

## **Report of activities in BRs in Slovenia for 2021**

Four biosphere reserves (BR) in Slovenia which are part of the MAB Programme, namely Kozjansko and Obsotelje BR, Julian Alps BR, Karst BR and Mura BR (part of the transnational BR) have been working on common projects as well as on their own programmes.

Activities in Slovenian BRs were limited due to COVID 19 restrictions. Nevertheless, the activities were adjusted to the current situation already in the phase of planning.

Common work of BRs is organised within National Committee for MAB Programme which was established within Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO.

National Committee applied for funds of Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO with three projects in which all BRs are cooperating:

- Project1: Guidelines for common communication of BRs in Slovenia (communication strategy). The result (by the end of 2021) will be a document for communication at different levels and will be an important tool for better communication of BRs within different stakeholders. The document will follow guidelines and directions of MAB Programme.
- Manual for marking (signalising) BRs in Slovenia along highways, regional and local roads, settlements etc. as part of the communication strategy and in accordance with national signalisation.
- A special attention is be put on marking the 50th Anniversary of MAB Programme. Each BR is preparing their programme, also marking their own anniversaries. Activities include conferences, presentations of research work, events, festivals, etc.

Apart from common activities of BRs, each BR holds its own activities, mainly connected to educational programmes, research and trade marks.