



Carpathian Convention and its activities



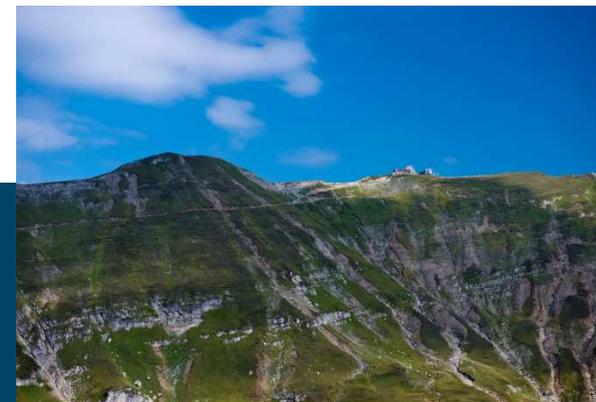
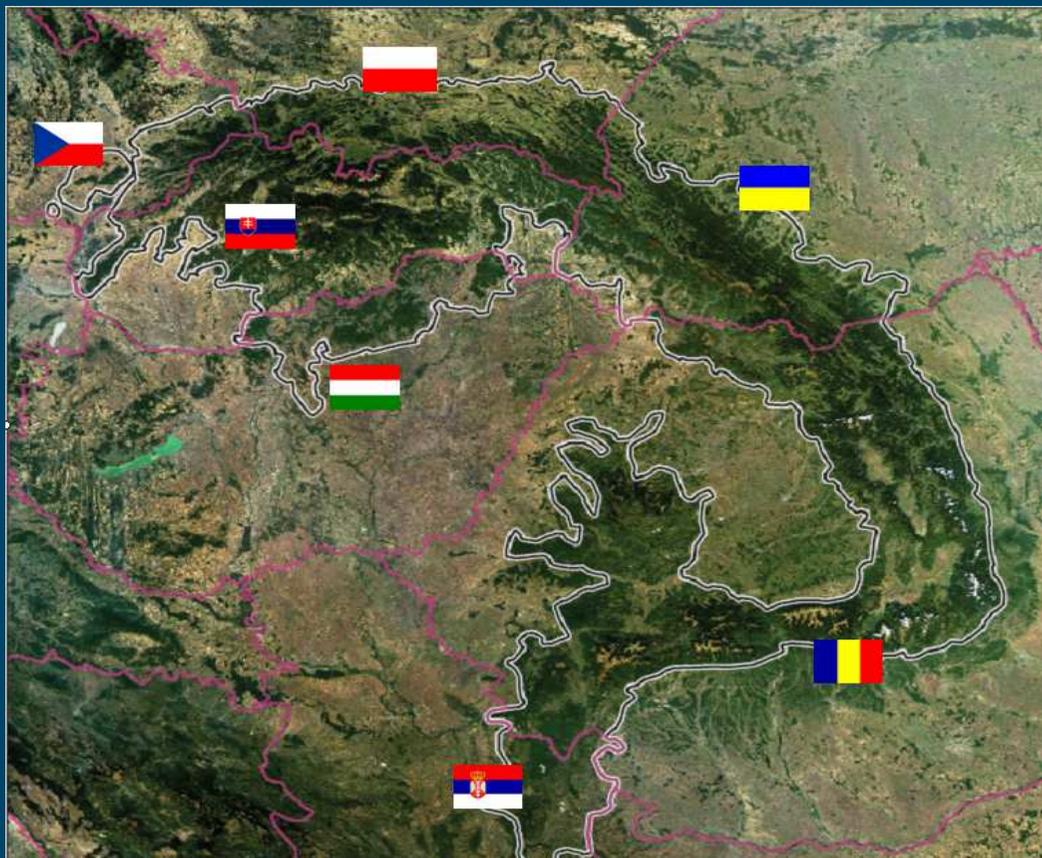
Harlad Egerer

Joint Meeting of WG Biodiversity and WG Spatial Development
22 - 24 October 2014, Kluszkowce, Poland

Pictures: Mircea Verghet



Carpathians at glance



Carpathian Convention at glance

7 State Parties
Adoption: 22 May 2003 in Kyiv, Ukraine
Entry into force: 4 January 2006
4 Meetings of the COP: 2006, 2008, 2011, 2014
Current presidency: Czech Republic



Main objective:
Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathian region



COP 2, Bucharest, 2008



COP 3, Bratislava, 2011



The Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP4), Mikulov, Czech Republic on 23 – 26 September 2014

Main outcomes of the COP4, adoption of :

- **Protocol on Sustainable Transport – *meeting highlight***
- **Strategy on Sustainable Tourism**
- **Strategic Action Plan for the implementation of the CC Forest Protocol**
- **Strategic Agenda for Adaptation to Climate Change**
- **Ministerial Declaration on Cultural Heritage**
- **Joint Alpine – Carpathian Statement on Adaptation to Climate Change**



COP 4, Mikulov, 2014

Carpathian Convention at glance



Conference of the Parties

Carpathian Convention
Implementation Committee CCIC



The Secretariat

WG
Sustainable
Agriculture,
and Rural
Development

WG
Biodiversity

WG
Sustainable
Tourism

WG
Sustainable
Industry,
Energy,
Transport and
Infrastructure

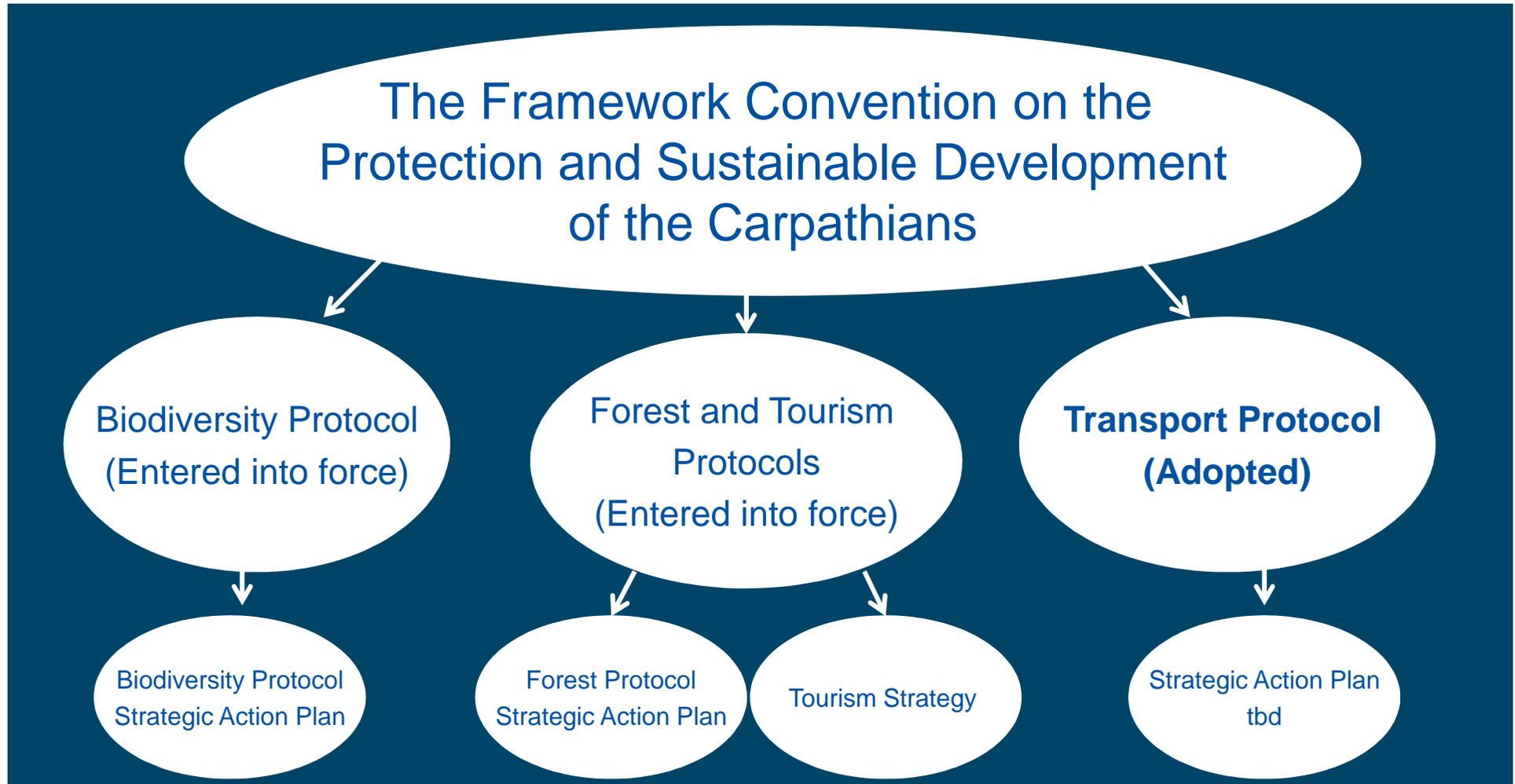
WG Spatial
Development

WG on
Adaptation to
Climate
Change

Carpathian
Network of
Protected
Areas (CNPA)
Steering
Committee



The Convention as a legal framework



New possible Protocols :
agriculture, cultural heritage



Working Group on Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity

- **Carpathian Convention Biodiversity Working Group (7 meetings)**
- Entry into force of **Biodiversity Protocol** in all CC Countries
- **Strategic Action Plan** for the implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol
- **Biodiversity Protocol Implementation Report Format**



Working Group on Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity

- **Carpathian Network of Protected Areas** a new international organisation (CNPA) – has been working to conserve national resources in the Carpathian
- **Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Steering Committee** (13 meetings)
- **Two Conferences of the Network of Protected Areas** (2009, Poiana Brasov, Romania and 2013 Tatranska Javorina, Slovakia)
- **Establishment of CNPA Unit**
- Regular contacts and exchange of information with the **Carpathian Wetland Initiative**



BioREGIO Carpathians project



Aimed at implementing the main provisions of the Carpathian Convention Biodiversity Protocol

Partnership: 16 Partners from all the Carpathian Countries represented in an integrated consortium. Ministries for the Environment were observers

Budget: 2.6 Million Euros

Project Duration: 2011 – 2014

FINAL CONFERENCE

12 – 13 June 2014

Brasov, Romania

Picture: Pleniny National Park



- Red list of species and habitats, and Red list of invasive alien species in the Carpathians
- Common integrated management measures (CIMM)
- A Web-GIS application for Ecological Connectivity (<http://webgis.eurac.edu/bioregio/>)
- Carpathian Integrated Biodiversity Information System (CIBIS) - <http://geoportal.ccibis.org/>



Picture: Pleniny National Park

Working Group on Spatial Development

- **Carpathian Strategic Workshop on Spatial Planning**, May 2008, Vienna, Austria
- Swiss contribution to EU enlargement, May 2008, WWF DCPO
- Consultative Workshop - **Moving towards a Carpathian Strategy**, January 2011, Brussels, Belgium - Common Representation of the European Region Tyrol
- Workshop **“Towards a EU Strategy for the Carpathian Region”**, May 2013, Brussels, Belgium - Committee of the Regions
- **The macro-regional strategy for the Carpathian Region Conference**, December 2013, Brussels, Belgium - European Parliament

EUROPEAN UNION



Committee of the Regions



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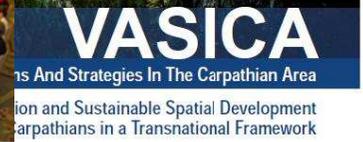
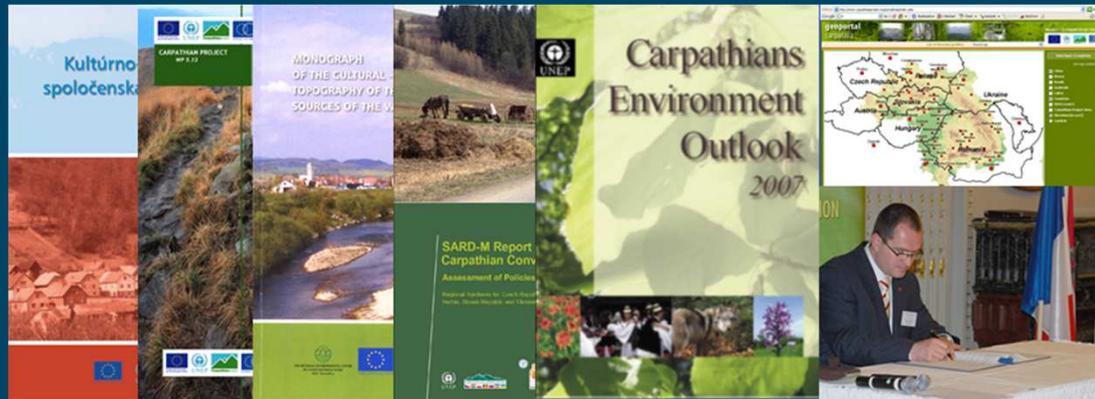
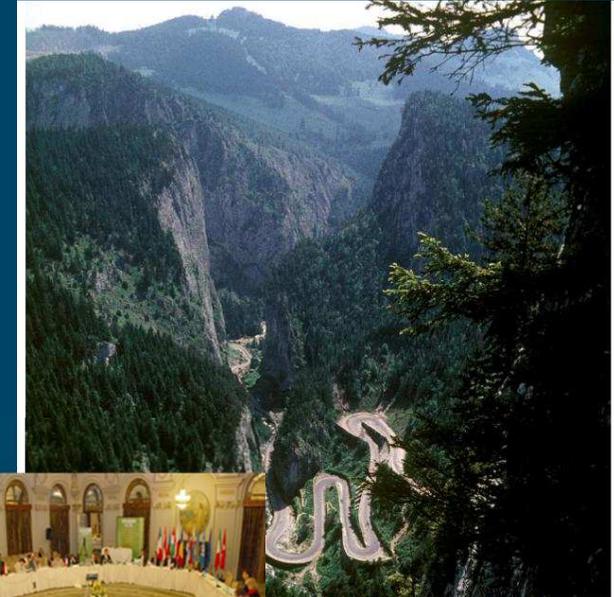


EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Carpathian Project

➤ From the Carpathian Project towards the Carpathian Space

Lead Partner UNEP- Vienna ISCC
€ 4.260.000 (2,4 ERDF, PHARE, TACIS, Nat.)
18 partners, 10 countries
36 months (1 September 2005 – 31 August 2008)

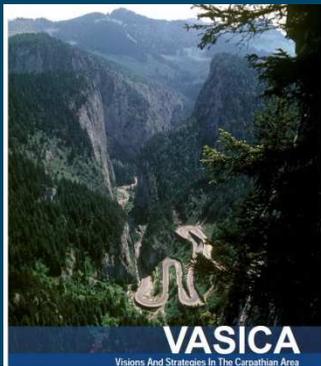


Vision and Strategies for the Carpathian Area

- **VASICA – Visions and Strategies for the Carpathian Area:** one of the main outcome documents of the INTERREG IIIB CADSES Carpathian project (2006 – 2009)
- Conceptual document based on a social-economic analysis, which is exploring some development opportunities in the Carpathian area and sets some priorities for development actions



Call for Carpathian Space Programme



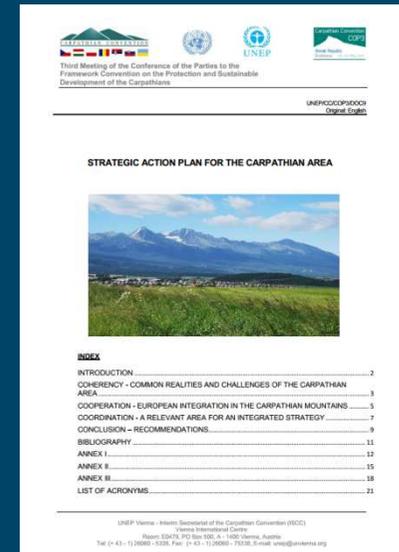
Strategic Action Plan for the Carpathian Area

- Adopted by COP 3 in May 2011
- Finalization at the Consultative Workshop “Moving towards a Carpathian Strategy – Brussels, January 2011
- Document based mainly on VASICA and some of the EUSDR elements

Main objective:

Strengthening cooperation and coordination between initiatives and stakeholders at different levels in the Carpathian Region

Strategic Action Plan for the Carpathian Area



The Carpathians in the EUSDR



EUSDR and Carpathian Convention Governance

- Strengthening EU dimension of Carpathian area through Carpathian Convention → strategic tool complementary to EUSDR
- Strengthening ownership of the regions and stakeholders by offering an already existing platform
- Making sure that Danube Operational Programme 2014-2020 will address Carpathian Convention together with EUSDR



Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management

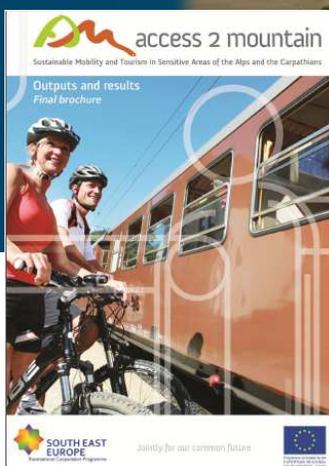
- **Carpathian Convention Working Group on Forest (5 meetings)**
- **Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management entered into force**
- **Strategic Action Plan for the Implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management**
- **Criteria and indicators for selection of virgin forests in transboundary region**
- **Close cooperation with European Environment Agency**

Picture: M. Vergara



Working Group on Sustainable Industry, Energy, Transport and Infrastructure

- Carpathian Convention Transport Working Group (6 meetings)
- Protocol on Sustainable Transport - development of the Protocol supported by the Access2Mountain project



A2M Final Conference, April 2014



Working Group on Sustainable Tourism

- **Carpathian Convention Working Group on Tourism (5 meeting)**
- Next WG on Tourism, 24 – 26 November 2014, Belgrade, Serbia
- **Protocol on Sustainable Tourism entered into force**
- **Strategy for the Future Sustainable Tourism Development of the Carpathians**



Environmental assessment / information system, monitoring and early warning

- Partnership Agreement related Work Plan 2013 – 2015 between the Carpathian Convention and the European Environment Agency **signed**

Common activities :

- Involvement in CLIMATE - ADAPT Platform and SEIS
- Study on Forest with the involvement of European Topic Centre on Spatial Information and Analysis
- Mutual participation in meetings
- Inputs to the National Report on the Implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol

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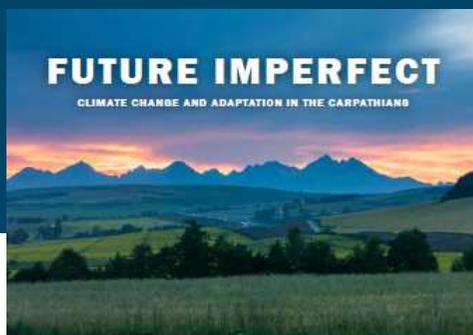
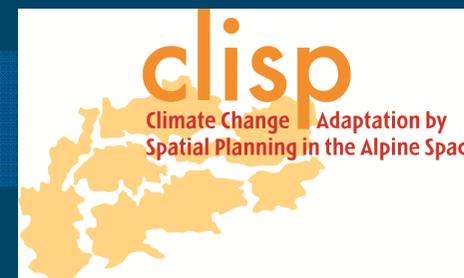


Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change

- Carpathian Convention Working Groups on Adaptation to Climate Change (3 meetings)
- Strategic Agenda on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Carpathian Region



- Climate Change Adaptation by Spatial Planning in the Alpine Space



- Publication on Climate Change and Adaptation in the Carpathians



Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change

What has been done:

-CARPIVIA

Carpathian integrated assessment of vulnerability to climate change and ecosystem-based adaptation measures

Duration: 2011-2013



-CarpathCC

Objective: Climate Change Framework Project to provide an in-depth assessment of the vulnerability of the Carpathian region to climate change and establish a diversified portfolio of sustainable adaptation measures with the active and valuable cooperation of international environmental experts.



-CARPATCLIM

Objective: to improve the basis of climate data in the Carpathian Region for applied regional climatological studies such as a Climate Atlas and/or drought monitoring, investigate the fine temporal and spatial structure of the climate in the Carpathian Mountains and the Carpathian basin with unified methods.



Picture: J. Kozak



Cooperation with regions

➤ Alpine - Carpathian Cooperation Forum, Rzeszów



➤ Conference Europe of the Carpathians, Krynica



➤ Involvement in the implementation of EUSDR



➤ Several subnational partners involved in our projects



Future priorities



Priorities of the Czech Republic Presidency of the Carpathian Convention:

- Strengthening of CC involvement in EU funding programs and Macro-regional Strategies.
- Strengthening of the cooperation with the Alpine Convention (focus on adaptation to climate change in mountain areas);
- Greater involvement of the regional and local level in the implementation of the CC in practice;
- Strengthening of the cooperation on the local, regional and international level on landscape, green infrastructure and ecological connectivity related issues
- Enhancing the participation on/ and effectiveness of processes under of the Carpathian Convention.



Premiere: Joint meeting of Working Groups

How does spatial planning work in your countries, which levels / cycles etc?

How does spatial/regional development work and how is it linked to spatial planning?

How are horizontal issues integrated e.g. landscapes, connectivity, green infrastructure, risk management / climate change

-> get to know each others' thinking



List of possible areas of cooperation of the two groups:

- Cooperation with Euroregions
- Green infrastructure – EU WG and projects
- Spatial planning / spatial development, transnational and transboundary issues
- Development of Carpathian Convention Information System as a tool
- Development of the Carpathian Code of Good Practice in Spatial Planning
- SEA / EIA
- Cooperation with other Working Groups ...
- ->Towards a roadmap of cooperation



Regions, cities and people - the future of the Carpathian cooperation !

