



**Carpathian Convention Working Group on
Protection and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity
(Biodiversity WG)**

**Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Steering Committee
(CNPA SC)**

4-5 October 2010, Belgrade

REPORT

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was hosted by the Serbian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning and Mr. Radislav Momirov (Assistant to the Minister) welcomed the participants and officially opened the meeting. It was agreed that Mr. Harald Egerer (on behalf of the Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention – UNEP Vienna ISCC) served as a chairman. Mr. Egerer thanked the host and summarized recent activities developed within the Carpathian Convention. He informed the participants that the Medium Term Strategy of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) has been finalized in the last CNPA SC (Steering Committee) in Poiana Brasov, Romania, ready to be submitted to the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC) and the final version of the BIOREGIO Carpathians project proposal has been submitted under the South East Europe Territorial Cooperation Programme in September. He informed the meeting participants also that the Carpathian Convention Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management and the Tourism Protocol have been finalized by the respective Working Groups and will be submitted to the CCIC. He stressed that the next CCIC will be held either in Vienna or in Bratislava on 29/30 November and mentioned some important upcoming events such as the Side Event on CBD Programme of Work on Mountains organized by UNEP Vienna - ISCC at CBD COP 10 in Nagoya, the Workshop on a Strategy for the Carpathian Region (Carpathian Strategy) that will be organized in January in Bruxelles and a Workshop on Virgin Forests that will be organized in February (place to be decided). The draft version of the Carpathian Strategy will be presented together with the structure of the implementation Report of the Carpathian Convention to the CCIC.

After an introduction round and the presentation of the objectives of this meeting the agenda was adopted.

2. Finalization of the Biodiversity Protocol Strategic Action Plan

After the last meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on protection and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity (Biodiversity WG) held in Poiana Brasov, Romania, on 18 – 19 May 2010, the revised draft was circulated for comments. The Parties provided several inputs and suggestions to UNEP Vienna - ISCC. Mr. Egerer invited the country representatives to summarize their comments. Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland shortly presented their notes and observations. Mr. Giacomo Luciani (EURAC expert



team/ISCC) explained that – as far as possible – all comments were incorporated into the document and the suggested changes to the structure of the document were also taken into account. Then the discussion to finalize the Biodiversity SAP was opened and the participants went through the document which took the whole afternoon and the next morning session.

It was agreed that the UNEP Vienna – ISCC will redraft the document on the basis of what agreed during the meeting and will distribute the document in about 2 weeks.

3. Other matters

The Slovak representative, Mr. Jan Kadlecik, informed about a possible upcoming meeting of the Ambassadors of Carpathian countries in Berlin. Mr. Egerer provided an up-date of planned activities for COP 10 in Nagoya and urged the country representatives to inform their Country Delegation and hopefully to participate at this side event of the Alpine and the Carpathian Convention. And finally, Mr. Luciani presented the final version of BIOREGIO Carpathian project proposal (process, objectives, structure, partners, etc.).

Mr. Egerer thanked the host and the participant and closed the meeting.



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