bodies of national parks and reserves
- Sufficient capitalisation in view of low interest rates?

Recommendations

- Deep commitment
- Strong leadership
- Complementarity of donors profiles
- Build on existing strengths and knowledge
- Communicate transparently with stakeholders



Thank you - Merci

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