



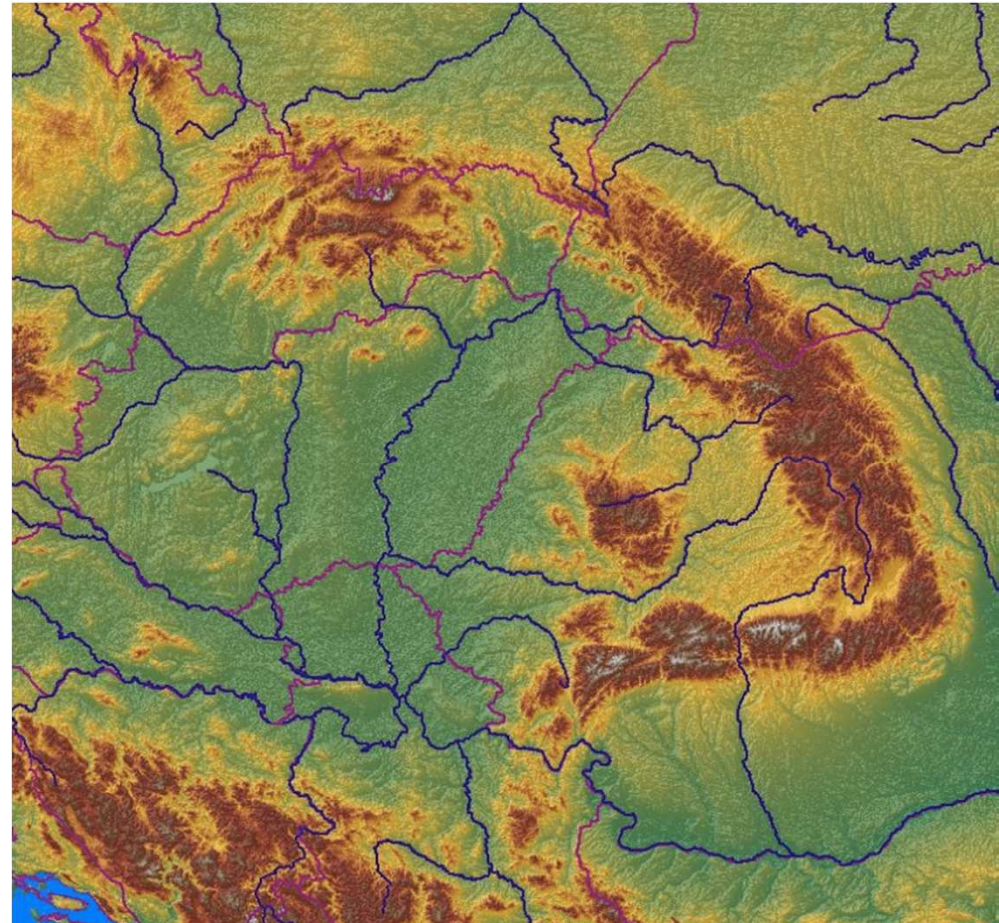
## Cooperation of the Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change with other Working Groups and beyond

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# The Carpathians

- Largest, longest, most twisted and fragmented mountain range in Europe
- Over 50% of the territory natural and semi-natural forests
- Providing essential ecosystem goods to communities in seven countries
- High vulnerability to climate change



# The Carpathian Convention

- Adopted on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2003
- Entered in force on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2006
- Ratified by all the seven Carpathian countries
- Observer in the Working Group on Green Infrastructure and Restoration of the European Commission
- A framework Convention for cooperation and multi-sectoral policy coordination



Goal: Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathian Region



# WG Climate Change – establishment



- 2011 - European Commission – DG Environment, proposed the establishment of a Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change under the Carpathian Convention supported by the project CARPIVIA
- Decision COP3/15 established the Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change



# WG Climate Change meetings

- 2012 - First and Second Meeting of WG Climate Change
- 2014 – Third Meeting of WG Climate Change with the participation of experts of the Alpine Convention
- 2015 – Fourth Meeting of the WG Climate Change



# Eger Group

- Workshop on sharing of experiences on adaptation to climate change in mountain areas, Eger, Hungary, 22 October 2012
- Participation of representatives from Pyrenees, Alps, Carpathians, Balkans, Caucasus, Central Asia
- Main outcome: establishment of a platform for exchange of information and know-how and development of possible common activities
- On Facebook: [Eger Working Group](#)



# Cooperation with other Working Groups

Reference to the Climate Change issues in the strategic documents :

## ➤ **Forest Protocol**

### **Article 14**

#### *Forestry and climate change*

1. Each Party shall pursue policies aiming at enhancing the role of the forestry sector in mitigating climate change, with particular attention to finding the right balance between increasing carbon stocks in forest ecosystems, promoting the use of renewable wood energy, and the sound use of wood products as substitutes of rough materials derived from non renewable resources.
2. Each Party, taking into consideration the effects of climate change, shall pursue adaptation policies and measures aiming at increasing the stability and the resilience of the Carpathian forests.
3. Each Party, taking into consideration the increased vulnerability of forest to the fires and other extreme events due to climate change, shall undertake appropriate measures in order to reduce the risk and mitigate the effects.

# Cooperation with other Working Groups

Reference to the Climate Change issues in the strategic documents :

- **Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development** (in progress)
  - “Climate smart agriculture” means an agriculture that sustainably increases productivity, resilience (adaptation), reduces/removes greenhouse gases (mitigation) while enhancing the achievement of national food security and development goals .





# Cooperation with other Working Groups

## More actions needed !

Action → examine all possibilities to improve cooperation with and information exchange between all the Working Groups

- Joint meetings of the Working Groups
- Experts from different fields invited for WG meetings
- Strategic documents mutually consulted



# The Carpathian Convention and climate change



## The activities of the Working Group on Adaptation to Climate change:

- **FUTURE IMPERFECT** – Climate change and adaptation in the Carpathians, a publication bringing together the results of the three projects on climate change in the Carpathians, CARPATCLIM, CARPVIA and CarpathCC (you can find it at [www.carpathianconvention.org](http://www.carpathianconvention.org))
- **Joint Alpine-Carpathian Statement on Adaptation to Climate Change**, jointly presented at UNFCCC COP 20 in Lima by the Czech and Italian Presidencies
- **Strategic Agenda on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Carpathian Region** finalized
- **Strategic Action Plan for Development of project ideas in the Carpathian Region** draft



# Cooperation with Danube strategy



## EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

- **Priority Area 06** Biodiversity, landscapes, quality of air and soils – We are an observer
- **Priority Area 02** Energy – With the support of the Coordinators we submitted a project under the Danube Transnational Programme on the evaluation of local and regional conditions for sustainable use of RES with a focus on the Carpathians



# Cooperation with ICPDR



- **Joint Declaration** between ICPDR and Carpathian Convention on cooperation in the Tisza Basin
- Close cooperation with ICPDR on the EUSDR in the Danube area: promotion of the implementation of the "*Guiding principles on sustainable hydropower development in the Danube Basin*" (DECISION COP4/3 par 2)



# Cooperation with the Tisza Group

WG Climate Change as an interactor of the Tisza Group

- Consolidate relevant information from all the CC Working Groups and provide them to the Tisza Group experts
- Implementation of joint, coordinated and complementary activities and projects
- Joint meetings and information exchange
- Cooperation in the field of education and awareness raising



# Thank you for your attention!

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