



Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathian

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CARPATHIAN CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

INTRODUCTION

The First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (hereinafter referred to as “Carpathian Convention” or “Convention”) decided to establish the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC) in accordance with Article 14 (e) of the Carpathian Convention, as its subsidiary body.

The main purpose of the establishment of the CCIC relates to overseeing the establishment of the Working Groups, approving their Terms of Reference and to supervising and coordinating their activities.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Serviced by the Secretariat and presided by the Presidency confirmed by the preceding Conference of the Parties (COP), the CCIC shall carry out the following functions relevant to the implementation of the Carpathian Convention, its Protocols and strategic documents.

The CCIC:

- a) collects, assesses and analyzes information submitted by the Parties and observers;
- b) supports the implementation of the Convention, its Protocols, strategic documents, recommendations, joint projects and initiatives or other measures, also ensuring the involvement into the implementation of different stakeholders at local, regional, national and international levels;
- c) ensures an integrated strategic approach through coordination, harmonization and examination of mutual consistency of draft protocols, strategic documents, recommendations, joint projects and initiatives or other measures or other measures;
- d) assesses and considers the need for formulation of protocols, strategic documents, recommendations, joint projects and initiatives or other measures supportive to the achievement of the objectives of the Convention and recommend or develop those accordingly;
- e) reports on its work, prepares recommendations and the meetings of the COP;
- f) provides guidance to the work/activities conducted by the Working Groups;



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- g) prepares and approves Terms of Reference of the Working Groups;
- h) mandates the Secretariat to take necessary steps to enhance the implementation of the Carpathian Convention and its Protocols in between the COP meetings;
- i) can suggest actions to be taken to promote the Carpathian Convention, its Protocols and their implementation to the Presidency in between the COP meetings;
- j) performs the tasks assigned to it by the COP.

COMPOSITION

The CCIC consists of representatives of the Parties, especially the national focal points to the Carpathian Convention, and is set up as a subsidiary body of the Carpathian Convention according to Articles 14 para 2 (e) and 16 of the Carpathian Convention.

MEETINGS

The Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee shall meet at least once per year, e-consultations to be held as appropriate. Following each meeting, a written report on the discussions and conclusions will be prepared by the Secretariat and sent to the Parties.

The Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee applies, the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (adopted by the decision COP1/1) *mutatis mutandis*, except that the Chairperson of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee may represent the Party in the meeting (Rule 21 para 5).