



**Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the  
Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable  
Development of the Carpathians**

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**FINAL PROGRAMME**

**Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework  
Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the  
Carpathians (CC COP3)**

*25 May - 27 May 2011*

Meeting venue: Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Date and Time	
Wednesday 25 May 2011	
14:00 – 16:00	Plenary Session
16:00 – 16:20	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:20 -18:00	Plenary Session
18:00 – 18:40	<p><b>Side Event: <i>Accessibility and ecological bridges in the Carpathians</i></b></p> <p>The projects “Access2Mountain”, recently approved under the EU South East Europe European Territorial Cooperation Programme, and the ongoing Austria – Slovakia Cross Border Cooperation Programme “Alpine Carpathian Corridor” project will be presented. The two projects deal with the strategic issues of environmentally friendly tourism accessibility and development of green infrastructures in the Carpathians and in the Alps.</p>
18:50 – 19.30	<p><b>Side Event: <i>Shaping Sustainable Development through Education</i></b></p> <p>The Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) is a network of existing formal, non-formal and informal education organisations, mobilised to deliver education for sustainable development (ESD) to local and regional communities. The RCE network and in particular its focus on the Carpathian Region will be presented to COP 3 participants, that can share their thoughts, concepts and vision for sustainable development through education.</p>
19:40 – 20:20	<p><b>Side Event: <i>The Carpathian Cultural Heritage Inventory – starting point</i></b></p> <p>The ANPED (The Northern Alliance for Sustainability) Pilot Action project investigation and the web resource created on the basis of the heritage investigation, as a way for the Carpathian cultural heritage preservation, will be presented. The whole event will be organized in interactive format through virtual travelling, supported by local communities’ representatives, ethnic music and traditional products.</p>
20:30 -22:00	<b>Dinner</b>

<b>Thursday 26 May 2011</b>	
9:30 – 11:00	Plenary Session
<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.20 – 12.30	Plenary Session
<b>12.30 – 13.20</b>	<p><b>Side Event: EU Funds: an opportunity for the Carpathian Area</b></p> <p>A Round Table among representatives of the European Commission and stakeholders at different levels will discuss about opportunities offered by the different EU funding sources and their importance for implementing the Carpathian Convention, the involvement of Carpathian national and regional authorities, important regional stakeholders and their cooperations (e.g. Euroregions) in the decision-making on EU funding, and possible priority projects for the Carpathians to be developed.</p>
<b>12.30-14.30</b>	<b>CARPVIA Steering Committee Meeting</b>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13.40 – 14. 20</b>	<p><b>Side Event: Science for the Carpathians</b></p> <p>The Science for the Carpathians (S4C) initiative is a regional science network targeting at mountain research in the Carpathians. The side-event will provide first-hand information on the recent efforts of S4C to develop and foster research coordination and collaboration, thereby ultimately aiming at the sustainable development in the Carpathian region. Participants are invited to critically reflect on the science-policy interface and to discuss possible steps towards effective implementation of the proposed <i>Research Agenda for the Carpathians</i>.</p>
14: 30 – 16:00	Plenary Session
<b>16:00 – 16:20</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:20-17:30	Plenary Session
<b>14:30-17:30</b>	<b>Science for the Carpathians Steering Committee</b>



<b>Friday 27 May 2011</b>	
09:30 – 11:00	Ministerial Segment / Intergovernmental Platform
<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:20 – 12:30	<b>OPEN TO THE MEDIA:</b> Ministerial Segment / Intergovernmental Platform
11:20 – 11: 25	<i>Video on Old Growth Forests (WWF DCP)</i>
<b>12:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Press Conference</b>

**LOGISTIC:**

**Plenary sessions will take place in the “Harmony Hall”**

**Ministerial Segment/Intergovernmental Platform will take place in the “Carlton Hall”**