

ICPDR Statement at the COP6 Carpathian Convention 25 November 2020

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen!

It is my honour today to attend the 6th Conference of Parties of Carpathian Convention.

The Carpathian Convention has cooperated closely with the ICPDR for almost two decades, starting with the adoption of the Carpathian Convention back in 2001. Such cooperation is vital in our shared Danube–Carpathian region, and both mountains and rivers are a common heritage that must be protected, plus a key resource for us towards achieving sustainable development.

The kinds of issues we deal with, are interlinked – such as climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation, ecosystem and forest management, sustainable agriculture or production of renewable energy. The synergies between our two organisations are vast – time is of the essence though, so I cannot go through them all today!

I'm very happy to come here in our role as a representative of an observer organisation. We at the ICPDR understand the importance of observers as the connective tissue between external stakeholders and the institutions they're observing, all of which helps to achieve long-term sustainable water and river basin management goals.

In short though, organisations like ours observing each other, is a vital piece of this puzzle holding these shared issues together.

Sub basin activities are of great importance to us at the ICPDR, and the Tisza Sub Basin, is shared between five of our member countries. It will go a long way towards further development and implementation of activities and information exchange amongst the local communities in the Carpathian region.

Therefore, I warmly welcome the cooperation of the ICPDR Tisza Group in the frame of the “Joint Declaration” with Carpathian Convention.

On behalf of the ICPDR 2020 President Dorin Andros of Moldova in addition to myself – allow me to wish you many more years of successful work for the in the Carpathians, and to congratulate the Parties to the Carpathian Convention on their successes.

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