



Carpathian Convention PoW Progress Report by the Secretariat

November 2015 – November 2016

Seventh Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee
21 – 22 November 2016, Vienna, Austria



Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD Protocol)



- development of the draft SARD Protocol together with EURAC in consultation with the Parties
- 4th version of the draft SARD Protocol ready for further consultation
- possible approval and signature at COP5

➤ ***CCIC may consider and advise on next steps for finalization of the SARD Protocol***



Article on Climate Change to the Carpathian Convention

- Idea of introduction of a new article on climate change to the Carpathian Convention
- Discussion on the article proposal during the meeting of the Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change, 27 – 28 October 2016 , Vienna, Austria
- New article proposal agreed by the WG Climate Change and ready for further consultation
- Possible approval at the COP5



➤ **CCIC may consider the draft Article on Climate Change and decide on way forward for submission to COP**



Administrative Units

- Based on COP4/2 para. 3 Decisions, the Secretariat started to collect information on the administrative units within which the Parties plan to implement the Convention and its Protocols
 - Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia provided requested information
- ***CCIC shall consider the information provided and guide on the way forward to complete and finalize the list of administrative units***



Working Group on Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity (WG Biodiversity)



- **Conference on Large Carnivores Protection in the Carpathians, 18 – 21 October 2016, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Czech Republic**
- Conference outcomes :
 - Declaration on the Management and Protection of Large Carnivores in the Carpathians
 - Memorandum of Cooperation between the International Council for Game and Wildlife and the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
- **8th meeting of the WG Biodiversity, 20 October 2016** (organized during the Large Carnivores Conference)
 - Recommendation to elaborate an International Action Plan for the Conservation and Sustainable Management for the Carpathian Populations of Large Carnivores
 - Recommendation to finalize the Carpathian Red Lists starting with the draft Carpathian Red List of Forest Habitat
 - Recommendation to simplify the current Report Format for the Biodiversity Protocol



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■ Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)

- Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariat and the Association for Natural Protected Areas Administration (ANPAA) has been signed
- Memorandum of Cooperation between CNPA, ALPARC and DANUBE PARKS



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- **CCIC may consider the outcomes of the Large Carnivore Conference and of the WG Biodiversity; possible inclusion into COP Decisions;**
- **CCIC may advice on activities to be included in the international action plan for the conservation and sustainable management for the Carpathian populations of large carnivores;**
- **CCIC may consider the Carpathian Red List of Forest Habitats and possible way forward for other draft Carpathian Red Lists available;**
- **CCIC may welcome simplified version of the Report Format, recommend its use and subsequent amendment of the Report Format by the COP;**
- **CCIC may welcome the MoC between the Secretariat and ANPAA**
- **CCIC may welcome the MoC and Action Plan between CNPA, ALPARC and DANUBEPARKS**



Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management (WG Forest)

**5th Meeting of the Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management,
26 – 27 September 2016, Brasov, Romania**

- continuation of work on Virgin Forest Inventory/Map
 - work on definition/ indicators for natural forest as a possible next priority of the WG Forest
- ***CCIC may advise on way forward to complete the Virgin Forest Inventory***
- ***CCIC may also advise on way forward towards definition/description of natural forests in the Carpathians, and suggest special focus on the Protected Areas***



Working Group on Sustainable Tourism (WG Tourism)

- **8th Meeting of the WG Tourism, 12 – 14 April 2016, Brasov, Romania**
 - **Joint Proposal of the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform**
- *Workshop on the Implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism to the Carpathian Convention into National Law, to be held on 12 – 13 December in Vienna*
- **CCIC may advise on the way forward regarding the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform and other aspects of implementation of the Sustainable Tourism Protocol,**
- **CCIC may advise the Secretariat to enter into collaborative agreements with the centres of the Platform, which have been officially endorsed by the respective tourism authorities**



Working Group on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge

- Draft Protocol on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge – next steps
- ***CCIC may advise on the way forward regarding the draft Protocol on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge***



Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change

5th meeting of the Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change, 27 – 28 October 2016 , Vienna, Austria



- discussion on a possible inclusion of the Article on Climate Change to the Carpathian Convention
- contribution of the Carpathian Convention to the CLIMAT – Adapt
- Report on Adaptation Responses to Climate Change for the Carpathians

- ***CCIC may welcome the cooperation with EEA on inclusion of the Carpathian region to the Climate-ADAPT Platform***
- ***CCIC may welcome the idea of the Report on Adaptation Responses to Climate Change for the Carpathians***



Programme of Work 2018 – 2020 of the Carpathian Convention

- ***CCIC shall consider the draft Programme of Work 2018-2020***



Cooperation with other initiatives

1) Memorandum of Cooperation with CIC

Memorandum of Cooperation between the International Council for Game and Wildlife and the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention,

signed during the Conference on Large Carnivore's Protection in the Carpathians, 20 October 2016, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Czech Republic

The main objective of the MoC is to enhance the capacity of countries in the Carpathian region in conserving and sustainably managing wildlife resources, thereby contributing to biodiversity conservation, food safety and nutrition (food security), wildlife, livestock, human health, and social and economic development



Cooperation with other initiatives

2) Memorandum of Cooperation with EUSDR

- MoC with EUSDR PA1b “Mobility | Rail-Road-Air”, June 2016
- Moc with EUSDR PA04 “Water Quality”, August 2016
- MoC with EUSDR PA02 “Energy”, November 2016

Carpathian Convention is closely cooperating with the EU Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG Regio) in mainstreaming and profiling mountains at EU level, both in the macro-regional strategies and through new possible initiatives, whose final aim will be the possibility to develop a "Mountain Agenda" for Europe.

The Memoranda will facilitate the coordination with the specific PAs and possible support to Carpathian related activities.



Cooperation with other initiatives

3) Cooperation with European Environment Agency

- Joint Work Plan 2016-2017 between EEA and the Carpathian Convention

Under the Joint Work Plan 2016-2017, EEA and the Carpathian Convention are implementing the following points:

- Finalisation of the Joint Carpathian Convention and European Topic Centre on Urban, Land and Soil Systems (ETC/ULS) report on data and indicators relevant for sustainable forest management and for the elaboration of an inventory on the Carpathian Virgin Forests
- Development of a Carpathian webpage under Climate-ADAPT Platform
- Organization of a joint EEA – Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management
- Cooperation on the development of a sub-regional report on adaptation policies in the Carpathian Region, with the support of and in cooperation with the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change



European Environment Agency



Cooperation with other initiatives

- *CCIC may consider and welcome progress in cooperation with other initiatives and advise on planning of cooperative activities*



European Environment Agency



Update on the project developments

- EUSDR START – Danube Region Project Fund :
Project START ConnectGREEN
- EUSDR Technical Assistance Facility for Danube Region Projects (TAF-DRP) :
Project WILD for DC
- EU DTP Projects :
 - 1 - **Project ConnectGREEN**
 - 2 - **Project TRANSGREEN**
 - 3 - **Project DANUBIOM**
 - 4 - **Project JOINTISZA**
- EU HORIZON2020
Project ECOPOTENTIAL
- Visegrad Fund
CooperAtion of touRism for building PATHways through developing HANdicraft workshops for tourist and rural TOURISM suppliers - CARPATHIAN TOURISM



➤ **CCIC may welcome information about the projects' approval**



Update on the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP5)



Thank you for your attention!

