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Secretariat note on sustainable energy – Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention

Introduction

1. Article 10, paragraph 2 of the Convention includes a provision that Parties shall pursue policies aiming at introducing environmentally sound methods for the production, distribution and use of energy, which minimize adverse effects on biodiversity and landscapes, including wider use of renewable energy sources and energy-saving measures, as appropriate.
2. Article 14, paragraph 2 of the Carpathian Convention states that the Conference of the Parties shall discuss common concerns of the Parties and make the decisions necessary to promote the effective implementation of the Convention. In particular, it shall establish such subsidiary bodies, including thematic working groups, as are deemed necessary for the implementation of the Convention.

Implementation

3. To support the implementation of Article 10 and Article 14 of the Convention, the DG TREN (Transport and Energy) has produced a draft “Memorandum of Understanding on the Implementation of Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention with regard to Energy Policy, Sustainable Energy Use and the Development of Distributed and Efficient Energy Sources”, contained in the Annex to the present note.
4. The Carpathian Project is expected to support the development of a proposal for the establishment of a transnational renewable energy partnership in the Carpathian region.

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Proposed action by the Conference of the Parties

1. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the submitted information and submit the MoU to the follow-up work in the Carpathian Convention Working Group on sustainable industry, energy, transport and infrastructure for further consideration.
2. The Conference of the Parties may request the interim Secretariat to pursue the cooperation with the DG TREN of the European Commission, with the Secretariat of the Energy Community as well as with the Secretariat of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), in the fields of mutual interest.

Annex

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE CARPATHIAN CONVENTION WITH REGARD TO ENERGY POLICY, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY USE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRIBUTED AND EFFICIENT ENERGY SOURCES

The Parties

1. Having Regard to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians;
2. Recognizing the experience gained in the framework of the Convention on the Protection of the Alps (Salzburg 1991);
3. Having regard to the Internal Energy Market of the European Union and the integrated Energy Market envisaged by the Energy Community Treaty of 25 October 2005;
4. Recognising the specific concerns and issues of supplying sustainable energy resources to the population of the Carpathian region, at a price which is competitive and yet maintains social cohesion and rural employment;

Resolve within the scope of the Carpathian Convention

- (1) To examine the implementation of best practice in energy distribution in rural communities, including distributed energy production, small scale facilities, and bio-mass expansion programmes;
- (2) To examine the issues of rural energy poverty, its remediation and its effects on social cohesion, environmental degradation and competitiveness;
- (3) To examine sustainability in all its forms, and in particular to investigate the expansion of indigenous renewable resources to meet energy demand, whilst at the same time recognising that not all needs may be capable of satisfaction by such means;
- (4) To examine means to facilitate technology and experience transfer from European Union regions having similar challenges to the Carpathian region.

And Establish

- (a) A Carpathian Convention Energy Discussion Group organised in Vienna, composed of representatives from the Carpathian Convention region. The group may meet, on a case-by-case basis, in Kosice¹, Cernivci², Iasi³ and Reit-im-Winkl⁴.
- (b) A Donors Committee, to be facilitated by the European Commission, meeting in Vienna.

¹ Geothermal Energy Resources – http://www.geothermie.de/egec-geothernet/ci_prof/europe/slovak/1010.PDF

² Comprehensive Urban Energy Systems - <http://www.centric.at/active/content.php?idparent=3&idcat=70>

³ ALGPEM Iasi - Local Agency for Efficient Management of Energy & Environment Problems - <http://www.managenergy.net/actors/A1408.htm>

⁴ Biomass Sustainability - <http://www.provincia.tn.it/agenda21/E/handb/041.htm>