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in the Carpathian Convention  
2020 - 2023



**Carpathian Convention COP6**

**Report on the progress in the  
implementation of the Carpathian  
Convention by the Secretariat**

**25 November 2020  
ONLINE MEETING**

# The Carpathian Convention

- A framework Convention for cooperation and multi-sectoral policy coordination
- Adopted on 22nd May 2003
- Entered in force on 4th January 2006
- Ratified by all the seven Carpathian countries
- A platform for joint strategies for sustainable development
- A forum for dialogue between all stakeholders involved
- UN Environment Vienna Office provides the Secretariat for the Carpathian Convention
- Goal: Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathian Region



# Carpathian Convention - regional instrument for achieving Sustainable Development Goals in the Carpathians



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# Institutional Structure and Protocols



Conference of the Parties (COP)

Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC)



Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity



Protocol on Sustainable Tourism



Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management



Protocol on Sustainable Transport



Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development



Protocol in place

# 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP5) Hungary, 2017



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Adoption and signature of the Protocol on  
Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

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Adoption of the new Article on Climate Change  
to the Carpathian Convention

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Adoption of the COP5 Decisions



**Decision COP6/1**  
*on implementation of the  
 Carpathian Convention*

## Improving functioning of the Carpathian Convention Working Groups

Table indicating the Carpathian Convention Working Groups and the Parties taking the leading role of them for the period of 2021 – 2023 (from COP6 to COP7)

Name of the Working Group	Leading role
<b>WG on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity</b>	
<b>WG on Spatial Development</b>	?
<b>WG on Agriculture and Rural Development</b>	
<b>WG on Sustainable Forest Management</b>	
<b>WG on Sustainable Industry, Energy, Transport and Infrastructure</b>	
<b>WG on Sustainable Tourism</b>	
<b>WG on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge</b>	
<b>WG on Adaptation to Climate Change</b>	

**Main decisions:**

- establishing a role of the Chairperson of each existing Working Group (WGs) to enhance the implementation of the Convention and support cooperation and exchange of information among WGs and other relevant actors

## Decision COP6/1 on implementation of the Carpathian Convention

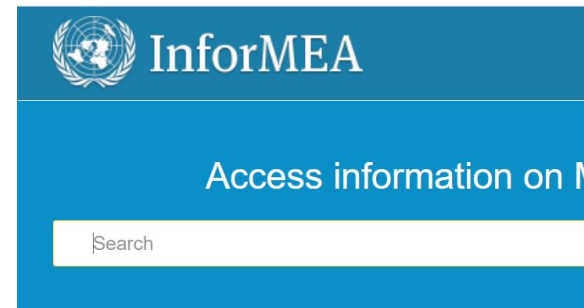
# Towards elaborating a comprehensive reporting system on the implementation of the Carpathian Convention and all its Protocols

### Main decisions:

- taking note of the efforts made towards elaborating a comprehensive reporting system on the implementation of the Carpathian Convention and all its Protocols
- encouraging the Parties to make use of the Data Reporting Tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements, which shall lead to harmonizing knowledge management and national reporting, limiting the reporting burden of the Parties to the extent possible and increasing transparency and value of data collection and analysis



UNEP DaRT Team provided an introductory training on DaRT at the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee, held on 8 October 2020



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Convention on  
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## Decision COP6/1 on implementation of the Carpathian Convention

## Welcoming organization of the Carpathian Convention meetings – 19 meetings and workshops (4 in online format)

- 3 meetings of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee
- 1 meeting of the Working Group on Cultural Heritage Traditional Knowledge
- 3 meeting of the Working Group on Working Group on Sustainable Transport
- 1 meeting of the Working Group on Working Group on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development
- 3 meeting of the Working Group on Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity (WG Biodiversity)
- 1 meeting of the Working Group on Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management
- 2 meeting of the Working Group on Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change
- 1 workshop on minimising the negative impacts of power lines on birds organized by the EUSDR PA 2 “Sustainable Energy”
- 1 workshop on large carnivores monitoring and conservation in the Carpathians
- 1 Workshop Towards the standardization of monitoring procedures for large carnivore’s populations in the Carpathian
- 1 workshop “Education for Science and Society in the Carpathians”
- 1 training on the Climate Data Store (CDS), part of the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) User Learning Services





**Decision COP6/2**  
*on cooperation with regional and local authorities and all relevant stakeholders*

## Introducing new COP Decision emphasising the importance of the Polish Presidency priority

### Main decisions:

- promoting and supporting implementation of the Carpathian Convention across the sectors at the regional and local level
- encouraging regional and local authorities and relevant stakeholders to actively engage in and contribute to the process of implementation the Carpathian Convention in order to foster strong ownership of the convention and its activities undertaken in the Carpathian region
- recommending development of projects supporting outreach programmes targeting local and regional authorities, universities and other relevant stakeholders to increase their awareness of the importance of the protection and sustainable development of the Carpathian region and of the Convention's activities
- welcoming ongoing cooperation with the regional governments of the Carpathians and encouraging the other regional and local authorities to follow this good example of cooperation



2<sup>nd</sup> Carpathian Days of Good Neighbourhood - Meeting of the Carpathian Regions  
8-10 August 2019 in Muczne, Poland

## Decision COP6/3 on cooperation with the European Union

## Towards the European Union accession to the Carpathian Convention

### Main decisions:

- reiterating the previous COP Decisions inviting the **European Union to join the Carpathian Convention as a Party,**
- Implementing the the **Road Map for the EU accession to the Carpathian Convention**
- considering introducing a "Regional Economic Integration Organization Clause" into the Carpathian Convention, making it possible for the EU to become Party to the Convention
- Following the process of establishing the **Macroregional Strategy for the Carpathians**
- Welcoming the new **EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030** and the ongoing developments of the new **EU Forest Strategy post-2020** and inviting the Parties and relevant stakeholders to **contribute to achieving the EU Strategies through implementing the Carpathian Convention and its objectives**



### Main decisions:

- closer cooperation between UNEP and the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention for enhancing implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development including SDGs
- appreciating better recognition of the Carpathian Convention, 1 out of 16 Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) administrated by UNEP
- encouraging activities to enhance synergies and programmatic cooperation between UNEP and the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
- encouraging greater engagement by the Carpathian Convention, in the activities of the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA)
- inviting greater engagement of Major Groups and Stakeholders from the Carpathian Region in the UNEA and its preparatory process
- Inviting UNEP to participate in the regional forums of ministers of environment, and in the Ministerial Conference of the Carpathian Convention to be held in Poland in 2021



Fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly



Fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

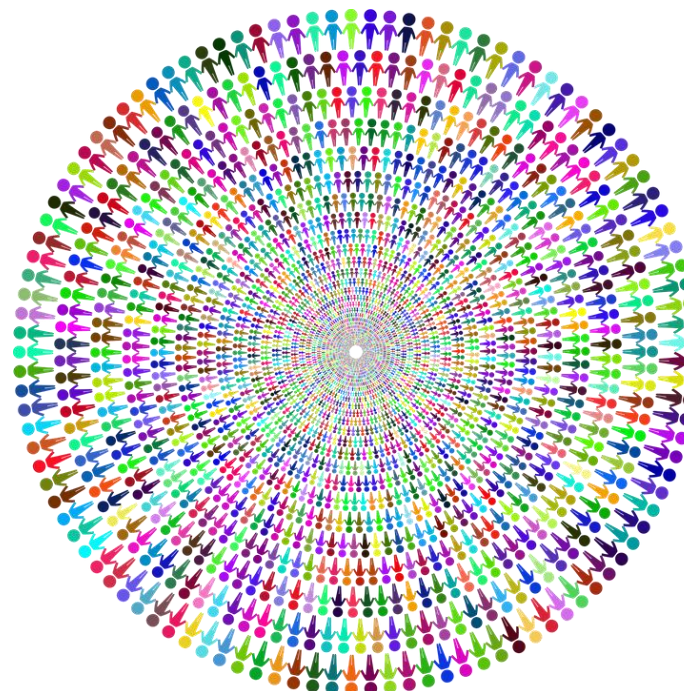
## Decision COP6/5

### Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies

## Strengthening cooperation with many international actors

#### Main decisions:

- welcoming and supporting further cooperation with around 30 international actors and agreements
- welcoming the United Nations General Assembly resolution No. 74/227 on "Sustainable Mountain Development" adopted in December 2019, that recognizes the importance and work of the Carpathian Convention
- welcoming the upcoming UN Decade on Ecosystems Restoration 2021 – 2030 and calling upon the Parties to make strong commitments to achieve transformational ecosystem restoration
- adopting the Memorandum of Cooperation between Euromontana and the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
- appreciating the awarding of the Carpathian Convention with the prestigious WWF "Gift to the Earth" Award and expressing its gratitude WWF CEE for its continued support and contribution to the work of the Carpathian Convention



## Decision COP6/6 Implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

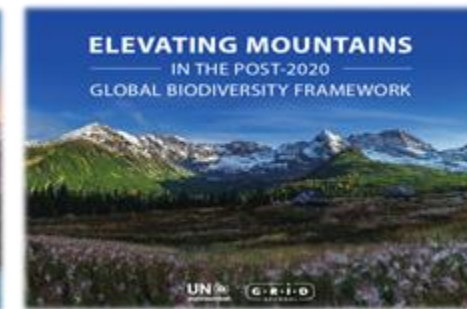
## Supporting and contributing to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

### Main decisions:

- recognizing the role of the Carpathian Convention as a **regional mechanism for the implementation of the upcoming Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework** in the Carpathians
- revising the trilateral Memorandum of Cooperation between the CBD, the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention in the light of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework



- raising the importance of **mountain biodiversity** within the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and other global political agendas
- developing the **Carpathian Commitments for the implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework** in the form of the Political Declaration



### ! Mountain Biodiversity Day – 13 January 2021

#### ONLINE MEETING to:

- 1) raise awareness for mountain biodiversity,
- 2) help understand common challenges for mountain regions & Joining forces for mountain biodiversity
- 3) develop a joint message for CBD COP15

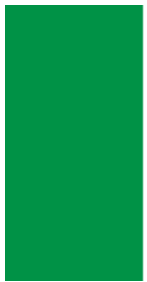


## Decision COP6/7 on cooperation with Eurac Research

## Strengthening and appreciating the cooperation with Eurac Research

### Main decisions:

- expressing its gratitude for the **continuous assistance in the implementation of the Carpathian Convention through the Eurac Vienna Representing Office** and inviting to continuing the fruitful established cooperation
- Eurac long lasting presence in the **Secretariat**
- acknowledging the **role of Eurac Research in supporting the development and execution of numerous projects** focused on the implementation of the Carpathian Convention, encourages further cooperation with Eurac Research in this respect



## Decision COP6/8

*Strengthening science – policy - practice interface and cooperation with scientific networks*

Acknowledging the importance of science in the policy making processes



Science for the Carpathians

### Main decisions:

- welcoming the stronger **collaboration with the Science for the Carpathians (S4C) network**
- welcoming the project “**Integrating nature protection and sustainable tourism development in the Carpathian region via science- policy-practice interface**” and its possible follow up funded by the German Federal Environment Ministry’s Advisory Assistance Programme (AAP), the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and the German Environment Agency
- welcoming organization of the **5th Forum Carpaticum 2018** on Adaptation to Environmental and Social Risk in the Carpathian Mountain Region, and the **6th Forum Carpaticum to be held in 2021** on Linking the Environmental, Political and Societal Aspects for Carpathian Sustainability
- welcoming the elaboration of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Cooperation between the Science for the Carpathians Network (S4C) and the Scientific Network for the Caucasus Mountain Region (SNC-mt),

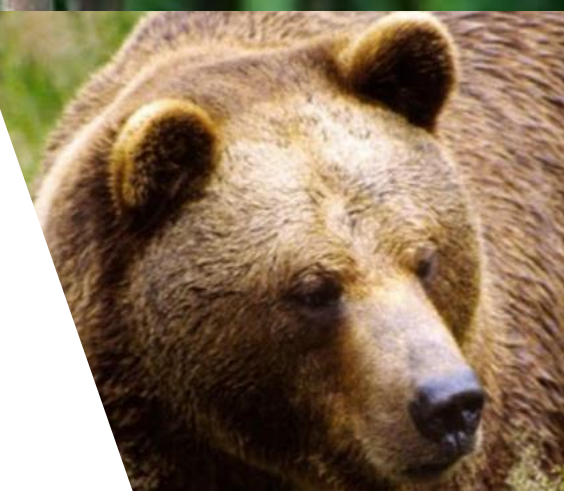
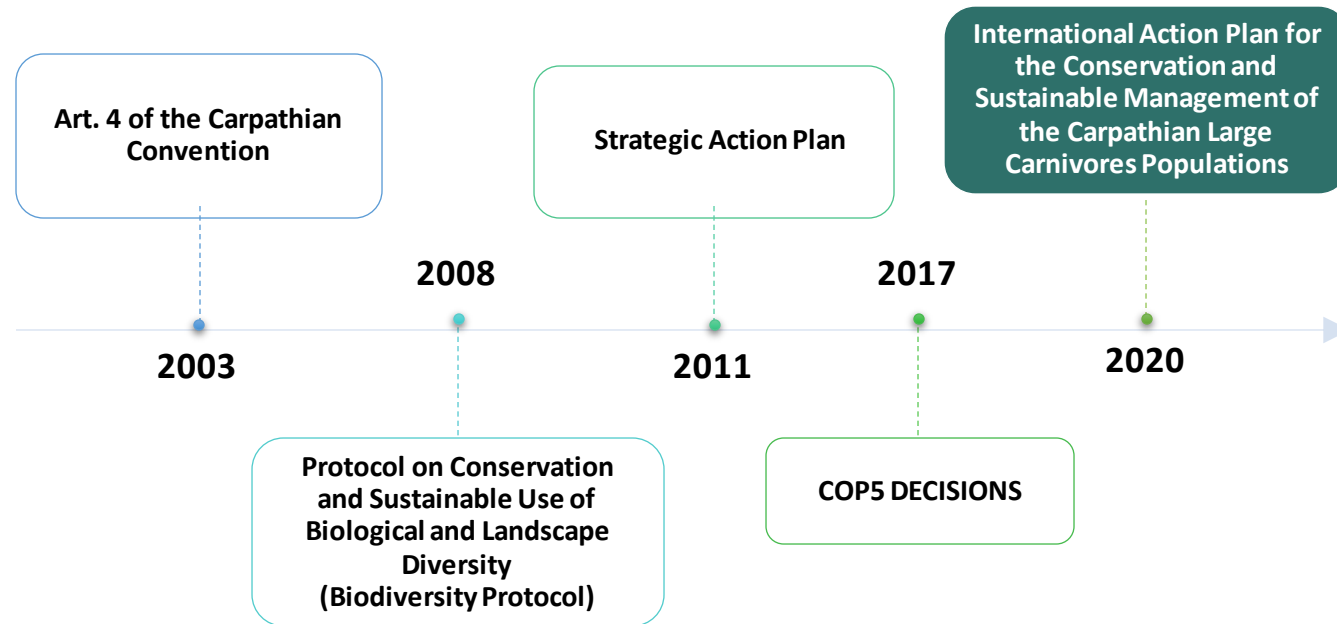


**Decision COP6/9**  
*on conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity*

Adopting the International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity

Main decisions:

- Adopting the International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity





**Decision COP6/9**  
*on conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity*

Adopting the International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1**

Standardize monitoring procedures of large carnivores in the Carpathians

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2**

Prevent habitat fragmentation and ensure ecological connectivity in the Carpathians

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3**

Improve coexistence of humans with large carnivores

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4**

Improve law enforcement with respect to illegal killing of large carnivores

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 5**

Improve communication and cooperation between all relevant stakeholders

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 6**

Strengthen institutional capacity-building

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 7**

Decrease impacts of climate change on large carnivores and their habitats



**Developing the Report on population status of large carnivores and monitoring methods in the Carpathians** - supporting implementation of the Action Plan



## Decision COP6/9

### *on conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity*

## Appreciating support of relevant projects

### Main decisions:

- welcoming the implementation of the project **ConnectGREEN** - *Restoring and managing ecological corridors in mountains as the green infrastructure in the Danube basin*, funded by the Interreg Danube Transnational Programme
- welcoming the project ongoing implementation of the **Centralparks** - Building management capacities of Carpathian protected areas for the integration and harmonization of biodiversity protection and local socio-economic development, funded by the INTERREG Central Europe Programme that gives considerable support to the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas



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- Eco-corridors and connectivity gaps identified in the Carpathians
- Capacity for identifying and managing eco-corridors improved
- Nature conservation and spatial planning practices reconciled



- Improving integrated environmental management capacities of protected area administrations and other public sector entities dealing with the protection and sustainable use of natural resources
- Reconciling and linking the conservation of biological and landscape diversity to sustainable local socio-economic development
- Promoting the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas as the framework and tool for transnational collaboration between the protected areas of the Carpathian countries in the Central Europe cooperation area



## Decision COP6/9

*on conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity*

Appreciating work of the CNPA and CWI



### Main decisions:

- recognizing the work of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas
- welcoming the organization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> CNPA Conference to be held in 2021 with support of the ConnectGreen and Centralparks projects
- appreciating the work of the Carpathian Wetland Initiative (CWI) in strengthening synergies between the Ramsar Convention and the Carpathian Convention
- welcoming the designation of the new Ramsar sites, wetlands sites of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, in the Carpathians in Poland, Romania and Ukraine

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## Decision COP6/10 *Spatial development*

# Revitalizing work of the Working Group on Spatial Development

### Main decisions:

- taking note of the **map of Carpathian administrative units** which presents information received from each Party on the administrative units where the Parties implement or plan to implement the Carpathian Convention and its Protocols
  - encouraging the **WG Spatial Development to consider for its future activities** the relevance of the revision of Territorial Agenda of the European Union, the Urban Agenda for the EU and Leipzig Charter of Sustainable European Cities
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- EU financial programmes
  - EU Macroregional Strategies
  - EU Policies (Green Deal, Biodiversity Strategy, Farm to Fork...)
  - Regional authorities
  - UN processes (UN Decade, UNECE...)



**Decision COP6/11**  
*Sustainable and integrated  
water/river basin management*

## Appreciating and strengthening cooperation with ICPDR

**Main decisions:**

- welcoming the **cooperation with the ICPDR and its Tisza Group**, appreciating the important role of the EUSDR PA 4 and EUSDR PA 5 and encourages the further strengthening of this cooperation, including development and implementation of joint activities and projects
- welcoming the results of the **JOINTISZA Project** – “Strengthening Cooperation between River Basin Management Planning and Flood Risk Prevention to Enhance the Status of Waters of the Tisza River Basin” funded by the INTERREG Danube Transnational Programme
- encouraging enhanced **cooperation with the ICPDR on climate change adaptation, agriculture or water nexus, or other relevant topics**



**Decision COP6/12**  
*Sustainable agriculture and  
rural development*

Encouraging the implementation of the new Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture  
and Rural Development

**Main decisions:**

- welcoming the ratification and the **entry into force of the Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development** (SARD Protocol) and encouraging its implementation
- requesting **prioritization of strategic actions** for the implementation of the SARD Protocol
- considering the new **EU Common Agriculture Policy** while implementing the SARD Protocol



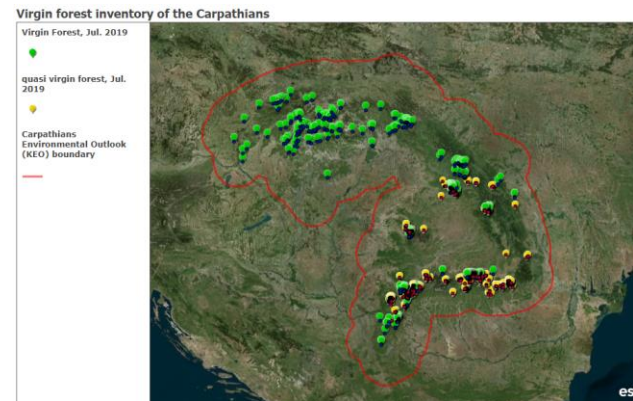
## Decision COP6/13

### Sustainable forest management

# Encouraging further implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management

#### Main decisions:

- encouraging continue work on **identification and protection of natural and virgin forests**, on **promotion of close to nature forestry** and on **forestry and climate change** in order to implement the respective Objectives of the Strategic Action Plan, undertake relevant actions and propose concrete activities for the implementation of the above-mentioned Objectives in this respect with the support of the Secretariat and relevant partners
- taking note of the progress in development of the **Inventory of Virgin Forests of the Carpathians**, appreciates the **support of European Environment Agency (EEA)**, the **European Topic Centre on Urban, Land, and Soil Systems (ETC-ULS)**, **as well as other relevant actors**, and inviting to continue cooperation and knowledge sharing in this respect



The map is reflecting the location (point) of the last virgin forests identified by each Carpathians Convention Member, namely Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine.

**Decision COP6/13**  
*Sustainable forest management*

Encouraging further implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management

Main decisions:

- appreciating the strengthened cooperation between the Working Groups, facilitating **joint activities on climate change** with the goal of assessing the impacts of climate change on the Carpathian forests and their ecosystem services
- Welcoming the proposal to organize a **session on forest ecosystems and resource vulnerabilities to climate change in the Carpathian Mountain Region** during the 6th Forum Carpathicum
- recognizing that **illegal logging**, despite its varying significance across the Parties, is an important and complex issue in the Carpathians, which can have trans-boundary effects that require international cooperation, requesting exchange of information and coordinate efforts to address the problem taking into account already existing mechanisms and platforms, as appropriate



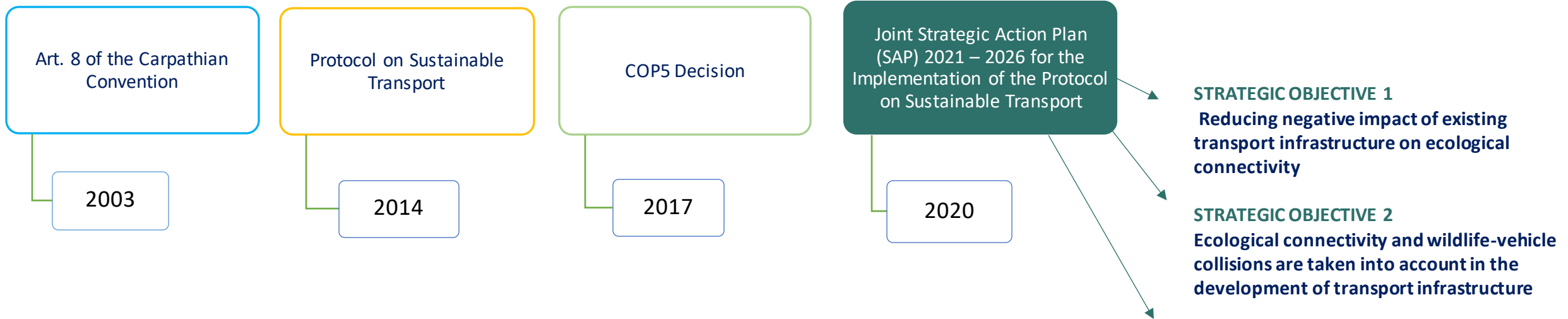


**Decision COP6/14**  
*Sustainable transport and infrastructure, industry and energy*

Adopting Joint Strategic Action Plan 2021 – 2026 for the Implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Transport

Main decisions:

- welcoming the ratification and the entry into force of the Protocol on Sustainable Transport
- adopting the Joint Strategic Action Plan (SAP) 2021 – 2026 for the Implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Transport



## Decision COP6/14

### *Sustainable transport and infrastructure, industry and energy*

## Appreciating support of relevant projects

### Main decisions:

- welcoming the successful implementation of the **TRANSGREEN** project, funded by the Interreg Danube Transnational Programme, and the Declaration “Pathways to Greener Transport Infrastructure” adopted by the final conference of the TRANSGREEN project and inviting the Parties to make use of the project results, especially “Wildlife and Traffic in the Carpathians - Guidelines how to minimize impact of transport infrastructure development on nature in the Carpathian countries”
- welcoming the new project **SaveGREEN** - *safeguarding the functionality of transnationally important ecological corridors in the Danube region*, funded by the INTERREG Danube Transnational Programme, building on the key results of the previous INTERREG projects important for the Carpathians, TRANSGREEN and ConnectGREEN



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- Improved collaboration between the sectors and across the target countries, awareness raised among relevant stakeholders - over 460 organizations!
- **Guidelines on Wildlife and Traffic** endorsed by 7 Parties to the Carpathian Convention and adopted to national needs in Romania
- Catalogues of measures provide good solutions for existing and planned motorways in the pilot areas, uptake into Defragmentation Programme in the Czech Republic, good basis for future planning of A8 highway in Romania
- Final Conference Declaration “**Pathways to Greener Transport Infrastructure**” addressing EU and national decision-makers
- **Draft Joint Strategic Action Plan 2021 – 2026 for the Implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Transport - Carpathian Convention**
- **TRANSGREEN project received the European Natura 2000 Award for Excellence in Nature Protection 2020 !!**



- Knowledge/experience among relevant authorities and key stakeholders increased
- **Cross-sectoral practices improved** relevant to Green Infrastructure for integrated mitigation measures, implementation and monitoring
- International and national **governance framework** strengthened at all levels, national, EU, EUSDR, Carpathian Convent



## Encouraging further cooperation with the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform

### Main decisions:

- inviting close cooperation between the **Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform (CSTP)** and the Secretariat
- Inviting for signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariat and: **CSTP Centre Poland, CSTP Centre Romania**
- thanking the CSTP Center Romania for coordinating the activities of the CSTP in 2017 – 2020 and inviting the CSTP Centre Poland to take the coordinating role for the next implementation period 2021 – 2023



## Decision COP6/16

### *Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge*

Supporting the new project **Carpathian Route** for exploring, promoting and protecting the richness of the cultural and natural heritage of the Carpathian Region

#### Main decisions:

- appreciating implementation of the **Road Map to achieve the objectives of the Article 11 of the Carpathian Convention**
- Welcoming the development of the project "**Carpathian Route - exploring, promoting and protecting the richness of the cultural and natural heritage of the Carpathian Region**" approved in the frame of the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation, and expressing its support for the implementation of the project as the flagship project for the Carpathian Convention; taking note with grave concern of the cancellation of the project grant, emphasizing the importance of the Carpathian Route project for cultural cooperation across borders, mutual understanding, combatting discrimination, and promoting equality and human rights throughout the region, and inviting the **Financial Mechanism Committee of the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation** to reconsider its decision.



## Decision COP6/16

### *Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge*

## Project Carpathian Route – project details

**Objective:** promoting and protecting natural and cultural heritage of the Carpathians through better regional cooperation, capacity building and knowledge exchange, while ensuring the economic development of local communities



- elaborating of the common criteria for the Carpathian Cultural Heritage Inventories
- development of 4 Carpathian Inventories of:
  - 1) tangible and intangible cultural heritage.
  - 2) traditional local products,
  - 3) cultural trails
  - 4) museums
- elaborating a draft Protocol on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge to the Carpathian Convention
- expertise/ knowledge exchange and capacity building activities (inc.13 workshops, 3 study visits aimed at developing skills and competencies for cultural heritage management and its sustainable use for local economic development)
- developing a publication " Guide to the Carpathian Cultural Heritage"

#### Project partners:

**POLAND** - Marshal's Office of the Podkarpackie Region (Lead Partner)

**CZECH REPUBLIC** - Wallachian Open Air Museum

**HUNGARY** - Humtour LLC

**ROMANIA** - Brasov County Council

**SERBIA** - Homeland Museum of Knjaževac,

**SLOVAKIA** – The Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic,

**UKRAINE** – International Charitable Organization Information Center "Green Dossier" / Institute of Ecology of the Carpathians NAS of Ukraine

**UNEP Vienna** - Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, (expertise partner)

**NORWAY** - GRID-Arendal, Norway (expertise partner)

**LICHTENSTEIN** - CIPRA International, (expertise partner)



## Decision COP6/17

*Environmental assessment,  
information system, monitoring  
and early warning*

Supporting further development of information systems assisting the Carpathian Convention

### Main decisions:

- appreciating ongoing Partnership between the Carpathian Convention and the EEA on the implementation of the Carpathian Convention, welcoming the successful cooperation in various fields, especially the generous offer by the EEA to integrate and possibly further develop the Carpathian Convention data platform in the EEA information systems
- expressing appreciation to UNEP GRID/Warsaw for supporting and maintaining the Carpathian Integrated Biodiversity Information System (CCIBIS)
- requesting to install and maintain CCIBIS within the Carpathian Convention website as an information system accessible to all the Parties and stakeholders, gathering available data sets, information on local and regional administrations, outcomes of projects and other relevant data, allowing for continuous ownership by and direct linkages with the Carpathian Convention



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#### GEOPORTAL



The CCIBIS Geoportal presents various items of biological (e.g. endangered species, habitats) and environmental (protected areas, Natura 2000 sites, old-growth forests) information about the Carpathian Ecoregion provided by many partners working in the Carpathians.  
See the manual.

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Being installed into the Carpathian Convnetion

European Environment Agency  
European Topic Centre on Urban,  
Land and Soil Systems



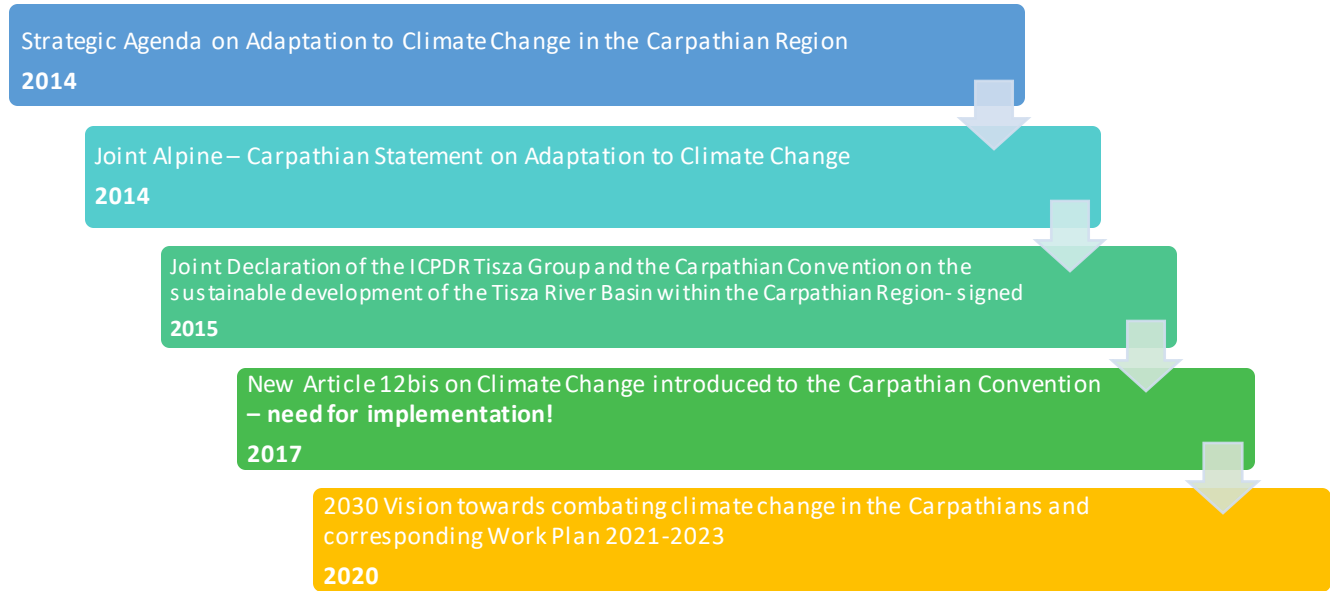
Relevant information to be integrated into the  
EEA Information Systems



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**Main decisions:**

- encouraging ratification of the Article 12bis on Climate Change to strengthen the consideration of climate change in the implementation of the Convention activities
- adopting the “**Long-term Vision 2030 towards combating climate change in the Carpathians**”, defining strategic objectives and related targets for implementing Article 12bis, acknowledges the elaboration of the **corresponding Implementation Framework 2030** and requesting the WG Climate Change to develop a **Workplan for the implementation period 2021-2023** based on this Framework;
- encouraging development of an **assessment of the impacts of climate change on the Carpathian forests and their ecosystems services**, including, if possible, climate change effects on large carnivores and their habitats
- encouraging to **identify and promote nature-based solutions for climate mitigation and adaptation**, to be best implemented at transboundary scale across the Carpathian region.



- (SO 1)** Climate Action in mountain areas is given higher attention through targeted outreach and by fostering collaboration with other mountain and neighboring regions
- (SO 2)** Regional cooperation and interaction among the Parties of the Carpathian Convention are strengthened through identifying common priority actions and harmonizing them with ongoing regional and national efforts on climate change in the Carpathians
- (SO 3)** Possible areas for transnational climate action in the Carpathians are identified with concrete options for climate change mitigation and adaptation
- (SO 4)** Interlinkages between climate issues and other relevant areas of work of the Carpathian Convention are taken into account
- (SO 5)** Climate research on both qualitative and quantitative levels is promoted, including fostering the application of its results
- (SO 6)** Science-policy - practice interfaces and innovative approaches are further explored and promoted
- (SO 7)** Joint efforts are taken on identifying funding opportunities and drawing the attention of donors towards the benefits of greater regional cooperation

## Decision COP6/18 Climate Change

Strengthening regional cooperation on climate change and mainstreaming climate action into other sectors

### Main decisions:

- inviting **strengthen regional cooperation** and interaction through identifying common priority actions and harmonizing with national efforts on climate change in the Carpathian region
- encouraging **promoting sustainable climate change measures in mountain areas** at Carpathian level in response to EU and international commitments (European Green Deal; UNFCCC, 2015 Paris Agreement; Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction; 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework)
- inviting **further development or enhance close cooperation and explore joint activities with the other thematic Working Groups of the Carpathian Convention** in order to ensure incorporation of climate change consideration into all relevant Convention's topics and activities



UNFCCC COP24 - 11  
December 2018,  
Katowice, Poland - a  
high-level side-event  
**Mountain adaptation -  
vulnerable peaks and  
people**





**Decision COP6/19**  
*Awareness raising,  
education and public  
participation*

Acknowledging the importance of the Education for Sustainable Development for the implementation of the Carpathian Convention

**Main decisions:**

- welcoming the outcomes of the **first Carpathian ESD Seminar** organized under the leadership of Hungary and requesting to act upon the recommendations elaborated at the Seminar, in cooperation with the relevant stakeholders
- **welcoming follow-up activities on ESD**, including a respective session at the 6<sup>th</sup> Forum Carpaticum, initiating of cooperation with the ESD experts from Leuphana University Luneburg, as well as involving ESD experts in an inter-sectoral project meeting planned by UNEP GRID/Warsaw
- reiterating interest in **further cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**, to consider common activities on awareness raising, including at the 3<sup>rd</sup> High-level Meeting of Education and Environment Ministries, in Cyprus in 2022;
- **inviting the Polish Presidency of the Carpathian Convention to continue supporting ESD activities** as a necessary tool to enable long-term sustainable development in the Carpathians.



# Promoting the Carpathian Convention at the EU level



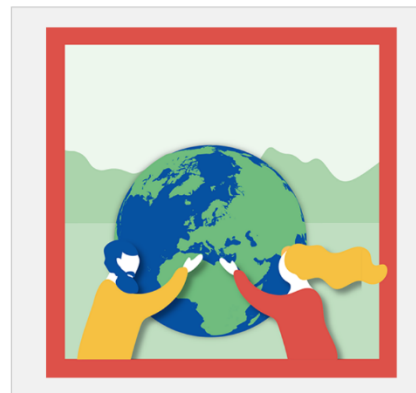
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### EU eco-corridors: a mountain to climb

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#### EU eco-corridors: a mountain to climb

Main aim of the workshop:

As part of Interreg's 30th anniversary, the workshop showcases examples of projects under different Interreg programmes with an impact on Europe's natural environment, with a focus on transnational ecological corridors in the Alpine, Carpathian and Adriatic-Ionian regions. The workshop highlights common objectives across mountain areas in Europe, gives answers to needs and challenges that cannot be tackled within national borders, and explains the benefits for EU programmes and policy implementation.



# The Way Ahead towards further implementation

- towards the Polish Ministerial meeting
- towards UNEA5
- Towards UN Decade of Ecosystem restoration
- towards Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
- towards the EU accession
- towards successful projects
- towards more and closer partnerships



# Thank you!

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