



THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM UNDER THE CARPATHIAN CONVENTION

2-5 April 2007
Březová, White Carpathians, Czech Republic

TENTATIVE AGENDA

April, 1

Arrival of the participants of the Morning Session for NGOs

19.00 **Dinner**

Day I - April, 2

Morning Session for NGOs

- 09.30 – 12.30 Introduction of the Working Group on Sustainable Tourism to the NGOs; provision of information on:
- Carpathian Convention process
 - Purpose and tasks of the TWG
 - Role of the NGOs – expected inputs to the TWG activities

Flexible coffee break in between

Arrival of the members the Working Group on Sustainable Tourism (TWG)

Start of the Meeting of the Working Group on Sustainable Tourism (TWG)

12.30 – 14.30 Lunch Break

- 14.30 – 18.45 Introduction and General Aspects
- Welcome remarks on behalf of the Interim Chair of the Working Group, the Government of the Czech Republic, by Martina Paskova, Head of Settlements' and Human Ecology Department, Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic
 - Adoption of the Agenda
 - Election of a Chair, a Co-chair and a Rapporteur
 - Carpathian Convention process and the role of the TWG
 - TWG activities, timeframe and tasks until the COP2
 - Adoption of the Terms of Reference of the TWG

Tourism in the Carpathians – Opportunities and Threats

- Background document “Sustainable Tourism Opportunities in the Carpathians” (*Kristina Vilimaite, CEEWEB, Hungary*)
- Introductory presentation on the preparation of the strategy for the future tourism development of the Carpathians and the tourism protocol – general aspects & examples (*Michael Meyer, Ecological Tourism in Europe, Germany*)
- Adoption of the Terms of Reference of the *strategy for the future sustainable tourism development of the Carpathians* and the Terms of Reference of the draft *Tourism Protocol*

Flexible coffee break in between

19.00 Carpathian Evening

Day II - April, 3

9.00 – 13.00

Preparation of the Strategy for the Future Tourism Development of the Carpathians

- The potential of the Carpathians as a mega-destination for sustainable tourism in Europe (*Dr. László Puczkó, Xellum Kft., Hungary*)
- Introduction of the draft structure of the strategy for the future tourism development of the Carpathians (from now on referred to as Tourism Strategy)
- Identification of pros and cons in tourism development in the Carpathians
- Discussion on the draft structure of the Tourism Strategy
- Discussion of the process of elaborating the drafts of the individual chapters and sub-chapters
- Adoption of the draft structure of the Tourism Strategy

Flexible coffee break in between

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 18.45

Elaboration of the First Two Elements of the Tourism Strategy

1. Purpose of the Strategy

- Discussion of the purpose of the strategy
- Adoption of the purpose of the strategy

2. Vision Statement

- Joint creation of a vision
- Elaboration of the vision statement
- Adoption of the vision statement

Flexible coffee break in between

19.00 Dinner

Day III - April, 4

9.00 – 13.00 Excursion in the White Carpathians

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 18.45 Protocol Development

- Introduction of the draft structure of the Tourism Protocol to the Carpathian Convention
- Problem identification exercise
- Discussion of the draft structure

Flexible coffee break in between

19.00 Dinner

Day IV - April, 5

9.00 – 13.00 Continuation of the Protocol Development

- Discussion of the process of elaborating the drafts of the individual chapters and sub-chapters
- Adoption of the draft structure

Conclusions and final questions, time and place of the second meeting

Flexible coffee break in between

13.00 End of the meeting