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Item 7 of the provisional annotated agenda

## **Programme of work and budget of the Carpathian Convention**

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## **Possible action taken by the Conference of the Parties**

### **Decision COP2/12**

#### **Agenda item 7**

#### **Programme of work and budget of the Carpathian Convention**

##### The Conference of the Parties

1. recalling its decision COP1/3 on the Programme of Work and budget of the Carpathian Convention;
2. recalling furthermore its decisions COP1/4 to COP1/12 on the implementation of Articles 4 to 13 of the Carpathian Convention;
3. having considered the report of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee on the implementation of the Programme of Work (Annexes I, II and III of UNEP/CC/COP1/4), as contained in document UNEP/CC/COP2/2;
4. having considered also the certified the Financial Report of UNEP- interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention;
5. endorses the terms of reference of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee, as approved by the Bureau and contained in the Meeting Report – Extended Bureau Meeting 17-18 October 2007, Vienna, Austria;
6. welcomes the progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Work, through the Working Groups, in particular the results achieved by the Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable use of Biological and Landscape Diversity, and activities of individual countries, organizations and non-governmental organisations;
7. requests the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee to review and decide on the continuation of the Working Groups, as appropriate;
8. appreciates the support provided by the EU INTERREG IIIB CADSES Carpathian Project to the development of the work programme and the implementation of the Carpathian Convention;
9. approves the programme of work of the Carpathian Convention (Annex I to this decision) welcomes the list of potential projects in support of the work programme (Annex II to this decision);
10. calls upon the Parties to undertake the necessary action to promote and ensure full implementation of the Programme of Work, in consultation with and with the support of relevant institutions, international organizations and non-governmental organisations;
11. takes note of the financial report and commends the interim Secretariat for its role and work in promoting and servicing the implementation of the Programme of Work;
12. recognizes the need to further strengthen the (interim) Secretariat given its additional tasks and responsibilities related to the implementation of the Protocol on the Protection of

Biological and Landscape Diversity, the servicing of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Steering Committee, and the development of the other protocols proposed in its decisions;

13. noting the financial implications of strengthening the (interim) Secretariat, urges parties to consider seconding staff to the (interim) Secretariat and/or increasing their voluntary contribution, with a view to ensuring full and proper implementation of the Programme of Work;

14. decides, starting 2009, to increase the contributions of the Carpathian countries to assist in meeting the core cost of the Programme of Work with Euro 10,000 per country while maintaining the scale proposed in decision COP 1/3;

15. requests the Parties to continue to provide their voluntary contribution to the Secretariat budget as early as possible in the budget year.

## Annex I

### Programme of work the Carpathian Convention, 1 September 2008 – 31 December 2011

No	Month of start	Month of end	Title	Description of activities, components, means	Expected output / deliverables	Budget ( € )	Resources (cash and in-kind)
1	09/2008	12/2011	<b>Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC)</b>	<b>3 meetings.</b> Preparation of comprehensive information for the meetings of the Intergovernmental Platform (3rd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention), organization of the meetings and stakeholders events, PR and outreach, preparing of meeting reports	Documentation on sectoral issues, integrated reports, Protocols / strategies for priority issues, meetings and reports	60.000	Secretariat , all partners
2	09/2008	12/2011	<b>Thematic Meetings /Sub Working Groups / workshops under the CCIC</b>	<i>Background documentation, meetings of the transnational experts working group</i>	<i>Background documentation, meetings, reports, recommendations</i>		
			<b>a. Biodiversity</b>	<b>2-3 meetings</b> on implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol Background documentation, meetings, reports, recommendations	Draft Strategic Action Plan for the implementation of the Protocol	25.000	Secretariat, UNEP, CERI, WWF, projects (Annex II)
			<b>b. Steering Committee Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)</b>	<b>3-4 meetings</b> of the CNPA SC	Work Plan and Medium Tern Strategy of the CNPA	20.000	Secretariat, ANPA, WWF, CWI,UNDP/GEF, CERI, projects (AnnexII)
			<b>c. Sustainable agriculture and rural development in mountains (SARD-M)</b>	<b>1 workshop</b> Joint meeting / workshop with FAO SARD-M project / Adelboden Group	SARD-M “platform” (partnership declaration)	10.000	Secretariat, FAO, SARD-M project
			<b>d. Sustainable forest management</b>	<b>2-3 meetings</b> Working Group meetings. Further development of a Protocol	Finalization of the Draft Protocol on Forestry	25.000	Secretariat, UNEP, FAO, Network of Mountain Forests project (Annex II)
			<b>e. Sustainable transport and infrastructure</b>	<b>2-3 meetings</b> Background documentation on sustainable transport and on renewable energy in the Carpathians, meetings of the transnational working group	Finalization of the Draft Protocol on Sustainable Transport	25.000	Secretariat, European Academy (EURAC), projects (Annex II)
			<b>f. Industry and energy</b>	<b>2 Regional Workshops</b> of the transnational Partnership for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the Carpathians.	Regional project on renewable energy implemented Capacity building “Mining for Closure”	30.000	Secretariat, UNIDO, UNEP, FAO, projects

		<b>1 Workshop</b> on cleaner production i.p. of the mining industry			(AnnexII)	
		<b>g. Sustainable tourism</b>	<b>2-3 meetings</b> Working Group meetings. Further development of a Protocol.	Background documentation, meetings, reports, Finalization of the Draft Protocol on Sustainable Tourism	25.000	Secretariat, UNEP, CEEWEB, projects (Annex II)
		<b>h. Spatial planning</b>	<b>2-3 meetings.</b> Information-sharing and coordination of projects developed for application to European programmes	Carpathian Space programme	25.000	Secretariat, projects (Annex II)
		<b>i. Cultural Heritage</b>	<b>2 workshops</b>	Inventory of Carpathian Heritage, concept of support programme for Carpathian Heritage	20.000	Secretariat, ANPED, UNESCO, projects (Annex II)
		<b>j. Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management</b>	<b>1 workshop</b> <b>Participation in Tisza UNDP/GEF</b>	Experience-sharing Black Sea / Baltic / Danube catchments, Tisza River Basin Management Plan, MoU ICPDR	50.000	Secretariat, UNEP, ICPDR, Black Sea Commission, Baltic Sea Commission, Tisza Group, UNDP-GEF, CWI
		<b>k. Awareness raising, education</b>	<b>2 Workshops</b>	Carpathian Sustainability Education Network	20.000	Secretariat, REC, ANPED
		<b>l. Standing follow-up platform for regions, local authorities and NGOs</b>	<b>2 Workshops</b> for local, regional stakeholders	Platform for the co-ordination of follow-up projects.	20.000	Secretariat, REC, ANPED
<b>3</b>	2010/11	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention</b>	<b>COP3</b>		30.000	Secretariat, all partners
<b>TOTAL</b>		09/2008// 12/2011			<b>385.000</b>	

## Annex II

### Information summary of potential projects in support of the work programme “Follow-up Platform”, 1 September 2008 – 31 December 2011

Working Group Topics/ Other Activity Topics	Name of Project idea	Possible funding
<b>Process of the implementation of a mountain convention</b>	European Mountain ABC – Alpine Experience, Balkan Future, Carpathian Opportunity –	Multi-Level Governance and Conservation Economy  NTERREG IVC
<b>Education and dissemination</b>	Move4Nature	Company funded (OMV)
<b>Science for the Carpathian Space</b>	Science for the Carpathians (S4C)	COST
<b>Sustainable industry, energy, transport and infrastructure</b>	RENEC  Soft Tourism and Sustainable Mobility – Accessibility in the Alps and the Carpathians Development of transportation infrastructure and conservation of nature heritage in Carpathians Alpine-Carpathian “Green-bridge” – eco-corridor connecting Alps and Carpathians	CIP – SubProgramme “Intelligent Energy Europe  Territorial Cooperation CENTRAL EUROPE and/or SOUTH EAST EUROPE  Territorial Cooperation CENTRAL EUROPE and/or SOUTH EAST EUROPE  EU-Cross-border cooperation Austria – Slovak Republic

**Spatial planning**

Identifying future potential in  
European mountain Areas

ESPON

**Sustainable agriculture,  
rural development and  
forestry**

Network Mountain Forest II

INTERREG IVC

**Cultural heritage and  
traditional knowledge**

Carpathian Heritage Inventory

INTERREG, Objective 1, others

**Sustainable tourism**

VIA CARPATICA

Territorial Cooperation  
CENTRAL EUROPE  
and/or SOUTH EAST EUROPE

**Conservation and  
sustainable use of  
biological and landscape  
diversity**

Ecological Continuum for the  
Carpathians

Territorial cooperation – CENTRAL EUROPE

Carpathian Wetland Initiative – 4  
platforms for the Future

Objective 3 Territorial Cooperation, Life+, others