



Clima Carpathia

A regional vision of global importance

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Overview of Clima Carpathia



- Dedicate 50% of Carpathian range for a conservation-based economy
- Only 6.12% of the seven countries
- Member State led, with EC and international support
- Public-private partnerships based on ecosystem services & enterprise



Main objectives

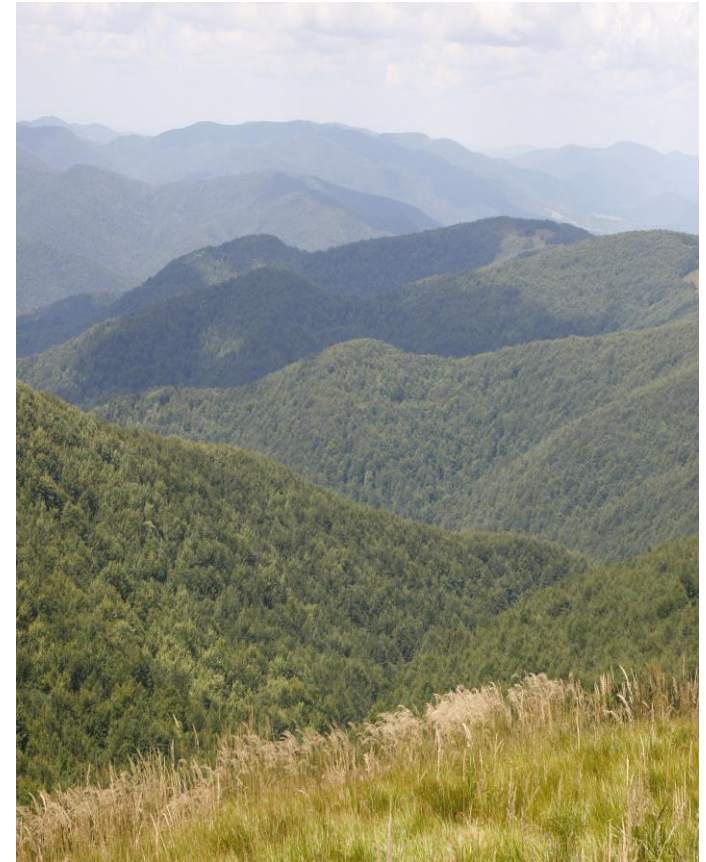
- 1) Halt and reverse biodiversity decline, large strictly protected core areas
- 2) Address climate change through mitigation and adaptation
- 3) Support sustainable regional economic growth
- 4) Provide a scale model for replication elsewhere in Europe and globally



Background: a unique ecological-economic opportunity



- Carpathian range 17 million has, large unspoiled landscapes
- High proportion biodiversity-rich, natural & semi-natural habitats
- Around 50% forested, high carbon storage primary & old growth
- Diverse cultural heritage
- Low population density, low income traditional rural economy



A favourable policy context



- 30 x 30 EU and CBD Montreal targets, EU Bio Strategy 10% strictly protected
- The EU Green Deal, PES agenda
- UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration
- Crucial role of carbon rich habitats for new 55% Paris Climate Targets
- Carpathian Convention Vision towards carbon neutrality, resilient development, new biodiversity strategy



The Fundatia Conservatia Carpathia (FCC) model



- Overall 200,000+ hectare NP vision
- Protection and restoration of natural ecosystems: forest, montane, riparian
- Socio-economic community benefit
- Trial carbon offset – 57,000 tons pa
- Biodiversity grants, potential credits
- Education, welfare, cultural identity
- Tourism income & employment
- Ancillary rural/agri enterprise



Scaling up FCC success



- Network of strictly protected areas based on FCC model
- Funding for 1.05 Gt above ground carbon storage and sequestration
- Biodiversity grants, potential credits
- Socio-economic benefit package
- EC, state, private sector finance
- Carpathia Convention framework for closer national cooperation



Prospective funding sources

– some examples



- *EU key instruments:* Recovery Fund, Climate Fund, Transition Fund, Social Fund; DG Agri (forest protection, EAFRD, CAP bio), DG Envi (bio, LIFE+), Clima, Regio
- *State:* environment, rural, social, SME related ministries, sovereign bonds (DSL B)
- *Public institutions:* European Investment Bank, European Climate Bank
- *Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) related support:* carbon storage and sequestration, biodiversity, flood, water quality – credits, (good) offsets, service sponsorship; tourism levies
- *Private sector:* foundation, corporate philanthropy/CSR, NGO, individual philanthropy
- Innovative funding, blended finance, green bonds

Actions to date



- Introduction at our 2019 Bratislava conference, host President Caputova. Side meeting: Carpathia Convention, EC, EP, IUCN, WWF CEE, FZS
- Brussels meeting Humberto Delgado and natural resources team
- Dialogue with EC Commissioner
- Concept document developed



Next steps for Clima Carpathia.....



- Feedback & advice, from Convention, **Member States** etc
- Potential interim coordinator with 'Oversight Group'
- Develop proposal further together, assessing FR potential
- Full cost-benefit feasibility study by the EC
- Outcome related - joint proposals for collective action

