



Ministry of Climate and Environment





INTRODUCTION Long-term Vision 2030, Implementation Framework and first Draft Workplan 2021-2023

8th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Climate Change – 06 May 2021, online

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## WG on Climate Change – Elevating it's Mandate

#### The Working Group on Climate Change under the Carpathian Convention

- is **one of eight thematic intergovernmental Working Groups** currently supporting the implementation of the Carpathian Convention as subsidiary bodies
- has been established 2011 by the Third Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP3)
- represents the main subsidiary body to strengthen it's role for mainstreaming climate change into the Carpathian Conventions' activities and workstreams

#### Elevating the Mandate of the Working Group had considered

- major global policy developments in the past years for climate change, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development
- the adoption of Article 12bis on Climate Change as an amendment to the Carpathian Convention (COP5, 2017)
- an increasing urgency for lifting the level of ambition for climate action in order to steer progress towards building resilience and supporting collaborative action on climate risks and impacts in the Carpathians on a transboundary scale



### 7th Meeting of the Working Group on Climate Change

7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Climate Change (15 May 2020, online):

- Finalized the advanced presidency paper on Elevating the Mandate of the WG on Climate Change
- Agreed on the updated Terms of Reference for the WG on Climate Change
- Discussed topics for collaboration with other thematic Working Groups under the Carpathian Convention
- Decided to elaborate a Long-term Vision 2030 towards combating climate change in the Carpathians and an accompanying Implementation Framework to be adopted by COP6 on 25 November 2020





# Long-term Vision 2030

The Carpathian Convention's vision for combating climate change is to strengthen collaborative efforts towards a climate-neutral path that delivers climate-resilient and sustainable development in the Carpathians

The vision entails to accelerate joint efforts for steering the Carpathian region onto a sustainable and climate-proofed path through:

- establishing effective and joint responses to adverse consequences of climate change, both through mitigation and adaptation,
- supporting Carpathian mountain communities to conserve, restore and sustainably manage the key ecosystem goods and services on which their region's economy depends
- developing and implementing integrated approaches that address multiple goals for sustainable development simultaneously and take due account of climate change risks and opportunities,
- promoting mainstreaming of climate change considerations throughout the relevant Carpathian Convention's operations and workstreams addressing interlinked environmental and socio-economic opportunities and constraints at the same time





## **Strategic Objectives**

The Long-term Vision 2030 identifies **seven Strategic Objectives (SO)** to be followed, closely aligned with the implementation of the Article 12bis on Climate Change of the Carpathian Convention:

- (SO 1) Climate Action in mountain areas is given higher attention through targeted outreach and by fostering collaboration with other mountain and neighboring regions
- (SO 2) Regional cooperation and interaction among the Parties of the Carpathian Convention are strengthened through identifying common priority actions and harmonizing them with ongoing regional and national efforts on climate change in the Carpathians
- (SO 3) Possible areas for **transnational climate action in the Carpathians** are identified with concrete options for climate change mitigation and adaptation
- (SO 4) Interlinkages between climate issues and other relevant areas of work of the Carpathian Convention are taken into account
- (SO 5) Climate research on both qualitative and quantitative levels is promoted, including fostering the application of its results
- (SO 6) Science-policy-practice interfaces and innovative approaches are further explored and promoted
- (SO 7) Joint efforts are taken on **identifying funding opportunities** and drawing the attention of donors towards the benefits of greater regional cooperation

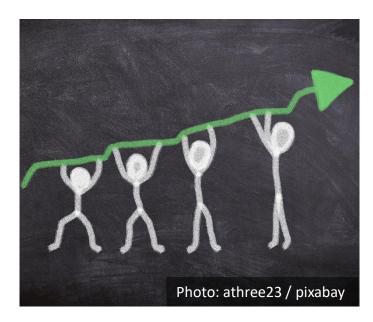




### **Implementation Framework**

The Implementation Framework accompanying the Long-term Vision 2030 towards combating climate change in the Carpathians sets out **concrete activities** and milestones **for the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Climate Change** to achieve the strategic objectives and related targets by

- providing overall guidance for the Working Group's agenda and related Workplans for the upcoming implementation periods starting 2021
- proposing activities and milestones for each of the seven Strategic Objectives to be accomplished by 2030



Based on the Implementation Framework, the Working Group shall:

- prioritize tasks and activities under the Strategic Objectives and elaborate concrete
  Workplans for the implementation periods of each 3 years
- define methodological approaches, share responsibilities and identify concrete actors for implementation
- take into due account available human and financial resources as well as external funding for implementation
- aim for a balanced approach towards progress on all Strategic Objectives to be met by 2030



## Preparations towards a first Workplan 2021-2023

#### **DRAFT Workplan**

- takes Annex I of the Implementation
  Framework as a basis for suggested Strategic
  Objectives and related targets to be considered
- details selected activities in terms of expected results, actors involved and funding (addition of milestones TBD)
- uses a similar structuring as for the <u>International</u> <u>Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores</u> <u>and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity</u>



# Thank you for your attention!

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