



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

7th 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 [International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity](#)



Thank you for your attention!

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