

## **Annex No. 7. List of activities as environmental defender: Andrey Kovachev**

Andrey Kovachev is a naturalist, field biologist – herpetologist, conservationist.

Since 1991, he has been an activist and an advocate in the Wildlife Association BALKANS, which was founded in the year by students of the Faculty of Biology of Sofia University.

In 1991, together with his friends and fellow students, organized the first purely environmental protests in the country after the fall of communism to stop the use of poisons to kill wolves. Since then he has participated in all public conservation campaigns.

In 1997 he took active part in the launch of the Save Kresna campaign and has been involved ever since.

In 2000 he initiated the campaign to save Pirin.

In 2006, he was one of the initiators of the campaign to save Irakli (wild beach on the Black Sea).

He is a co-founder and initiator of the For the Nature Coalition and an active participant in numerous other public campaigns.

For 11 years, until 2011 he was a member of the Higher Expert Environmental Council at the Ministry of Environment.

From 2008 to 2014, he was co-chair of the newly established environmental political party "The Greens", a member of the European Greens (now Green Movement).