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1. Introduction

1.2 Objective of the report

- Synthetic and comprehensive report outlining national achievements and challenges related to the implementation process of the CC
- Overview on opportunities and challenges for multiple promotional use by codifying problems and achievements in the Carpathian Region

1.2 Expected results

1. List per country of the national and regional (laws, agreements, projects, initiatives etc.).
2. List of the relevant transnational achievements (laws, agreements, projects, initiatives etc.).
3. Synthetic analysis of the achievements:
 - a. legal character (binding, non-binding etc.)
 - b. thematical and
 - c. geographical gaps.
4. Definition of problems/challenges for future implementation steps.
5. Recommendations and possible guidelines.
6. List of relevant documents and publications.
7. Overview on best practices.

2. Methodology

- Interviews of the national focal points, experts and national stakeholders with a short standardized questionnaire
- Literature and desk research

3. National achievements in the Carpathian Countries¹

3.1 Carpathian and mountain orientated policies

e.g. Romania

- Sustainable Development Strategy on the Mountain Region (2004) according to law on the Mountain Region (347/2004)

3.2 Policies related to the operative articles of the CC²

Introduction, which gives an overview on the relevant plans, reports, agreements etc. in the countries to be checked by the NFP and experts and Eurac for innovations since 2007:

- National Development Plans (NDPs)
- National SARD-M and -F reports
- National Environmental Programmes and other related programmes focusing on specific environmental issues
- National Waste Management Plans (in which countries?)
- Sustainable Cities
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- Cross-border cooperations
- All Carpathian Countries:
 - National Biodiversity Strategy
 - Environmental Strategy
 - Sustainable development strategies
 - Rural/agricultural strategy

¹ Results of answers to questions 1-8, 13 of the questionnaire.

² Land resources management, biological and landscape, diversity, water management, agriculture and forestry, transport, tourism, industry and energy, cultural heritage, environmental impact assessment, education and public participation.

3.3 Czech Republic

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3.4 Hungary

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3.5 Poland

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3.6 Romania

- National Strategy on Climate Change
- National Action Plan on Climate Change

3.7 Serbia

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3.8 Slovakia

- National Climate Programme

3.9 Ukraine

...

4. Conclusion: Synthetic analysis of the achievements and challenges

4.1 Legal character

bindung, non-binding etc.

4.2 Thematic and geographic gaps

4.3 Source of funding

4.4 Driving institutions and coordination committees promoting the CC

4.5 Best practice

4.6 Challenges for the future implementation steps

5. Transnational and regional level: cross-cutting issues – international initiatives and transboundary cooperation³

5.1 Programmes and signed international/multilateral agreements

To be checked for additional new ones.

Until today undersigned agreements by all Carpathian Countries:

- Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention)
- Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (for Non-EU-Countries: Emerald Network, Pan-European Ecological Network (PEEN))
- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Pan European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (PEBLDS)
- Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity (Status???)
- Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe
- UNESCO world heritage and natural sites

5.2 Associations and multi-lateral cooperation agreements

To be checked for additional new ones.

- Association of the Carpathian National Parks and Protected Areas (ACANAP)
- Task Force Protected Areas of the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention coordinates ALPARC - the Alpine Network of Protected Areas

5.3 Initiatives and institutions with international engagement

To be checked for additional new ones.

- Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)
- Carpathian Wetland Initiative (CWI)
- “Platform on ecological connectivity in the Carpathians”
- “Carpathian Ecoregion Initiative” (CERI)
- WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme
- Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)

³ Results of answers to questions 1, 9 and 10 of the questionnaire.

- Ecological network for the Carpathians
- Carpathian Biodiversity Information System (Daphne)
- “Central and Eastern European Network
- Daphne, Institute for Applied Ecology

5.4 National and EU-Projects⁴

To be checked for additional new ones.

- Activities supported by the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory
- Carpathians Environment Outlook (KEO)
- Towards a Carpathian Network of Protected Areas
- Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD)
- Carpathian Project

5.5 EU-Policies and agreements

Relevant EU-policies adopted in the Carpathian EU-Member States related to the CC to be checked by the NFP and experts and Eurac for innovations or ratification since 2007.

5.6 Conclusion: Thematic and geographic priority areas and gaps

⁴ Results of answers to question 12 of the questionnaire.

6. Overall challenges and recommendations⁵

7. Relevant documents and Publications⁶

To be updated

7.1 Reports

- Rapid Environmental Assessment of the Tisza River Basin
- UNEP, 2004
- Report from the Secretary General on Sustainable Mountain Development
- UN General Assembly, 62nd Session, 2007

7.2 Brochures

- UNEP Vienna - Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
- UNEP Vienna - Carpathian Convention Leaflet (in English and all Carpathian languages)

7.3 Publications

- Creation of Ecological Corridors in Ukraine
- State Agency for Protected Areas of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine, Altenburg & Wymenga Ecological Consultants, InterEcoCentre; Kyiv 2010 (English version) (Ukrainian version)
- VASICA - Visions and Strategies in the Carpathian Area, UNEP-ISCC/Carpathian Project, 2009
- Carpathian Mountains ESD Training Tool Kit, UNEP-ISCC/ENSI-CASALEN, 2009
- Carpathian Environmental Outlook (KEO) Report, UNEP, 2007
- A Heightened Perspective -Regional Assessment of the Policy, Legislative and Institutional Frameworks Implementing the Carpathian Convention, REC/EURAC, 2007
- Handbook on the Carpathian Convention, REC/EURAC, 2007
- Implementing an international mountain convention - An approach for the delimitation of the Carpathian Convention area, EURAC/UNEP, 2006

⁵ Results of answers to question 13 of the questionnaire.

⁶ Results of answers to question 12 of the questionnaire.

8. Annex

Based on the previous implementation reports (e.g. „A Heightened Perspective“) the following tables will be updated with the new achievements since 2007

TABLE 1

Status of participation of Carpathian countries in relevant multilateral agreements (as of April 1, 2007)

	CZECH REPUBLIC	HUNGARY	POLAND	ROMANIA	SERBIA	SLOVAKIA	UKRAINE
GLOBAL CONVENTIONS							
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention)	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)	X	X	X	X		X	X
Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats	X	X	X	X		X	X
Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds		X		X		X	X
Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas			X				
Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area				X			X
Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (Ozone Convention)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

* X = ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or succession

TABLE 1

Status of participation of Carpathian countries in relevant multilateral agreements (as of April 1, 2007), Continued

GLOBAL CONVENTIONS	CZECH REPUBLIC	HUNGARY	POLAND	ROMANIA	SERBIA	SLOVAKIA	UKRAINE
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	X	X	X	X		X	X
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cartagena Protocol on BioSafety (Cartegena Protocol)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (CCD)	X	X	X	X		X	X
Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Rotterdam Convention)	X	X	X	X		X	X
Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)	X			X			
Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (UNESCO World Heritage Convention)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

TABLE 1

Status of participation of Carpathian countries in relevant multilateral agreements (as of April 1, 2007), Continued

REGIONAL CONVENTIONS	CZECH REPUBLIC	HUNGARY	POLAND	ROMANIA	SERBIA	SLOVAKIA	UKRAINE
<i>UNECE:</i>							
Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo)	X	X	X	X		X	X
Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention)	X	X	X	X		X	X
Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making, and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention)	X	X	X	X		X	X
Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (TEIA)	X	X	X	X		X	
Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (not yet in force)		X					
<i>OTHER CONVENTIONS:</i>							
Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention)	X	X	X	X		X	X
European Landscape Convention			X				

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Status of participation of Carpathian countries in relevant multilateral agreements (as of April 1, 2007), Continued

	CZECH REPUBLIC	HUNGARY	POLAND	ROMANIA	SERBIA	SLOVAKIA	UKRAINE
SUB-REGIONAL CONVENTIONS							
Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (Bucharest Convention)				X	X	X	X
Convention on Cooperation for the Protection and Sustainable use of the Danube River (Danube Convention)	X	X		X	X	X	X
Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Carpathian Convention)	X	X	X	X		X	X