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Draft Report - National Achievements and Challenges related to the Implementation of the Carpathian Convention

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Objectives

- Synthetic and comprehensive overview of relevant activities related to the implementation of the articles of the Carpathian Convention since 2007
- Overview of opportunities and challenges for future action
- Material for multiple promotional uses
● Questionnaire (composed of 16 questions)

● Phone interviews and email exchange with stakeholders as pointed out by ISCC

● Complementary desk research
Contents

- Typology of CC-implementation measures
- Institutional framework for the implementation
- Analysis of the implementation of the operative articles of the Carpathian Convention
  - Thematic priorities
  - Policy and legal assessment
  - Projects, initiatives, and other activities
- Sources of funding
- Challenges & problems for implementation
- Recommendations & opportunities for future implementation steps
- Annex
National CC-implementation measures

Typology and number of legislative achievements (according to NFPs)

- Laws (10) 27%
- Decrees (16) 19%
- Ministerial orders and decisions (3) 15%
- National strategies and plans (9) 12%
- National programs (11) 17%
- Protocols (7) 12%
- Rulebooks (3) 5%
Levels of institutional involvement in CC-implementation by country (according to NFPs)

- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Poland
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovak Republic
- Ukraine

Legend:
- International (6)
- National (39)
- Regional (16)
- Local (31)
Projects concerning the implementation of the Carpathian Convention in the Carpathian Area

Projects related to the articles of the Carpathian Convention:

- 01 Geographical scope
- 02 General objectives and principles
- 03 Integrated approach to the land resources management
- 04 Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity
- 05 Spatial planning
- 06 Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management
- 07 Sustainable agriculture and forestry
- 08 Sustainable transport and infrastructure
- 09 Sustainable tourism
- 10 Industry and energy
- 11 Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge
- 12 Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning
- 13 Awareness raising, education and public participation

Legend:
- Carpathian Macroregion
- Cities
- National Borders

Scale: 1:3,500,000

Source: Administrative Boundaries © EUROSTAT, ESRI

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Cartography: BÖHNISCH, J. & H. FLOCK, April 2011
## Selected projects

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Main challenges & problems

On national level

- Need for financial, technical, and personnel assistance
- Lacking recognition of the importance of the CC
- Lack of coordination on national, regional, local levels
- Legal barriers
- Insufficient public awareness raising

On transnational level

- Designation of a “Carpathian Space” under the Convention
Recommendations

● Further efforts to meet the goals of **ALL** operative articles

● Strengthen transnational and interdisciplinary activities

● Strengthen cooperation between various administrative levels

● Signing of the Protocols

● Installation of a Permanent Secretariat

● Designation of a “Carpathian Space” under the Convention
Next steps

● **Your feedback** regarding: 30 June 2011
  - List of projects
  - Sources of Funding
  - List of publications
  - List of national legislative/policy acts

● **Final publication** 29 July 2011