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Secretariat note on the scope of application of the Carpathian Convention – Article 1 of the Carpathian Convention

Introduction

1. Article 1 of the Carpathian Convention, entitled “Geographical scope”, stipulates that the Convention applies to the Carpathian region (hereinafter referred to as the “Carpathians”), to be defined by the Conference of the Parties. Each Party may extend the application of this Convention and its Protocols to additional parts of its national territory by making a declaration to the Depository, provided that this is necessary to implement the provisions of the Convention.
2. The Conference of the Plenipotentiaries for the Adoption and Signature of the Carpathian Convention (Kyiv, 2003) requested UNEP – Regional Office for Europe, as the interim Secretariat to the Convention, to prepare a comprehensive report and proposal on the scope of application of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its first session. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries decided that, in defining the scope of application of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians, in accordance with its Article 1 para. 1, due account shall be taken of physico-geographical criteria, and other criteria and factors relevant to the implementation of the Convention;
3. A comprehensive report “Implementing an international mountain convention: An approach for the delimitation of the Carpathian Convention area” contained in UNEP/CC/COP1/INF.10 has been prepared with the scientific support of the European Academy (EURAC) in Bolzano, Italy, and submitted by the Secretariat to the Second Preparatory Meeting to the First Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention. The Second Preparatory Meeting agreed to submit this document to the COP1. The report proposes the adoption of an approach of a transnational delimitation of the geographical scope of the Carpathian Convention, based on homogenous criteria, with slight variations as to inclusion of single municipalities (slight variations of Approach A1, A 2, B, see Annex II). For more detail, refer to UNEP/CC/COP1/INF.10.

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4. As the 3rd Ad Hoc Expert Meeting of the Carpathian Convention, Bolzano, Italy, 6 – 8 April 2005 did not reach an agreement on the issue of the scope of Application of the Carpathian Convention, the meeting recommended that Hungary and Romania meet bilaterally, preferably at ministerial level, to reach an agreement on the scope of the application of the Convention, in the understanding that the other Carpathian Countries will join the consensus reached. A recommendation by the Chair was attached to the meeting report (see Annex I). The interim Secretariat has not yet been informed of an outcome of the bilateral consultations.
5. The Carpathian Environment Outlook initially proposed to use the Integrated Transnational Approach developed by EURAC as its scope, which was in due course verified, fine-tuned and/or modified by individual countries. See attached the scope of KEO as agreed by the KEO (Annex IV).
6. The Carpathian Project does not define a single “scope”, but uses a twofold terminology as far as the data collection for the Carpathian Project is concerned: the Carpathian region and the Carpathian area. The Carpathian region corresponds to the scope of KEO, and covers largely mountainous regions. It is used as a minimum perimeter for data collection. The Carpathian area comprises the wider Carpathian regional development space as identified by the EU Vision Planet Project. It is used for broader data collection upon demand (see attached as Annex III).

Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

1. Against this background, the Conference of the Parties may appreciate the report prepared by EURAC and take note of the definition of a scope by KEO,
2. Adopt [an integrated transnational approach for] [Map as] the scope of application according to Article 1, paragraph 1 of the Carpathian Convention.

Annex I

Recommendation by the Chair to the 3rd Ad Hoc Expert Meeting of the Carpathian Convention on the issue of the “Scope of Application of the Carpathian Convention”

The meeting participants,

ACKNOWLEDGING great work, which has been done by the European Academy (EURAC) to justify the scope of application;

BEARING IN MINDS the utmost importance of the ratification of the Carpathian Convention by all Carpathian Countries;

FOLLOWING the Article 1 of the Carpathian Convention;

Decided unanimously:

To recommend the following to the Carpathian Governments for adoption by all Carpathian Countries at its First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, pursuant to provision of the Article 1 of the Convention:

(MAP)

The Convention applies to the geographical areas designated by the Governments/ Parties of the Convention, as reflected in the map above.

The scope of application of the Convention furthermore includes the areas decided upon in the context of the negotiation and conclusion of the thematic protocols to the Convention. As to these areas, the information provided in the map above will be further analyzed, adopted and integrated in the final decisions on the scope of application of the protocols.

Annex II

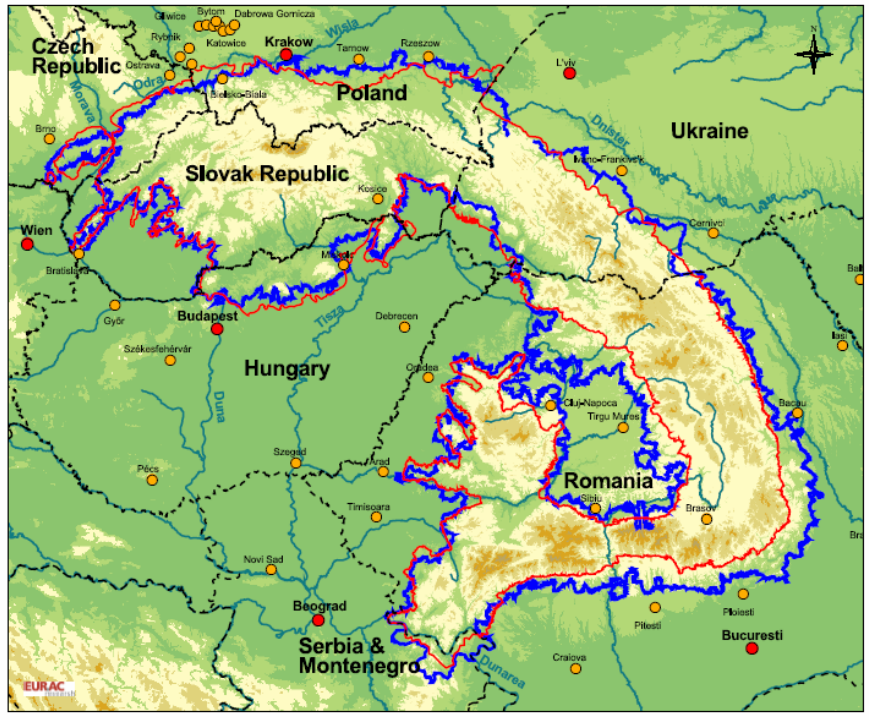
Maps of the Carpathians
 Delimitation proposal: Approach A1, A2 and B developed by EURAC



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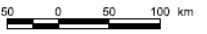


Delimitation proposal:
Approach A2
(Chap. 7.3.2)

- Approach A2 (60%)
- National Proposals
- Major City (inhabitants)
- > 500,000
- 100,000 - 500,000
- National Border
- ~ Major River

Elevation a.s.l. (m)

- 0 - 250
- 250 - 500
- 500 - 1000
- 1000 - 1500
- 1500 - 2000
- 2000 - 2500
- 2500 - 3000



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Delimitation proposal:
Approach B
(Chap. 7.3.2)

- Approach B
- National Proposals
- Major City (inhabitants)
- > 500,000
- 100,000 - 500,000
- National Border
- ~ Major River

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Annex III

Map of the Carpathian Area



Annex IV

Scope of KEO

