

Location of the Carpathian Convention Permanent Secretariat Offers from Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine

| Legal framework | | | |
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| which would serve as the legal conditions of functioning and operation of the Permanent Secretariat and its staff, including: | | | |
| 1. privileges and immunities for the Secretariat's premises | | | |
| 2. privileges and immunities of staff and other persons engaged in the official business of the Convention | | | |
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| <p>The Permanent Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention shall be considered within the framework of the Polish law as an organ of an international organization and shall have legal personality and capacity to perform its functions in the territory of Republic of Poland. In particular it shall possess the capacity to contract, to acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property, and to institute and be a party to legal proceedings.</p> <p>The privileges and immunities granted to the Secretariat and its staff will be formalized in an</p> | <p>The Permanent Secretariat, its staff members, family members/dependents of the staff, representatives of the Contracting Parties of the Convention, delegates and experts invited to the meetings and conferences in the Host Country can enjoy the privileges and immunities as are accorded to the existing United Nations organizations in Romania. They can enjoy immunity from jurisdiction, inviolability of the premises, archives, samples, equipment, and other material, freedom of financial assets from restrictions, facilities and immunities in respect of communications, exemption from taxes and</p> | <p>All the issues concerning the privileges and immunities specified in a) to e) can be guaranteed for the Permanent Secretariat, its staff members, family members, representatives of the Contracting Parties and other subjects as will be specified in the multilateral treaty with the Convention Contracting Parties. This treaty can also confer the privileges and immunities over the frame specified in a) to e) and the exemption of the Permanent Secretariat employees from the frame of internal regulations on social insurance and related contributions specified under f).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>a. Immunity from</i></p> | <p>The Carpathian Convention does not include the provisions regarding privileges and immunities. Therefore, according to the Decree of the President of Ukraine # 198/93 of 10.06.93 "Regulations on Diplomatic and Consular Missions of Foreign States in Ukraine" - "Privileges and immunities in Ukraine, which are granted in Ukraine to the international intergovernmental organizations, missions of the foreign states to these organizations, as well as to their officials are stipulated by the corresponding agreements, which Ukraine is the party to".</p> |

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| <p>stand-alone multilateral Host Country Agreement and shall be consistent with the following international convention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961; • Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946; • Conventions on Privileges and Immunities of the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations of 21 November 1947. <p>The Head of the Secretariat, unless she/he is a national or permanent resident in the Republic of Poland, shall enjoy, in respect of acts performed in the exercise of her/his function, privileges and immunities accorded to diplomatic agents by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961.</p> <p>All other Secretariat staff members, as well as member of their families forming part of their household, unless they are national or permanent residents</p> | <p>customs duties and other privileges and immunities as long as they are granted in the sole interest of the Permanent Secretariat and not to ensure personal gains to the beneficiaries.</p> <p>The above mentioned privileges and immunities will be secured by way of a Headquarters Agreement to be concluded with the Contracting Parties to the Convention. The Agreement will be ratified by the Romanian Parliament and will be incorporated into Romanian Law.</p> | <p><i>jurisdiction?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>b. Inviolability of the premises, archives, samples, equipment, and other material?</i> <i>c. Freedom of financial assets from restrictions?</i> <i>d. Facilities and immunities in respect of communications (e.g. uses of code/sealed/bag/radio transmission) and publications?</i> <i>e. Exemption from taxes and customs duties?</i> <i>f. Social security aspects</i> <p>The exemption of the Permanent Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention employees from the frame of internal regulations on social insurance and related contributions could be subject of the international treaty with the Contracting Parties of the Convention.</p> | <p>According to the experience, gained by Ukraine in concluding this kind of treaties, all mentioned below issues concerning the privileges and immunities might be secured in the framework of the existing national legislation of Ukraine in compliance with the international rules.</p> <p>The privileges and immunities issues could be resolved in compliance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized UN Agencies of 1947, as the staff members of the Permanent Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention enjoy the privileges and immunities stipulated by the above-mentioned Conventions.</p> <p>Taking into account that Ukraine has initiated the Carpathian Convention, and Chernivtsi is one of the main centers of the Carpathian region, the observance of legal basis with regard to accommodation of the Secretariat, as well as granting all necessary juridical rights and immunities</p> |
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| <p>in the Republic of Poland, shall enjoy accordingly, to the extent necessary, for the carrying out of their functions, privileges and immunities accorded to the Officials of the United Nations by section 18 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.</p> <p>The Head of the Secretariat and other staff members will enjoy exemption from immigration restriction and alien registration in the exercise of their functions and will be granted the privileges and immunities necessary for the independent exercise of their official functions in accordance with international practice.</p> <p>Delegates attending conferences and meetings organized by the Secretariat would enjoy the same privileges and immunities as delegates attending United Nations conferences.</p> | | | <p>to its staff members are safeguarded there.</p> <p>To the Permanent Secretariat and its staff members, family members/dependents of the staff, representatives of the Contracting Parties of the Convention, delegates and experts invited to the meetings and conferences will be given all scope of the privilege and legal immunities as it is provided for in the existing UN specialized agencies, in particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal inviolability for the Secretariat representatives and for its staff members, family members/ dependents of the staff, representatives of the Contracting Parties of the Convention, delegates and experts invited to the meetings and conferences; 2. Inviolability of premises, offices, research materials, technical equipment and other certain material and non-material objects, according to the applications of the representatives of Secretariat; 3. Full freedom of financial operations and resources; |
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| | | | <p>4. Freedom in using all communication facilities, use of the code, the documents certified by a seal, TV and radio communications, freedom of publications, etc.;</p> <p>5. Taking into account the status of the international organization at taxation and custom charges;</p> <p>6. Other privileges and immunities declared by representatives of Secretariat at creation of the Carpathian Convention Permanent Secretariat.</p> <p>The mentioned privileges and immunities granted to the Permanent Secretariat and its staff members, family members/dependents of the staff, will be ensured by the stand-alone multilateral agreement between the Contracting Parties to the Carpathian Convention which should ratified by Parliaments.</p> |
| 3. rules applicable to employment of staff dependents | | | |
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| | The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change together with the Ministry of Interior and Administration and Interior Affairs may facilitate the process | The internal legislation, on the basis of principle of reciprocity, allows to the family members of the international governmental organization staff members | Family members of the staff of the Permanent Secretariat with the assistance of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Ministry of Environmental Protection of |

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| | <p>of obtaining work permits for the spouses and children of the staff members of the Permanent Secretariat. Once the working permit is granted, the national regulations will apply including after termination of the duties of the staff members.</p> | <p>acting on the territory of the Slovak Republic to be employed in the territory of the Slovak Republic without the working permit (Act No. 5/2004 Coll.). The possibility of the family member employment without the working permit is linked to the duration of the employers occupational relationship of the international governmental organization located in the Slovak territory. The family member of the employee of the Management Unit could relate to general provisions for the employment of foreigners (Act No. 5/2004 Coll.). The employment acceptance of the foreigner by the employer located on the Slovak Republic territory is under the condition of working permit.</p> <p>The international treaty could set out subsequent legal regulation within the Slovak internal legislation for the employment of the family members of employees of the Permanent Secretariat.</p> | <p>Ukraine, Chernivtsi Regional State Administration (CRSA), State Department of ecology and natural resources in Chernivtsi region and local government will have a free access to the labour market in the field of activity chosen by them with a priority in employment.</p> |
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| 4. nature of the headquarters agreement | | | |
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| <p>The privileges and immunities granted to the Secretariat and its staff will be formalized in an stand-alone multilateral Host Country Agreement and shall be consistent with the following international convention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961; • Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946; • Conventions on Privileges and Immunities of the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations of 21 November 1947. | <p>The Headquarters Agreement will be a stand-alone agreement.</p> | <p>The hosting of the Permanent Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention could be established and institutionalised by an international (presidential) treaty, which will be subject for approval by the National Council of the Slovak Republic and ratification of the President of the Slovak Republic.</p> | <p>The Headquarters agreement will be a stand-alone multilateral agreement.</p> |
| Features of the Secretariat's office and related financial issues, including: | | | |
| 1. features and related financial issues of the building hosting the Secretariat | | | |
| Poland: Rzeszów | Romania: Braşov | Slovakia: Bratislava | Ukraine: Chernivtsi |
| <p>It is proposed to locate the seat of the Permanent Secretariat in a modern City Centre complex,</p> | <p>The building offered for hosting the premises of the Permanent Secretariat is located in the</p> | <p>The historical building planed as office for the permanent secretariat is one from office</p> | <p>The office offered for the placement of representatives of the Carpathian Convention's</p> |

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| <p>which is located in the very city centre on the crossing of the most important communication roads. For the office purpose it is offered 5 rooms on the 1st floor of Hotel Rzeszow (with a direct access to the lifts located in a separate, open 24 hours, entrance to the hotel) with the area of 17 m² up to 40 m² and the conference room with the area of 50 m² with the capacity of 70 people. In case of a need there is also a possibility of using the conference rooms with the capacity of 800, 400, 300, 200 people and smaller. The building possesses a parking lot with excluded parking spots, open or under the roof, unpaid (with the capacity for 1200 cars).</p> <p>The entire premises is under 24-hour surveillance with the usage of 140 cameras and security personnel. The latest security system has been implemented, SAP – fire – fighting and DSO – warning, sprinkles lifts anti – fire.</p> <p>The City Centre complex is one</p> | <p>“Tractorul” neighborhood, on the Olteţ street no.11 in Braşov city. The building is one story house with ground floor and first floor, which has been recently renovated. Additionally, and it has a small courtyard that includes 4 parking spaces. We provide the first floor for the Permanent Secretariat premises. The first floor has 5 rooms with a total surface of 171 sqm (17.4 sqm; 20.5 sqm; 31.6 sqm; and 2 rooms each of them having 51.0 sqm). One of the 51.0 sqm rooms is suitable to be arranged as a council room. Storage places can be provided at the ground floor. The space provides an office and toilets.</p> <p>The building has its own yard which can be used for parking or walking.</p> <p>The building doesn't have cafeteria or restaurant but there are suitable restaurants quite close to the premises. The location is 10 minutes by car from the historical center of Bresov, where a large variety of food and drinks of national and</p> | <p>building owned by Government of the Slovak Republic in the very centre of the Bratislava.</p> <p>After reconstruction of the building it is now a one floor for office. It offers office rooms, 1 meeting room for 30 people and storage rooms. The space provides kitchen and toilets. The building is secured with an alarm system. The entrance is equipped with the telephone and remote opening system. The building not disposes its own closed parking place. The prepaid parking places in the surroundings of the building are in underground parking very centre of the town.</p> <p>The building itself does not have its own cafeteria or a restaurant. The number and variety of restaurants and cafes are available in the close surrounding of the building, as far as it is located in the very centre of the town, in walking distance, offering diverse foods and drinks of national and international cuisine. Preparation of coffee, tea or snacks is possible in the kitchen. Ownership - by</p> | <p>Permanent Secretariat is a separate building situated in the historical part of Chernivtsi city. In the building there are 6 office rooms assigned for employees of the Permanent Secretariat. Near the building there is a nice green square.</p> <p>The separate building has a total area of 300 m². The office has 5 rooms (16 - 20 m² each) and a meeting room (6x11 m) for the employees, as well as reception room and bathroom unit with shower and separate toilet. Additional five offices in the adjacent room can be put at staff members' disposal if needed. The building has courtyard.</p> <p>The building is situated on 50, Universytetska Str., near the cultural and architectural heritage of the city - the Residence of Bukovynian Metropolitans. Now it is the main corps of the Chernivtsi National University named by Yuri Fedkovych. This place has very convenient transport communications as well as infrastructure.</p> |
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| <p>of the modern building in Rzeszow erected in 2012. The building's footprint equals 135 000 m². The City Centre is a modern centre where one can find: Rzeszow Gallery, a cinema, restaurants, cafes, the Rzeszow Hotel and Fenix Conference Centre, an Orangery Restaurant. The Centre is located in the heart of Rzeszow city and next to the Podkarpackie Region Marshall Office, the Rzeszow City Hall, train and bus station, and near the international Airport Rzeszów-Jasionka.</p> <p>As one of the tasks of the Secretariat is to organize meetings and conferences, Rzeszow Hotel gives the Secretariat access to room (70 m²). The room is equipped with full audiovisual system suitable also for simultaneous interpretation.</p> <p>Offices and conference rooms for the needs of Secretariat are unpaid.</p> <p>The hotel possesses at the guests' disposal 300 bed places located in 147 specious, elegant rooms and suites. Each room is equipped with bathroom, wireless</p> | <p>international cuisine can be found.</p> <p>The building is being placed free of charge at the disposal of the Permanent Secretariat by the Romanian Government. The building belongs to the City Hall of Brasov.</p> | <p>the host Government of the Slovak Republic without a rent to be paid by the permanent secretariat (it includes rooms, water, heating, electricity, gas, cleaning, sewage, waste disposal, maintenance).</p> <p>The space should be available in January 2012 for not limited time span.</p> | <p>The Permanent Secretariat will be provided with storage facilities, garages with security and available technical personnel. The building is provided with telecommunication (8 phone lines), fax, internet connection, also it has a special electric system for system computer-connection. There is an opportunity to connect a special automatic telephone line for direct communication with the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, Regional State Administration and all basic Administrations of Chernivtsi region, Carpathian region and Ukraine.</p> <p>The building has a courtyard with 5 parking places. Not far from the building there is a safeguarded parking place with total capacity for 20 cars and buses (free of charge).</p> <p>Near (10 m) the building there is a café with Bukovynian cuisine, also it can be used for official receptions. Also not far from the office there are a lot of restaurants ("Sorbonne", "Teatralny", "Avtohrad",</p> |
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| <p>Internet, air-conditioning, mini bar, safe, office desk, coffee and tea set. A beautiful scenery of Rzeszów is visible from each room.</p> <p>Two restaurants, located on the hotel premises, are available to the hotel guests.</p> <p>Additionally, there are several restaurants with various cuisine available in the City Complex centre. Rzeszów Hotel is a part of the City Centre leisure complex. Within the complex the Rzeszow Gallery - shopping mall is situated, the facility is the biggest shopping centre in Podkarpackie Region.</p> <p>There are over 200 shops and boutiques in the Rzeszów Gallery where everyone will find something for themselves, There is also one of multiplex cinemas – Helios.</p> <p>All above mentioned facilities are located within one building.</p> | | | <p>“Kayzer”, “Knaus”).</p> <p>The offered office is of state property (of Chernivtsi Regional State Administration) and it will be provided for the Secretariat without rent to be paid.</p> |
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| 2. features and related financial issues regarding equipment | | | |
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| Poland: Rzeszów | Romania: Braşov | Slovakia: Bratislava | Ukraine: Chernivtsi |
| <p>The office will be equipped with modern, elegant furniture and equipment: telephone, fax, laptop, scanner, xero, projector, electronic screen, TV, safe, mini fridge, office supplies. The equipment includes translation equipment and permanent access to the 15MB/s WiFi network.</p> <p>Office, conference rooms and their equipment, as well as permanent fees (electricity, water, gas, garbage disposal, cleaning, paper, internet connection – without phone bills) for the needs of the Secretariat are unpaid.</p> | <p><i>Will your offer include the provision free-of charge of the following items:</i></p> <p>a. office furniture; Yes</p> <p>b. office equipment; Yes</p> <p>c. office supplies; No</p> <p>d. public utilities (e.g. gas/water/ sewage/electricity/waste disposal); Yes</p> <p>e. lines of communication (telephone/ISDN/fax/computer network/telephone centre of the house/wiring); Yes</p> <p>f. security equipment/security zone equipment; Yes</p> <p>g. conference equipment including interpretation system; No.</p> | <p><i>Will your offer include the provision free-of charge of the following items:</i></p> <p>a. office furniture; Yes, standard furniture.</p> <p>b. office equipment; No, the Permanent Secretariat CC should supply technical equipment (computers, fax, printing and copy machines, etc.)</p> <p>c. office supplies; No, the Permanent Secretariat CC should pay for office supplies (paper, toners...)</p> <p>d. public utilities (e.g. gas/water/ sewage/electricity/waste disposal); Yes, these will be free-of charge</p> <p>e. lines of communication (telephone/ISDN/fax/computer network/telephone centre of the house/wiring); Computer</p> | <p><i>Will your offer include the provision free-of charge of the following items:</i></p> <p>a. office furniture; Yes, standard furniture</p> <p>b. office equipment; Partly, necessary for the beginning</p> <p>c. office supplies; No</p> <p>d. public utilities (e.g. gas/ water/ sewage/ electricity/waste disposal); Yes</p> <p>e. lines of communication (telephone/ ISDN/ fax/ computer network/telephone centre of the house/wiring); Yes</p> <p>f. security equipment/security zone equipment; Yes</p> <p>g. conference equipment including interpretation system; Yes</p> |

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| | | <p>network and wiring is already available in the rooms, the Permanent Secretariat will be responsible for covering telecommunication expenses (phone, ISDN, fax).</p> <p>f. security equipment/security zone equipment; Yes</p> <p>g. conference equipment including interpretation system; Yes - meeting room in the building, beamer, slide projector, No - interpretation system (not available)</p> <p>MoE offers rooms with public utilities and lines of communication (for telephone, fax, computer network, wiring, internet connection through microwave antenna 1 Mb/sec) at disposal. Specialists and technical staff of the MoE can support the work of the permanent secretariat.</p> | <p>Chernivtsi Region State Administration and State Department of Environmental Protection in Chernivtsi Region could provide with additional facilities and equipment at the request of the Permanent Secretariat staff members (free of charge).</p> |
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| 3. features and related financial issues regarding materials and services provided on paid and non-paid basis | | | |
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| Poland: Rzeszów | Romania: Braşov | Slovakia: Bratislava | Ukraine: Chernivtsi |
| Electricity, water, gas, garbage disposal cleaning, paper, internet connection – without phone bills - for the needs of the Secretariat are unpaid. | The major maintenance and repairs of the building facilities will be in the charge of the Romanian Government. The secretariat will have to pay the expenses for normal maintenance and minor repairs also for the communication facilities. | <p>Major maintenance and repairs to the office facilities will be in charge of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic.</p> <p>A serviceman and IT administrator of the home administration will have the responsibility for normal maintenance and repair. Specialized repairs and maintenance of the Permanent Secretariat's facilities will be under responsibility of the Secretariat. Possible expenses will be for: office equipment, Office supplies, telephone, ISDN, fax.</p> <p>The salary of the CO and his Assistant should be covered from the core budget of the Carpathian Convention, from the membership fees, voluntary contributions of the Contracting Parties and projects. Possible expenses of the CNPA Management Unit will be for: travel expenses, office equipment, office supplies, telephone, ISDN, fax.</p> | <p>State Administration of Environmental Protection is responsible for the major maintenance and office's repairs, including communication facilities, general cleaning and repairs of the building.</p> <p>Possible expenses to be paid by the Secretariat will be for: office equipment (partly), office supplies, use of telephone, ISDN.</p> |

Local conditions, including:

1. diplomatic and international organizations representation in the host city

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| <p>Rzeszów is home to the honorary consulate of Ukraine, Slovakia and Germany.</p> | <p>There are no diplomatic missions in the city. Brasov is about 2 1/2 hours' drive from the capital City, Bucharest. All the countries related to the Carpathian Convention have their diplomatic missions in Bucharest.</p> <p>WWF DCP has a project office in Brasov and a Forest Certification Information Centre.</p> <p>The Association for Natural Protected Areas Administrations and the Piatra Craiului National Park have their's office in Zarnesti, 25 km away from Brasov. The Association is about to work as a CNPA Unit, and the park administration is a lead partner in a major project development the Carpathian Convention framework.</p> | <p>All diplomatic representations are in Bratislava.</p> <p>Several tens of environmental NGOs and foundations are active there, e.g. :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daphne, REC Slovakia, SOS, Birds Life SK, Greenpeace... • Slovak Environmental Agency, regional office • State Nature Conservancy, regional office • Slovak Water Management Company, branch Administration of the Danube River Basin • Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute • Regional and district environmental authorities • Slovak Environmental Inspection | <p>There is a Consulate General of Romania.</p> |

| 2. availability of international conference facilities and access to qualified conference staff | | | |
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| <p>The proposed location included the conference room with the area of 50 m² with the capacity of 70 people. The room is equipped with full audiovisual system suitable also for simultaneous interpretation. In case of a need there is also a possibility of using the conference rooms with the capacity of 800, 400, 300, 200 people and smaller.</p> <p>Rzeszów is a place of important conferences and business meetings such as: Innovative Forum – which is a part of the Economic Forum, PR Professional Congress, Congress for Innovative Marketing for Local Governments, InternetBeta, Discoveries Picnic, EKOGALA International Trade Fair for Food and Organic Products.</p> | <p>Brasov has many conference venues available within both the public and private sector. These venues can provide all of the necessary modern facilities and support services needed to host a professional and successful conference. There are good translation services available locally. There are venues suitable for all sizes of event within Brasov and its surrounding environs. A list of the conference venues in Brasov city as well as in surrounding areas, containing prices and conditions is annexed to the present offer.</p> <p>Brasov and its surrounding area also provides many excellent opportunities for field trip activities that provide an added value for hosting events and can inform and demonstrate issues related to the conservation and sustainable development of the Carpathians. These include a number of National Parks, Natura 2000 sites, World Heritage Sites, model rural development projects and</p> | <p>There are technical, organizational, personal and spatial assumes for conferences and other activities on the international level. There is a guarantee of special capability and of personal representation of specialists (research institutes and universities).</p> | <p>In Chernivtsi city there are all available facilities and conditions to hold international conferences for free.</p> |

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| | integrated conservation projects. | | |
| 3. international and local transport facilities | | | |
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| <p>The crossing road tracks; international E-40 route Dresden – Kiev and national roads no 9 and 19, which make the shortest connection with Scandinavian and Baltic countries with Middle – Eastern Europe countries. Also, the E-30 railway line from West to East, internationally and economically significant, leads through the city. The A – 4 motorway, which is currently under construction, will provide a convenient connection of Western Europe road network with Ukraine, as a part of the III Paneuropean Transportation Corridor. The distance to both, Ukrainian and Slovakian borders, is only 90 km. A significant advantage of Rzeszow is its airport. The international airport Rzeszow – Jasionka is equipped with the second longest runway in Poland, offering regular connections with Barcelona, Bristol, Birmingham, Dublin, East Midlands, Frankfurt,</p> | <p>Bus and train connections with Brasov are very good and they are served by the national and international Intercity network. Modernization of the CFR rolling stock means that an increasing number of trains are equipped with modern business facilities such a power sockets for laptops. Train fares are reasonable and competitive.</p> <p>International train connections are possible from Brasov to all the capitals of the parties. In brackets are specified the approximate fares for round trips (sleeping wagon) Kiev - 30 hours daily options. (110 Euro, 2nd class only) Beograd - 14 hours multiple daily options (120 Euro, 1st class only) Vienna - 14 hours multiple daily options (204 Euro 1st class and 188 Euro 2nd class)</p> | <p>Airport M.R.Štefánik Bratislava – currently there are international connections. Railway connection, bus international connection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bratislava – Vienna (60 km) (international airport) • Bratislava - B. Bystrica (200 km) • Bratislava - Budapest - (193 km) (international airport) • Bratislava – Praha (323 km) • Bratislava – Warsaw (625 km) • Bratislava – Bucharest (1079 km) <p>Complex telecommunication services available, including mobile phone providers (3 companies operating), wireless internet connection available. Transport availability from Bratislava is from the Airport M.R.Štefánik or from Schwechat Vienna Airport, and on the motorways and train in all directions. All train and bus transport time schedules are available on www.cp.sk.</p> | <p>Chernivtsi city has the international transport connection (air, trains, buses, minibuses) with all big cities of Europe, Convention’s countries and CIS. The Chernivtsi railway station has direct connection with Poland (Peremyshl), Romania (Bucharest), Bulgaria (Sofia), Ukrainian Zakarpatya (Chop, Uzhgorod), Lviv and Kyiv. The Chernivtsi airport connects city with Kiev, Istanbul (Turkey), Forli, Naples (Italy). Bus routes connect Chernivtsi with the majority of European cities.</p> <p>The premises are situated in convenient area of Chernivtsi with a wide choice of local transport (trolley-buses, trip buses, minibuses).</p> |

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| <p>London (Stansted and Luton), Manchester, Oslo and Warsaw, serviced by LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Ryanair. The airport has run the cargo service that may handle the biggest aircrafts in the world.</p> <p>In the nearest neighborhood of the City Centre – the Secretariat residence – there are 5 bus stops, which guarantee reaching all the parts of the city and Jasionka Airport by modern buses. Also very close, there is a railway station and bus station (country and international connections).</p> <p>Direct flights form Rzeszów – Jasionka Airport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frankfurt (Germany) • Oslo Rygge (Norway) • Trapani (Italy) • Rome Fiumicino (Italy) • Paris Beauvais (France) • Girona (Spain) • London Luton (England) • London Stansted (England) • Birmingham (England) • East Midlands (England) • Bristol (England) • Prestwick (England) | | <p>Local urban transport is provided by tram, buses and trolleybuses. There is a good system of local transport in the town. The office is situated in the very centre of the city, so local transport facilities are easy accessible (5-20 min. to the urban transport stops, railway station and bus station).</p> | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester (England) <p>Flights to the Carpathian Convention Countries via Warsaw Chopin Airport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budapest (Hungary) • Belgrade (Serbia) • Kiev (Ukraine) • Lviv (Ukraine) • Prague (Czech Republic) • Bucharest (Romania) <p>Road distances from Rzeszów to the Carpathian Convention countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slovakia 93 km • Czech Republic 327 km • Ukraine 94 km • Hungary 218 km • Romania 350 km • Serbia 625 km <p>Road distances to selected European cities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brussels 1468 km • Paris 1708 km • Berlin 766 km • Hamburg 1050 km • Praha 706 km • Bratislava 672 km • Kosice 201km • Vienna 634 km | | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budapest 457 km • Roma 1752 km | | | |
| 4. availability of trained personnel for possible employment in the Secretariat | | | |
| Poland: Rzeszów | Romania: Braşov | Slovakia: Bratislava | Ukraine: Chernivtsi |
| <p>Rzeszów with over 200 000 inhabitants concentrates over 20% of the total population in the Region.</p> <p>The educational system is adjusted to the labour market, which enables the entrepreneurs easy access to qualified labour force, 40% of the Rzeszow inhabitants graduated for university. All above mentioned factors help to identified relevant candidates possessing required qualifications (including ability of speaking English and other languages of member countries of the Carpathian Convention) and who may be employed by the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention.</p> | <p>There is an extremely good local availability of trained, well educated personnel that would be suitable for employment within the Permanent Secretariat. The combination of high standards of education, good language skills and the capacity building activities of both business and interests in the field of activity of the Convention. An additional bonus resource is the presence in relevant expertise that have settled permanently in Brasov after undertaking project work in the region.</p> <p>The presence of the Transilvania University with its Forestry Faculty and Tourism Faculty give a good resource of newly qualified candidates or interns. The attractive conditions and reasonable standard of living in Brasov also make it an interesting location to attract national and international personnel.</p> | <p>Professional staff of the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic (SNC), and other specialists from other Administrations can be of help and available for necessary technical assistance for the permanent secretariat. The SNC is the central national governmental organisation for administrations). Complex university education with qualification in language knowledge, natural history, ecology, forestry, economy and political nature conservation and management, governing all state protected areas (with 11 Regional Centres, altogether 25 units/protected areas sciences and international relations is available there. The big advantage of the location is availability of all these specialised, scientific, university and academic institutions which can be of help in various aspects of the Permanent Secretariat.</p> | <p>The presence of a number of scientific and institutions and universities dealing with problems of Carpathian Region (Chernivtsi National University, Bukovyna State Medical University, Chernivtsi branch of National Technical University „ Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute”, Chernivtsi Institute of Trade and Economy of the Kiev National University of Trade and Economy, Chernivtsi Institute of Economy and Law, Ukrainian Research Station of Plants’ quarantine, Scientific Research Institute of Medical and Environmental Problems) gives a good opportunity for employment in the permanent secretariat. A lot of peoples have a good knowledge of English.</p> |

| 5. availability of suitable housing, schooling, health and recreational amenities | | | |
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| Poland: Rzeszów | Romania: Braşov | Slovakia: Banska Bystrica | Ukraine: Chernivtsi |
| <p><u>Health:</u> Rzeszów is the safest city in the Podkarpackie Region offering professional health, dental, physiotherapeutic care, both in public regional hospitals and private clinics such as: John Paul II Municipal Hospital, Frederic Chopin Regional Specialists Hospital, Regional Hospital no. 2, Specialists Hospital “Pro-Familia”, Health Care Center “Medyk”, Health Care Center “Mrukmed”, Health Care Center “Medicor”, Health Care Center “Promedica”, non-public health care institutions “Asklepios”, “Pro-Familia”, “Domka & Pabis”, “Estetika” dental clinics. Rzeszow also offers a wide range of SPAs, such as park Hotel **** & Wellness Rzeszow, Blue Diamond Hotel Wellness & SPA****, Splendor SPA Hotel ****, Nowy Dwor SPA Hotel ***, Skin Care Institute “Dr. Irena Eris”.</p> <p><u>Housing:</u> There are many hotels</p> | <p><u>Health:</u> Brasov has 34 clinics and hospitals of various specializations.</p> <p><u>Housing:</u> Rent- 150-500 euro/month for apartments, depending on location and room numbers.; Purchase- 45.000 – 120.000 euro/ for apartments, depending on the room number and position in the city.</p> <p><u>Schooling:</u> Schools at all levels, including those providing classes in international languages (Deutsch, English, French, Hungarian, Spanish etc) other than the local language; Elementary school = 20. Transilvania University, several private universities and colleges.</p> <p><u>Recreational amenities:</u> Brasov has 5 museums, one theater, one children theater, one opera hall and one philharmonic. There are opened 2 cinemas, with 3 halls each. More than 50 statues, historic monuments, churches representing all the cults (orthodox,</p> | <p><u>Health:</u> There is the Faculty Hospital in Bratislava which is the one from biggest hospital in Slovakia, with a high quality service. There is also a good network of private health care service and pharmacies available. Health resorts in spas near Bratislava (Piešťany) offer short-term and long-term curative sojourns.</p> <p><u>Housing:</u> There are alot of possibilities of accommodation – hotels (apartments), guest houses, pensions or flats in the new apartment houses at disposal for rent in proximity 10-15 min on foot or by car from the office. Well-developed housing market offers a big number and selection of family houses, villas and flats in the city or its vicinity for sell. Other pensions can offer also cheaper accommodation.</p> <p><u>Schooling:</u> Several kindergartens; Primary schools with language classes; Secondary schools and Gymnasiums</p> | <p><u>Health:</u> Employees of the Permanent Secretariat and their families will be provided with free medical treatment in the multipurpose medical centers equipped with the necessary modern equipment and skilled personnel, and also in medical sanatoriums.</p> <p><u>Housing:</u> CRSA is ready to assist employees and guests of the Secretariat with flats according to the agreed and direct choice of the Permanent Secretariat’s authority. There are comfortable apartments in such hotels as - ‘Cheremosh’ Hotel, ‘Bukovyna’ Hotel, ‘Tourist’ Hotel, ‘Mriya’ Motel, ‘Bukovyna’ Resort, ‘Cheremosh’ Resort, ‘Snerekova Khata’ Resort, ‘Druzi Moyi’ Cottage and others. - ‘Cheremosh’ Hotel is a nine-storey complex built by Hungarian experts in accordance with international standards of guests acceptance, servicing and entertainment. 326 rooms are at the disposal of the guests.</p> |

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| <p>of different standards (such as ****,****,***), which can accommodate guests with the highest, and also those with slightly lower requirements. Currently in Rzeszow many new residential buildings are being constructed, both detached houses and block of flats, which are available for sale and lease. Numerous residential offers (both for sale and for lease) can be also found on the secondary market.</p> <p><u>Schooling:</u> Students can commence their studies at 9 different universities offering over 60 courses. There are also English language courses and bilingual classes in Rzeszow kindergartens, primary school, secondary and colleges, Also universities offer courses in English language.</p> <p><u>Recreation amenities:</u> In Rzeszow there are many cultural institutions such as: Podkarpackie Philharmonic, Wanda Siemaszkowa Theatre, "Maska" Theatre, "Przedmiescie" Theatre, numerous museums, art galleries, an auction house, 6 cinemas including 3 multiplex</p> | <p>catholic, protestant, Jewish etc.) and buildings with a great cultural relevance are an important part of Brasov heritage. Every year are organized several cultural events: The Days of the City, in May-"We love Brasov", "Brasov-The Music Citadel"-classic music festival, in the Summer, "The Harvesting Days", in Autumn, The National Drama Festival, in November, "Brasov – the Fairytale City" in December. Concerts or music festival (rock, jazz, folk, ballet, classic music, etc), traditional and cultural fairs, tourism and business fairs are also organized regularly. Also, Brasov used to be the hosting city of the "Golden Stag Festival" (<i>Cerbul de aur</i>), an annual international festival of music. There are cultural centers representing Germany, France, Japan and Hungary, very active in the community life. Also, the Municipal Library, whit its 6 section, located all over the city, is involved in cultural events and exhibitions. Brasov has at least 5 art galleries, 10 important book shops and several private art</p> | <p>- including bilingual. At all schools English or German languages are taught. In the city there are present also Technical University Bratislava, Comenius University Bratislava, SAV Bratislava – Slovak Academy of Sciences.</p> <p><u>Recreation amenities:</u> Shopping centres include Tesco Stores, Kaufland, Billa, Lidl, Coop, new modern complex facilities and local stores facilities.</p> | <p>'Cheremosh' Hotel is a three star rating hotel with Ukrainian and European cuisine; it has all facilities for organizing of international conferences and meetings as well as for comfortable accommodation of the participants.</p> <p>- 'Bukovyna' Hotel is a five-storey complex built by Bukovyna experts in accordance with all standards of guests acceptance, servicing and entertainment. 150 rooms are at the disposal of the guests. 'Bukovyna' Hotel is a three star rating hotel with Ukrainian and European cuisine; it has all facilities for organizing of international conferences and meetings as well as for comfortable accommodation of the participants.</p> <p>There are also 12 private hotels which comply with international standards of guests acceptance, servicing and entertainment in Chernivtsi.</p> <p><u>Schooling:</u> There are schools at different levels: with English, German, Romanian, Moldavian, Jewish and Polish languages</p> |
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| <p>cinemas, over 40 hotels, 520 restaurants, bars and pubs.</p> <p>International Festival of National Folklore Music, Carpathia – International Music Festival, Classical Music Festival in Łańcut, Rzeszow Theatre Festival, Theatre Poster Biennale and Biennale of Computes Graphics Art Biennale, Maskarada – Living Theatre Festival, Paniaga Holiday – the oldest street in Rzeszow, International Juvenile Chores Festival, International Organ Music Festival.</p> <p>National and international sport competition including – Tour de Pologne, volleyball, and speedway league tournaments Rzeszow Rally, regional marathon, Extreme Day, bicycle tour, basketball competition.</p> | <p>and antiques shops.</p> <p>In the vicinity of Bresov there is the oldest and the most famous ski resort in Romania – Poiana Bresov, with improved ski slopes and cable transport installations. The resort includes a wild variety of accommodation facilities and restaurants, which are hosting a large number of national and international meetings, workshops, conferences etc. both in summer and winter season.</p> <p>Social services – City of Brasov has specialized departments for child and family protection and old people help, for people with no home, department for job services.</p> <p>Human rights – A human rights NGO (Liga Pro Europa), juridical conciliation associations and other NGOs have official offices in Brasov and the local administration is very active in promoting the human rights information.</p> | | <p>classes. The major principles of preschool education are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The individual and differentiated approach to each child; 2. Conformity of programs and techniques of training, furniture and technical equipment of educational premises to the age of pupil; 3. Harmonious combination of public and family education. <p><u>Recreational amenities:</u> In Chernivtsi city the industrial enterprises are separated from residential areas with a green zone, there are recreational zones for different age groups, sports constructions, cultural centers, galleries and art studios. Chernivtsi is an important religious center (including the center of the world Hasidism and Old Belief), 100 religious organizations and 2 eparchial administrations, philosophy-theological faculty of Chernivtsi National University, theological seminary are functioning there. Chernivtsi is a trading city with 26 markets, over 1000 trade objects, 500 public catering enterprises function on its territory. Chernivtsi is also an important</p> |
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| | | | <p>trans-boundary center because of the international transport corridor which crosses the city, it ensures connection of the social and cultural centers of Romania and Republic of Moldova.</p> <p>There are ski complexes on the Tsetsyno Mountain in Chernivtsi, Nimchych Mountain in Pidzaharychi (Putyla rayon), ski centers in Myhovo (Vyzhnytsya rayon) and in Horbovo (Hertsya rayon). There are over 50 sites of rural tourism in magic Bukovynian Carpathian Mountains, on the picturesque hills and the banks of the Dnister River.</p> |
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6. facilities for the transfer of funds to and from foreign countries

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| | All the major national and international banks are present in Brasov with multiple branches throughout the city. All the banks have good experience in dealing with international clients – both personal and business. Many staff are multi lingual. A comprehensive of ATM“s | There are branches of several bank institutions of the Slovak Republic and some international banks. International bank transfers are realizable in all banks in the town (Tatrabanka, VUB, Slovenská sporiteľňa, OTP, ČSOB, UniCredit Bank, Banka Slovakia, Dexia Banka...). | There is a number of banks which deal with international bank transfers, namely: Department of National Bank of Ukraine in Chernivtsi Region, Chernivtsi Central Department of Prominvestbank, Chernivtsi Regional Management of Open Joint-Stock Commercial Bank ‘Nadra’, Chernivtsi Regional Branch of Joint-Stock Commercial Bank of Social |

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| | accepting international cards covers the city and the majority of retail and service outlets now accept credit cards. | | Development 'Ukrsotsbank', Chernivtsi Branch of Chernivtsi Regional Management of Open Joint-Stock Company 'State Savings Bank of Ukraine', Limited Liability Company Commercial Bank 'Bukovyna', Chernivtsi Regional Management of Open Joint-Stock Company 'Raiffeisen Bank Aval', Chernivtsi Branch of Closed Joint-Stock Company Commercial Bank 'Privatbank' etc. |
| 7. visa and entry permits procedures and requirements | | | |
| Poland: Rzeszów | Romania: Braşov | Slovakia: Bratislava | Ukraine: Chernivtsi |
| Visas and entry permits for the Republic of Poland shall be issued without delay to the Head of Secretariat and staff, their spouses and dependents; delegates attending conferences and meeting organized by the Secretariat and person(s) invited by the Secretariat on official business. | Entry visas in Romania are not required for the EU citizens as well for the Serbian and Ukrainian citizens holding diplomatic and official passports. The contact details and programs of the Romanian Diplomatic Missions in both Serbia and Ukraine, were these entry visas requests are processed, are available on the internet at: http://www.mae.ro/index.php?unde=doc&id=27&idlnk=4&cat=6 | Visa entry permits are not requested for EU member states and most of other European countries, as well as holders of diplomatic and official passports from Serbia and Ukraine. Processing of entry requirements can take few days and the Slovak authorities will be supportive in ensuring that visa entry permits are granted to participants from respective countries on time. | The entry visa for Ukraine is not needed for EU citizens. |

Host Government contribution and synergies:

1. additional earmarked and/or non-earmarked contribution by the host Government to the operation of the Secretariat or to the meetings under the Convention (TO BE FILLED IN)

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2. information on potential synergies from cooperation and coordination with various organizations and bodies located in the host country

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| <p>Rzeszow maintains partnership with twelve cities such as: Bielefeld (Germany), Buffalo (the U.S.), Klagenfurt (Austria), Kosice (Slovakia), Nylrehyhaza (Hungary), Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Lutsk (Ukraine), Lamia (Greece), Satu Mare (Romania) Fangchenggang (China), and Gainesville (the U.S.). at the moment the municipal authorities are establishing new contacts with Berlin (Germany), Bratislava, (Slovakia), Budapest (Hungary) Correze Department (France), Graz (Austria), Hamburg (Germany), Ljubljana (Slovenia), Mihalovce (Slovakia), Miskolc (Hungary), Oujda (Morocco), Paris (France), Prague (Czech</p> | <p>In line with the recommendations of the Implementation Committee Meeting from 2-4 April 2008, the Romanian Offer for hosting the Permanent Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention is further substantiated by the offer to host the CNPA Management Unit in the Romanian Carpathians.</p> <p>Provisional arrangements for hosting the CNPA Management Unit can stay with the Association of Natural Protected Areas Administration (ANPAA) in Romania, which includes 24 members of which 20 are from the Carpathian region, could be provided by associating the Management Unit with the Association and Piatra</p> | | <p>Ukraine would like to offer to host Management Unit for CNPA in the same building where Secretariat will be placed. 1 -2 rooms can be provided for the Unite from those give to the Secretariat.</p> |

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| <p>Republic), Presov (Slovakia), Roeselare (Belgium), Rome (Italy), Stockholm (Sweden), Telavi (Georgia), Turin (Italy), Uzhgorod (Ukraine), Zilin (Czech Republic).</p> | <p>Craiului National Park Administration, having its headquarter on the outskirts of Brasov City. The National Forest Administration is currently administrating 23 of 28 national and nature parks. Support will be given by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change for the establishment of the CNPA Unit in this transitional period.</p> <p>The Unit for CNPA will benefit of all the facilities of the Permanent Secretariat location and the ANPAA location, including office space and a meeting place. All the costs related to its functioning (premises, availability of general services as well as maintenance services, communication, office supplies, etc.) will be covered from the Secretariat budget.</p> | | |
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