

Programming Period 2014 – 2020

European Territorial Cooperation Programmes

“Priority actions for the Carpathian Space, including contributions to the EU Strategy for the Danube Region”

- Tourism and local economy

Proposed initiatives and project ideas:

- Development of a “Strategy for the Future Sustainable Tourism Development of the Carpathians”*
- Carpathian Tourism Cluster Development – Enhancing European Competitiveness (“Via Carpatica”, “Greening the Carpathian Tourism Industry – Ecocertification and Marketing Scheme”)*
- Development of projects promoting education on sustainable tourism and best practices of environmentally – friendly tourism in the Carpathians*

- Nature conservation and risk management:

Proposed initiatives and project ideas:

- Develop projects and initiatives aimed at preventing environmental risks resulting from mining activities in the Carpathian Area*
- Promote territorial cooperation projects on climate change impacts and vulnerability in the Carpathians under the specific Calls launched by the European Union*
- Strengthen the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas as a platform for the development of projects in the field of biodiversity and nature protection in the Carpathians and as an important tool to facilitate the management of NATURA 2000 sites in the Area*
- Promote projects aimed at strengthening the cooperation between the Alpine and Carpathian regions on the basis of the model of the Alpine – Carpathian corridor project*
- Develop follow-up projects of “BIOREGIO Carpathians” project, aimed for example at establishing an ecological networks in the Carpathians*

- Agriculture and forestry:

Proposed initiatives and project ideas:

- Promote projects aimed at establishing an inventory of Carpathian virgin forests and at ensuring their protection
- Biomass use in sensitive areas
- Promote the establishment of a label for Carpathian quality agricultural products
- Research for sustainable forest management in the Carpathians

- **Transport, accessibility, communication**

Proposed initiatives and project ideas:

- Promote projects aimed at transferring transport of goods from road to rail in the Carpathian Area
- Green infrastructure in the Carpathians

- **Sustainable industry and sustainable renewable energies**

Proposed initiatives and project ideas:

- Establish a permanent platform among the Alpine and Carpathian Regions for the transfer of best practices, best available technologies, environmental and social know-how in the field of renewable energy and energy efficiency on the basis of the model of the existing platforms established in different sectors within the Alpine and Carpathian Convention*
- Establish a partnership among research institutes in the Carpathians to facilitate the development of projects in the field of renewable energy in the Area*
- Alpine-Carpathian biomass partnership (Bioenergy AC)
- “Greening” the ski industry – sharing best practices

- **Social identity, security, governance, capacity building**

- Facilitation of crossing borders among Carpathian Countries

*Activities marked with a “ * “ concern proposed initiatives and project ideas according to the priority actions and areas of intervention relevant for the Carpathian Area indicated by the EU Strategy for the Danube Region.*