

CV for the nomination of MSCs Vilmos KISZEL

as Regional Councillor for IUCN Eastern Europe, North and Central Asia

Vilmos KISZEL has been a leading environmental activist and educator in Hungary for three decades. Well during the communist era, with his organisation successfully challenged the restrictive practices of the regime by launching grassroot environmental & social initiatives.

Vilmos, by his graduation astronomer, planetary scientist and teacher, later studied geo-sciences, biology and environmental law, has served as the president of Göncöl Foundation, a leading environmental NGO in Hungary since 1986. Besides this held various academic positions, since 2017 Senior Researcher and at present lecturer National University of Public Service. He was member and chairman of the National Council on Environment – a tripartite advisory body to the Hungarian government – between 1996-2006.

Vilmos also participated in various international forums and projects; he has been a World Bank conservation expert (Black Sea nutrient reduction and hydropower) and member of the Steering Committee of the UNEP/TEMATEA Programme on Biodiversity Conventions.

Vilmos was senior advisor and tutor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary in the Peace Process during the II. war in the Balcans from 2003 to 2007. He has broad experiences in this region, worked local, trans-boundary, governmental and international levels as well.

Vilmos has actively participated in the work of IUCN for two decades. He has been a member of the Commission on Environmental Law since 1996 and World Commission on Protected Areas since 2000. From 2008 to 2012 he has served as Regional Councillor of IUCN for respective region, as co-chairs re-established the Governance Committee and was member of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Council of IUCN. During the last four years he is member of Program and Policy Standing Committee and Business Engagement Taskforce.

During his councillorship he has initiated and/or coached several motions to the upcoming Congress of IUCN, decisions of the Council on governance, economic and ethical issues of IUCN, contributed to essential matters with a view to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

His objective is reinforcing direct democracy, empowering membership and providing enhanced co-operative works by the offices and membership of the Union together.

These objectives can be implemented in harmony with the principles of continuity and stability and in full respect of IUCN's heritage, organisational strengths and achievements.

Vilmos author, publisher, editor and project leader on national and international programs.

“in Alliance with Nature” on 23th January, 2025, Vác Göncöl Foundation, nominator