

## Ranger Training: Rewilding Projects & Human-Wildlife Conflicts

We are pleased to invite you as rangers of our member organisations to our **training with focus on Rewilding (European bison) and Conflict Management between Local Communities and Large Carnivores** in cooperation with the Romanian Ranger Association. The three days of training will focus on reintroduction programmes, monitoring large carnivores and best practice to solve conflicts.

It is organized in the Rusca Area, Țarcu Mountains, at Wittmann Cabin. This area is known for the European bison reintroduction project in the Southwest Carpathians.

The theme of the programme aims to familiarise European rangers with the practice of Romanian rangers in terms of intervening in conflicts between wildlife and local communities in Romania's protected areas.

In this sense, we propose three topics for discussion:

- Conflicts in the European bison reintroduction area in the Southwest Carpathians of Romania the Armeniş area
- Solutions and methods of intervention in mountain grazing areas. Training of herding dogs for guarding and chasing wild animals on grazing areas.
- Interventions in conflicts with large carnivores (especially bears and wolves)

There will be three intensive days of presentations and discussions on the proposed topics, with field trips to understand how to intervene and put into practice the methods and solutions used by the rangers.

## Registration: bit.ly/3vCzTl1

## **Speakers**



Catalin Josan – Member of Rewilding Europe

Ranger & wilderness guide. Presentation of solutions and methods of intervention in the areas where there are conflicts between the bison and the local communities in the reintroduction area.



**Radu Popa** – Ecological Education Specialist, Grădiștea Muncelului-Cioclovina Natural Park

Part of the team that implemented the project "Facilitating the coexistence of humans with large carnivores" in the SW Carpathians. Within this project, methods of using electric fences, training dogs of the Romanian Carpathian Shepherd breed were developed for the protection of animals that graze in the alpine areas.



Terciu Laviniu – Ranger in Parc Național Piatra Craiului

Specialist dealing with the resolution of conflicts between residents of the protected area and large carnivores (wolves and bears).



**Matei Andrian Miculescu** – Ranger since 2014 in the European bison reintroduction project in Tarcu Mountains coordinated by WWF Romania.

Currently working on two types of activities: participation in the collection of data and evidence in ongoing scientific studies on bison and working as enterprise officer in local community development initiative called Wewilder