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FINAL AGENDA

6th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD)

26-27 April 2023

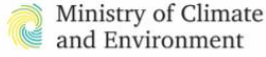
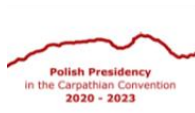
Vatra Dornei, Romania

09:00 – 17:30 26 April 2023

Field Trip linked with local herders/pastrolarist traditions in Romania is considered as an integral part of the WG SARD meeting, setting the scene for the discussion on the Carpathian pastoralism.

09:00 – 17:30 27 April 2023

09:00 – 09:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Opening of the meeting by Secretariat and welcoming remarks by the Polish Presidency 2) Opening remarks by the Chair of the Working Group SARD – Romania 3) Short introduction round 4) Adoption of the agenda 5) Report on status of ratification of the Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development
09:30 – 11:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Supporting and promoting Carpathian pastoralism, towards the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP), 2026 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brief introduction of the Background Note and ideas for potential activities under Carpathian Convention and WG SARD towards IYRP b. Presentation with inputs for discussion by Zsolt Molnár, Centre for Ecological Research and Ibolya Sáfián, leader of the Hungarian Woman Herder group c. National inputs on activities related to supporting and promoting Carpathian pastoralism, respective plans for IYRP d. Inscription of the Carpathian Transhumance in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity – Veronica Țaran Baciu Georgescu – General director - National Agency of the Mountain Areas Romania, Lucian David & Sabina Ispas – Romanian Academy
11:00 – 11:30	Coffe Break
11:30 – 13:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> e. Presentation by Euromontana on ongoing and planned activites related to pastoralizim f. Pastoralism in the South-Eastern Carpathians (& Romania). Past, present and future – Prof. (ass) Senior researcher Dr. Eng. Teodor Marusca - The Research-Development Institute for Grasslands Brasov, Romania g. Moderated participatory discussion, with inputs and suggestions by experts, on prioritising and planning activities by Carpathian Convention, WG Sard, other WGs and partners, towards IYRP
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 – 16:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7) Towards implementation of the SARD Protocol: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presentation of the Science for the Carpathians (S4C) recommendations relevant for WG SARD b. Update on topics for cooperation under the WG SARD by the Chair – Romania: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Best practices models: Short food supply chains – Farm to fork ii. Quality schemes and certification of „Mountain Products”



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	<p>iii. Associations for farmers and food producers in the mountain area - benefits and best practice models</p> <p>c. Presentation of relevant projects and updates on SARD Protocol implementation by the Parties (based on expressed interest)</p>
16:15 – 16:45	Coffe Break
16:45 – 17:00	8) Presentation of the funding by the The German Federal Foundation for the Environment (DBU) for Citizen Energy initiatives in the Carpathian Contries - Secretariat
17:15 – 17:30	9) Reflections from the Carpathian ESD Exerts – relevant links between ESD and SARD activities (TBC)
17:30 – 17:45	10) Support to Ukraine in the framework of the Carpathian Convention
17:45 – 18:00	<p>11) Any other business</p> <p>12) Conclusions and next steps</p> <p>13) Closing of the meeting</p>