

## DRAFT AGENDA

### 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity 22–24 May 2023, Vsetín, Czech Republic

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#### Day 1 – 22 May

17:30 – 18:00 Arrival and registration of participants

18:00 – 21:00 **Session I – Introduction**

- 1) Opening of the WG Biodiversity meeting and remarks by the Polish Presidency
- 2) Introductory remarks by the WG Biodiversity Chair
- 3) Adoption of the agenda
- 4) Celebrating the International Day for Biological Diversity & 20 years since the signature of the Carpathian Convention

#### *Joint Dinner*

#### Day 2 – 23 May

9:00 – 11:30 **Session II - GBF implementation in the Carpathian region – developing the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework**

- 5) Short presentation of the Global Biodiversity Framework, Carpathian Ministerial Declaration and the draft Carpathian Biodiversity Framework
- 6) National biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) – mainstreaming the Carpathian Convention activities into the NBSAPs
- 7) Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the CBD, the Alpine Convention, and the Carpathian Convention in the light of the new global biodiversity framework
- 8) Discussion

11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee break**

11:45 – 13:00 **Session III – Implementation of the Action Plan on large carnivores conservation and ecological connectivity through project cooperation**

- 9) Presentation of projects with special focus on activities relevant for the WG Biodiversity, followed by discussion
  - SaveGREEN – Safeguarding the functionality of transnationally important ecological corridors in the Danube basin – presenting the project results
  - LECA - Supporting the coexistence and conservation of Carpathian Large Carnivores – presenting the new project
  - NaturaConnect - Designing a resilient and coherent Trans-European Network for Nature and People – presenting the new project

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 – 15:30 10) World café – interactive session by the NaturaConnect project

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

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16:00 – 17:30 **Session IV – Cooperation with other organizations and bodies**

- 11) Carpathian Network of Protected Areas
- 12) Carpathian Wetland Initiative
- 13) Science for the Carpathians
- 14) Alpine Convention – Alpine Biodiversity Board
- 15) EUSDR PA6 (tbc)
- 16) Carpathian Research Network / Follow-up to the Biogeography of the Carpathians (tbc)
- 17) Support to Ukraine in the framework of the Carpathian Convention

**Session V – Institutional aspects**

17:30 – 18:00 18) Review of the progress in implementation of the WG Biodiversity Work Plan 2021 – 2023 and preparation of the WG Biodiversity Work Plan 2024 – 2026

18:30 **Joint dinner**

**Day 3 – 24 May**

9:00 – 10:00 **Session V – Institutional aspects – continuation**

- 19) Updates on COP7 organization – relevant next steps for the WG Biodiversity
- 20) AOB
- 21) Conclusions, next steps and closing of the meeting

10:00 – 13:00 **Field Trip**

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