

Successes, Challenges and Future priorities for the Carpathians

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Current environmental key challenges of the Carpathians

1. Biodiversity and landscapes
2. Water & air pollution, climate, natural hazards
3. Balance between economic development and protection



1. Biodiversity and landscapes

- Continuing land use and land cover change
- Abandonment of mountain grasslands, habitat degradation, exploitation of wildlife
- Forest health (Spruce dieback)
- ➔ *Monitoring and management measures*

Picture: M. Jurek



2. Water, air pollution and hazards

- Impacts of climate change
 - Natural and man-made risks and hazards
 - Air and water pollution – ecosystem-level
- *Risk assessment, management, ecosystem-wide research, adaptation measures*

Picture: J. Kozak



3. Economy and development

- Sustainable Regional development

Balance protection with development

Urban vs. rural development?

- Via Carpathica idea / include protected areas in European trail
- Example tourism - evaluate scenarios: spa – ski – agro – cultural – ecological
- Role of traditional knowledge (landscapes!)
- *Enhance investment for natural resource management, projects and funding, make ESS valuation effective*



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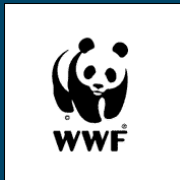
Since COP2: Progress on implementation

1. Implementation of **Programme of Work**, key strategic documents, AND development of supporting projects
2. Progress on the **Carpathian Space** – the cooperation at the EU and pan-European level
3. Research

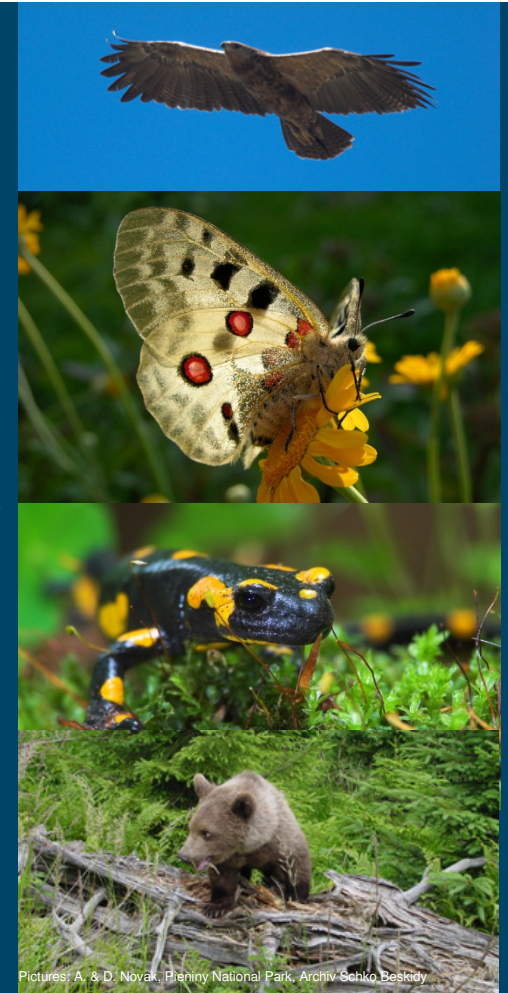


1. Programme - Biodiversity

- Entry into force of **Biodiversity Protocol**
- **Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan**
- **CNPA Medium Term Strategy**
- Support to Carpathian Network of Protected Areas –
WWF / Mava Foundation / Alpine Network / Dutch
Government / UNEP
- **“BIOREGIO Carpathians”** project



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1. “BIOREGIO Carpathians”



Aims 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 are observers

Budget: 2.6 Million Euros

Project Duration: 2011 – 2013

Picture: Pieniny National Park



1. Programme – Sustainable Transport and green infrastructure

ACCESS2MOUNTAIN



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Alpine-Carpathian Corridor (AKK)
www.alpenkarpatenkorridor.at



1. Programme – Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management

- Mutual observership between ICPDR and Carpathian Convention
- Joint Declaration between ICPDR and Carpathian Convention on cooperation in the Tisza Basin



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1. Programme - Sustainable Agriculture, Rural Development and Forestry



1. Programme - Sustainable Tourism



➤ Finalized Draft Protocol on Sustainable Tourism

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1. Programme – Cultural Heritage



2. Cooperation with other International Conventions / bodies / NGOs

- Alpine Convention
- ICPDR
- CBD
- Ramsar Convention



- European Landscape Convention?
- UNFCCC?
- Bern Convention?

UNIDO, UNWTO, FAO, many further ones.....



2. Carpathian Space - European Union

December 2010: Communication from EC on EU Strategy for Danube Region the and accompanying Action Plan

EC Calls for Tenders: Preparatory action on climate in the Carpathian region

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2. Carpathian Space

- Enhance effectiveness and coordination of EU and national financing for the sustainable regional development in the Carpathians
- Example of Danube and Baltic Strategies



3. Research - Environmental assessment/ information system, monitoring and early warning

➤ Science for the Carpathians Network
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➤ Forum Carpaticum

Forum Carpaticum 2012

30 May – 2 June 2012, Stara Lesna



Carpathian Convention in action - COP3

1. Two new Protocols
2. Programme of Work 2012 -2014
3. Launch of supportive Projects
4. Cooperation with EU
5. Institutional progress: Trust Fund and contributions



1. Protocols

Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management

Protocol on Sustainable Tourism

- Prepare for implementation!
- New possible Protocols e.g. transport and infrastructure, agriculture, cultural heritage



2. The Programme of Work 2012 -2014

- Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)
- Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity
- Spatial Development
- Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD)
- Sustainable Forest Management
- Sustainable Industry, Energy, Transport and Infrastructure
- Sustainable Tourism
- Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge
- **Climate Change**



3. Projects and partners

- Ensure success of BIOREGIO Carpathians and ACCESS2MOUNTAIN
- Build Partnerships on renewable energy / tourism
- Development of Projects on biomass / forest management / virgin forests / tourism / adaptation / remote sensing



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4. Cooperation with the EU



- Working Group on Climate Change with EC support, stronger engagement of EC in WGs on Transport and Biodiversity
- High-level cooperation with EU Programmes and Commission on Carpathian Space issues
- Continue concrete fruitful cooperation with EC at the project level



5. The way ahead

Enhance institutional arrangements!

PERMANENT Secretariat arrangements?



5. Future priorities

- Further enhance transnational coordination and strengthen the institutional arrangements of the Carpathian Convention
- Continue national implementation measures, transboundary cooperation and projects
- Increase buy-in of and benefits to regional and local authorities, and the engagement of private sector



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