

## FINAL AGENDA

12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee  
18-19 November 2021  
Kraków, Poland and ONLINE

DAY 1	
18 November 2021	
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Preparatory meeting for the Focal Points and their alternates</b>
<b>Session I</b> 10:00 – 11:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Opening of the 12th CCIC meeting by the Secretariat – <i>Mr. Harald Egerer, Head of the UNEP Vienna Office – Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention</i></li><li>2) Welcome remarks by the Polish Presidency – <i>Ms. Bożena Haczek, Ministry of Climate and Environment of Poland</i></li><li>3) Adoption of the agenda – <i>Chair of the CCIC meeting</i></li><li>4) Report on status of ratification of the Protocols to the Carpathian Convention and the Article 12bis by the Depositary - <i>Mr. Grygorii Parchuk, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i></li><li>5) Updates from the Science for the Carpathians: Recommendations from the 5th Forum Carpaticum – <i>Ms. Joanna Zawiejska, Chair of the Science for the Carpathians</i></li><li>6) Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – presentation of and discussion about ongoing and planned activities:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6.1) General presentation on progress of work since COP6 by the Secretariat</li></ol></li></ol>
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Session II</b> 11:45- 13:00	<p>Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – presentation of and discussion about ongoing and planned activities (continuation):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6.2) Report by the WG Biodiversity Chair – <i>Ms. Eliška Rolfova, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Short introduction to the idea of developing a declaration on ecological connectivity – <i>Ms. Hildegard Mayer, WWF CEE</i></li><li>- Report by the CNPA Steering Committee Chair and a presentation of the Centralparks project - <i>Mr. Mircea Vergheleț, Director of the Piatra Craiului NP in Romania, and Mr. Isidoro De Bortoli, Centralparks Project Manager, representing EURAC Research</i></li><li>- Report by the Carpathian Wetland Initiative Coordinator - <i>Jan Kadlecik, the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic</i></li></ul></li></ol>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>Session III</b> 14:00 – 16:00	<p>Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – presentation of and discussion about ongoing and planned activities (continuation):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6.3) Report by the WG Tourism Chair - <i>Mr. Dawid Lasek, Coordinator of the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform, Secretary General of the Association Carpathian Euroregion – Poland</i></li></ol>

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- 6.4) Report by the WG Climate Change Chair – *Mr. Sandor Szalai, Associate professor at Szent István University, Hungary*
- 6.5) Presentation of the project “Strengthening the ESD network in the Carpathian Convention via science-policy-practice interface” and discussion on project implementation – *Secretariat*

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### IN PARARELL TO THE CCIC SESSION III

**CNPA Steering Committee Meeting 14:00 – 16:00 (closed meeting for CNPA SC Members) – 2h session with the aim to discuss and agree on the recommendations elaborated during the 3<sup>rd</sup> CNPA Conference in Visegrad, September 2021)**

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16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee break**

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16:30 – 18:30 **Joint Session of the Carpathian Convention and the Centrum GRID/Warsaw**

Review of Carpathian projects and initiatives dedicated to the enhancement of biodiversity, ecological connectivity, traditional land use, spatial management and sustainable local development.

Networking and discussion: seeking synergies and potential for further application, replication and transfer of results and outputs, developed solutions, and best practices – in the trans-national context of the whole Carpathians, thus contributing to the effective implementation of the Carpathian Convention

- The session will mainly focus on the results of projects: LIFE Green-Gol Local initiatives for deployment of green infrastructure within Natura 2000 sites in the Carpathians, “Carpathians Unite” projects, ConnectGREEN, TRANSGREEN, SaveGREEN projects and Centralparks project.

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19:30 **Dinner**

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DAY 2

19 November 2021

**Session IV**

9:00 – 10:00

7) Opening of the DAY 2 by the Polish Presidency - *Ms. Bożena Haczek, Ministry of Climate and Environment of Poland*

8) Updates on the process of the Carpathian Strategy development

9.1) Presentation on importance of the Carpathian Strategy from the macroregional and the European Committee of the Regions perspective – *Mr. Władysław Ortyl, the Marshal of the Podkarpackie Region, Poland*

9.2) Presentation on the latest information regarding the development of the Carpathian Strategy – *Ms. Kinga Stańczuk-Olejnik, the Ministry of the Development Funds and Regional Policy of Poland*

9.3) Presentation on Initiative to support the Carpathian Convention and the Integrated Strategies for Cross-Border Carpathian Subregions – *Mr. Stanislav Kučerek, the Slovak-Polish Chamber of Commerce (TBC)*

10:00 – 12:00

Workshop on strengthening networks within the Carpathian Convention

**Coffee break during the workshop**

The workshop will begin with a presentation of findings from existing Convention networks (CNPA, S4C, CWI), their successes and challenges. The presentation will be followed by a moderated discussion and inputs from the CCIC about how the networks under the umbrella of the Carpathian Convention can be strengthened and better connected to the Convention, as well as identify lessons learned for the Carpathian ESD Network. The workshop is supported by the project “Strengthening the ESD network in the Carpathian Convention via science-policy-practice interface”.

Workshop moderated by Dr. Márta Vetier.

**Session V**

12:00 – 12:30

9) Updates on location and date of the CC COP7

10) Presentation of the Carpathian Convention website - *Secretariat*

11) Any Other Business

12) Conclusions

13) Closure of the 12th CCIC meeting

\*The Workshop constitutes part of the project *Carpathian ESD: Strengthening the ESD network in the Carpathian Convention via science-policy-practice interface*, and is funded by the German Federal Environment Ministry's Advisory Assistance Programme (AAP) for environmental protection in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and other countries neighbouring the European Union. It is supervised by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and by the German Environment Agency.

The S4C engagement is co-financed by the Governments of Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia through Visegrad Grants from International Visegrad Fund. The mission of the fund is to advance ideas for sustainable regional cooperation in Central Europe