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| | PERIOD FROM: 29 May TO: 1 June (inclusive travel dates) | |
| | PROJECT: Carpathian Convention | |
| | INSTITUTION(S): | |
| | OR MEETING(S): FORUM CARPATICUM 2012 – From data to knowledge, from knowledge to action | |
| | AND VENUE(S): Stara Lesna, Slovakia | |
| | MAIN PERSON(s) CONTACTED Rastislav Rybanic, Director General, Ministry of Environment, Slovakia Luboš Halada, Institute of Landscape Ecology SAS, Slovakia (Chair of the Science for the Carpathians – S4C initiative), Astrid Björnsen Gurung (MRI Europe coordinator) | |
| PT8 | OBJECTIVE(S): To represent UNEP Vienna - Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention at the Forum Carpaticum, to deliver the opening speech, one keynote speech and one presentation and roundtable discussion To sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Science for the Carpathians initiative. | |
| BRIEF SUMMARY <p>The Forum Carpaticum is an open multidisciplinary scientific event organized by the Science for the Carpathians (S4C) initiative. This was the 2nd edition of the Forum Carpaticum (the first one took place in 2010 in Poland). The Forum Carpaticum dates back to 2007 when UNEP Vienna - Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and the Forum Alpinum encouraged a small group of scientists to engage in such joint initiative. The creation Forum Carpaticum – even so today an independent scientific process – is one of the successes of the Carpathian Convention.</p> <p>This year’s edition of the Forum Carpaticum received well over 200 abstracts. The programme was very rich, with a good opening address on benefits of “network enabled research” and open data principles vs. more traditional approaches. One of the institutional highlights of this Forum Carpaticum was the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Carpathian Convention and the S4C. It was signed during the Scientific Steering Committee Meeting to which UNEP Vienna – ISCC is regularly invited as an observer.</p> <p>The objectives of Forum Carpaticum are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * to support scientifically actions leading towards sustainability in the Carpathian region; * to increase the visibility of the Carpathian region in the global change research agendas; * to link research and practice in the field of coupled human-environmental systems in mountain regions; <p>and to –thereby - generate value for the Carpathian mountain region.</p> <p>Forum Carpaticum can be considered as the historic manifestation of “Carpathian research” as interdisciplinary and comprehensive approach towards mountain. Its value for the Carpathian Convention as a source of up to date scientific information and as a basis for decision making is invaluable. For instance, for the COP3 (in Bratislava in May 2011) my opening presentation to the high level segment was in its substantive part profoundly based on the outcomes of the Forum Carpaticum 2010.</p> | | |
| RECOMMENDATIONS | | Action required by |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To widely publicize the outcomes of Forum Carpaticum 2012- To closely cooperate with S4C in establishing the Carpathian Convention information system(s)- To jointly continue exploration of cooperation with the European Environment Agency, the Carpathian Convention and S4C- To enhance further regular cooperation based on the new MoU and jointly promote S4C to further increase its independence and financial sustainability. | | |
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