

Draft Program of the 2nd Conference of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas”, Poprad, Slovakia, 23-26 April 2013

Title: “Challenges and opportunities in Carpathian protected areas”

Day	Time	What
DAY 1	11.00 – 17.00	BioREGIO Carpathians Mid-term Conference
	15:00 – 17:30	Registration of participants to the 2 nd CNPA Conference
	17:30–19:00	Official opening of the conference (t.b.c.)
	17:30 – 17:45	Representative of the Ministry of the Environment
	17:45 – 18:00	Representative of the State Nature Conservancy of Slovak Republic
	18:00 – 18:15	UNEP Vienna - ISCC
	18:15 – 18:30	WWF DCP
	18:30 –19:00	CNPA SC Chair
19:30	Welcome reception	

DAY 2	9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and introduction: Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Steering Committee (CNPA SC) Chair
	9:15 – 12:00	Keynote speeches& discussions (tb.c.)
	9:15 – 9:45	European Commission – DG Environment: “Protected Areas in Europe – status quo, new directions, funding schemes in the new EU budget”
	9:45 – 10:05	UNEP Vienna – ISCC: “The Carpathian Network of the Protected Areas in the framework of the Carpathian Convention”
	10:05 – 10:35	EUROPARC Federation: “Transboundary protected areas in Europe”
	10:35– 11:00	Coffee break
	11:00 – 11:20	ALPARC: “ALPARC activities supporting the implementation of the Alpine Convention”
	11:20 – 11:40	Donau Park Auen: “The ETC SEE Danubyparks project”
	11:40 – 12:00	Science for Carpathians (S4C): “Science and protected areas in the Carpathians”
	12:00– 12:20	Environmental Partnership Foundation: “Cooperation of environmental NGOs with protected areas in the Carpathians”
	12.20 – 13.00	CNPA Plenary Session I Presentation of the CNPA Medium-term Strategy and status of its implementation& discussion
	13.00 – 14:00	Buffet lunch at the meeting venue

14:00– 16:00	<p>CNPA Plenary Session II Presentation of Work Plan 2013 – 2017 & discussion (breakout groups) Rules for membership Project initiatives, ideas, funding opportunities & discussion, including also presentation of relevant projects examples in the Alps made by ALPARC. Presentation and discussion on the Draft Conference Declaration Paper</p>
16:00– 16:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
16:30– 17:00	<p>Introduction to Workshops and Side Events</p>
17:00– 17:45	<p>First round of Side Events Side Event 1: “Carpathian Integrated Biodiversity Information System – an interactive online platform for protected area people” Side Event 2: “Forest management in protected areas and virgin forests in the Carpathians” Side Event 3: “Innovation of protected area management” Side Event 4: “Wetland management in protected areas in the Carpathians” Side Event 5: “Spiritual values of Carpathian protected areas”</p>
17:45– 18:15	<p>Second round of Side Events</p>
19:30	<p>Common dinner</p>

DAY 3	9:00 – 10:30	Workshops – part I Workshop 1: “Sustainable financing of protected areas management” Workshop 2: “ Sustainable development opportunities in and around protected areas with a focus on stakeholder support for protected area management and financing” Workshop 3: “ Connectivity and continuity – ecological corridors in the Carpathians” Workshop 4: “Protected area management planning with a focus on cross-border cooperation” Workshop 5: “Exchange of ideas for future cooperation ”
	10:30– 11:00	Coffee break
	11:00– 12:30	Workshops – part II - continuation
	12:30– 14:00	Buffet lunch at the meeting venue
	14:00– 15:30	Conclusions of workshops & discussions – plenary session
	14:00 – 14:15	Workshop 1
	14:15 – 14:30	Workshop 2
14:30 – 14:45	Workshop 3	
14:45 – 15:00	Workshop 4	
15:00 – 15:15	Workshop 5	
15:15 – 15:30	Discussion	

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DAY 4	<p>9:00 – 16:00</p>	<p>Full day excursions Excursion 1: Biodiversity, hiking Excursion 2: Sustainable development – an example Excursion 3: Cultural heritage</p> <p>Departure</p>