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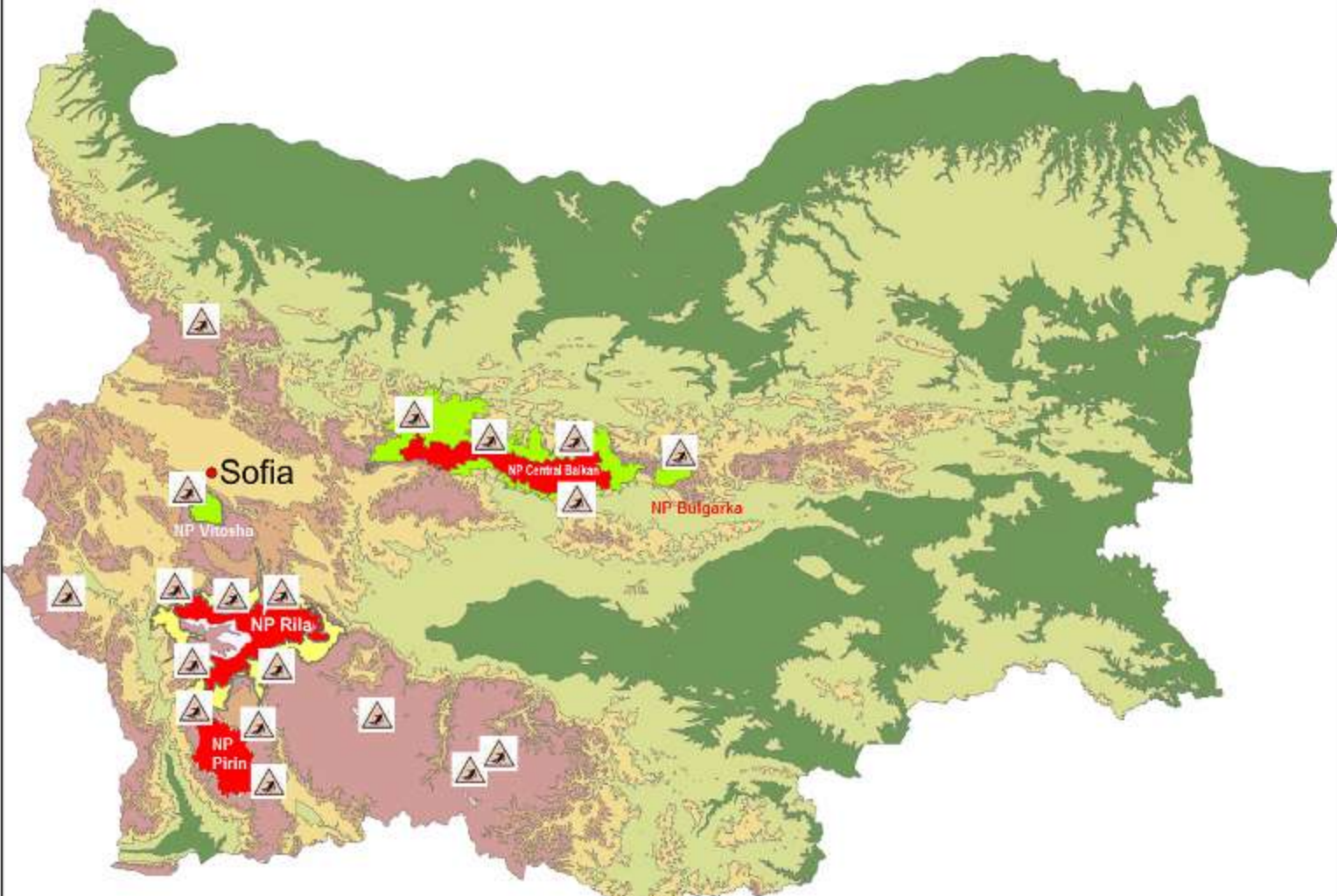
Campaign for the preservation of the Bulgarian nature

Rila and Pirin cases

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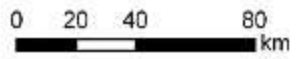
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Ski resorts in National parks and Natura 2000 in Bulgaria

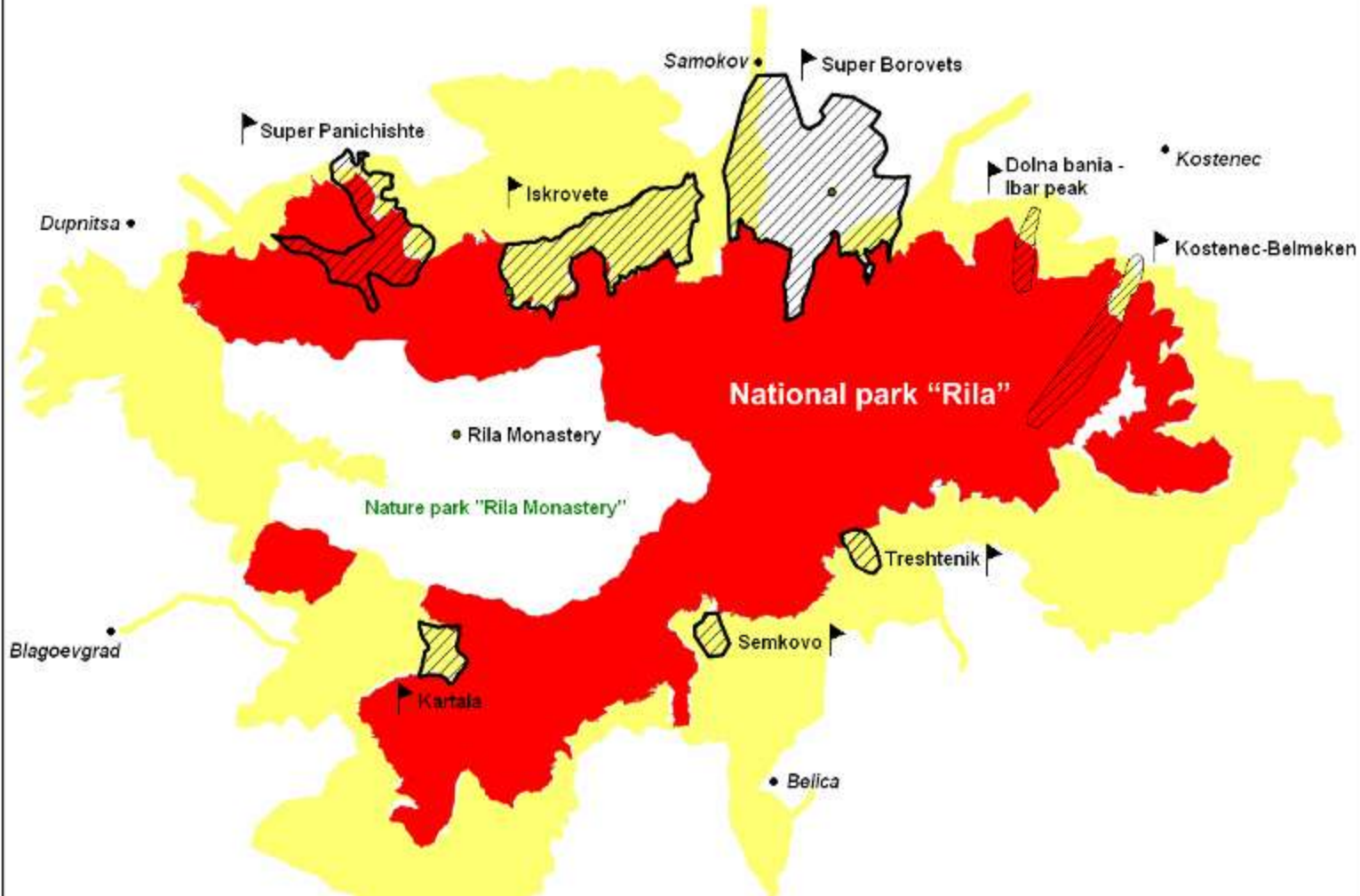


Present and address the problems on strategic level !

Legend
 ski resorts in planning and/or construction phase



Ski resort projects in Rila Mountain



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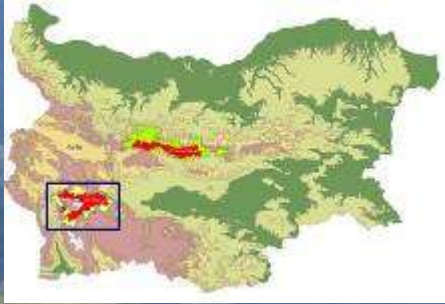
-  Ski resorts
-  pSCI "Rila"
BG0000495
-  pSCI "Rila-buffer"
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still not on the national list
-  *towns*

0 2.5 5 10 km

You need good maps and GIS-analysis.



Rila Case Experience



Make positive public campaigns!

“Save the beauty of Rila” instead of “Stop the destruction of Rila”

- PAN Parks
- Natura 2000
- UNESCO
(additional protection)



“The Seven Rila lakes”

- Follow every step of the investors – *EC needs evidences (photo's, Google Earth, documents, scientific facts, etc.)*
- Sent signals and complaints to the authorities and the court - *EC wants NGOs to pass all national legal steps*



“Kartala ski area”



- Lost case despite top evidences
- Only one NGO lead the legal fight
- Not enough public support

The Prime-Minister hangs for 1 h

Bansko Ski resort in Pirin

- Built before 2007
- New violations after 2007

Тодорин връх (2746 м)



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Pointer 41°46'34.56" N 23°26'42.82" E elev 5952 ft

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Eye alt 6805 ft



Transect of new four-seat lift

Old drag lift

Ski run - to be recultivated acc. to EIA 67-13/2000 (still not done!)

No good scientific evidence => EC was not hard enough => Violations go on!

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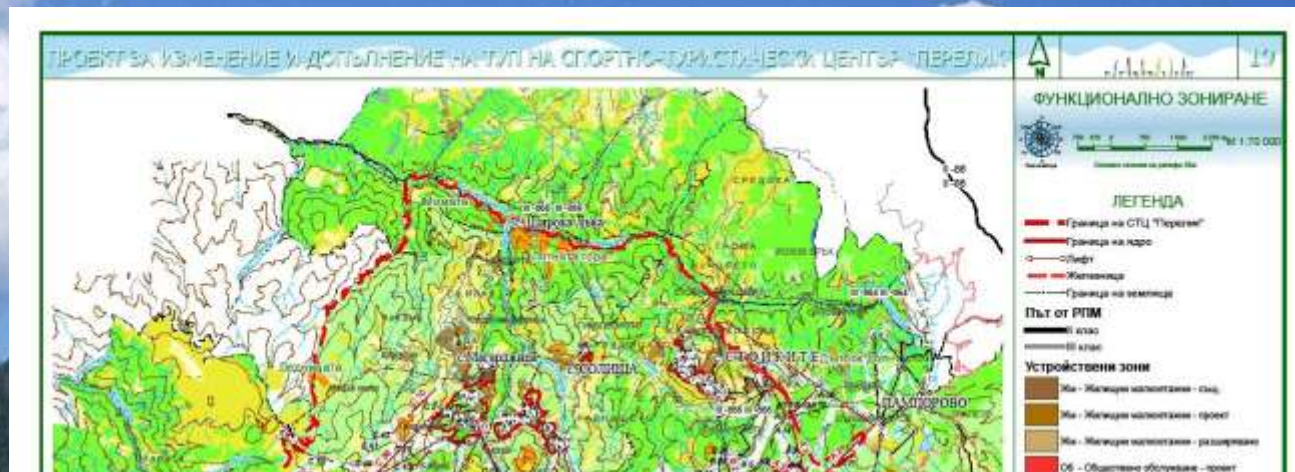
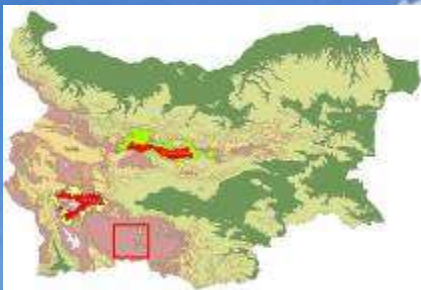
Eye alt 1.53 km

Ski resorts in National park Pirin



Stop the project in the earliest possible phase!

Good practice – Perelik case



- Ski resort project with huge impact on Natura 2000 (scientific evidences)
- The project authorized without SEA in 2007 (documents)
- Complaint to EC and parliamentary questions in EP
- Project withdrawn by the Municipality in 2009



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Proposed areas of conservation interest under the Emerald process, West Balkan

-  Areas of conservation
-  Capitals

