

# ANNOTATED AGENDA- DRAFT

## Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee

### Ninth Meeting

17 – 19 December 2018, Vienna, Austria

**VENUE** VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, ROOM C5  
WAGREMERSTRASSE 5, 1400 VIENNA, AUSTRIA

- 1) Opening remarks and brief report on the Hungarian Presidency activities
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
- 3) Update on the status of signatures and ratification of the Protocol of the Carpathian Convention
- 4) Report on the Forum Carpaticum 2018 and presentation of the recommendations
- 5) Implementation of the Programme of Work of the Carpathian Convention – Progress Report – presentation of and discussion about ongoing and planned activities:

#### **A. Implementation of the Carpathian Convention;**

- Discussion on the development of the comprehensive National Report on implementation of the Carpathian Convention covering all the Protocols and relevant sectors;
- Discussion on outreach programmes targeting local, regional authorities and other stakeholders to increase awareness of the Carpathian Convention.

#### **B. Cooperation with the European Union;**

- Discussion on better advocating for the Carpathian matters at the EU level (financial programs, Macroregional Strategy, Ratification of the CC by the EC), including possible joint activities under the Romania Presidency of the EU Council;
- Discussion on influencing of geographic and/or thematic scope of the financial instruments (new Cohesion Policy and INTERREG);
- Discussion on possible inputs to the revision of the EUSDR Action Plan.

#### **C. Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies**

- Discussion on further cooperation conventions and international bodies, especially closer cooperation with the Alpine Convention;
- Discussion on closer cooperation with Euromontana

#### **D. Biodiversity**

- Discussion on activities towards achieving the International Action Plan for Conservation and Sustainable Management for the Carpathian Populations of Large Carnivores and harmonization of methodologies of the population-based monitoring of large carnivores;
- Discussion on finalization of the Carpathian Red Lists;
- Consideration of the National Reports on the implementation of the Biodiversity Protocols;
- Discussion on relevance of the topic on Invasive Alien Species for the Carpathians;
- Discussion on CNPA; CentralParks project proposal;
- Discussion on activities on the Carpathian wetlands;
- Discussion on activities on wildlife crime prevention;
- Implementation of the ConnectGreen project;
- Discussion on the EUSDR PA6 Biodiversity study on Ecological Connectivity in the Danube Region;
- Discussion on the next meetings

#### **E. Spatial development;**

- Discussion on further dissemination of the information, including to local and regional stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Carpathian Convention in the region;
- Discussion on the workshop on financial programmes by the WG Spatial Development.

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### **F. Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management;**

- Discussion on possible enhanced cooperation with the ICPDR/Tisza Group with a special focus on climate change adaptation, agriculture, water nexus

### **G. Sustainable agriculture and rural development**

- Discussion on implementation of the SARD Protocol and consideration of strategic priorities actions, consideration of the table Towards implementation of the SARD Protocol;
- Consideration of the WG SARD recommendations/next steps;
- Discussion on a next meeting of the WG SARD.

### **H. Sustainable forest management**

- Presentation of the EEA/ETC work in the field of sustainable forest management
- Discussion on finalization of the Inventory of the Virgin Forest,
- Discussion on activities related to natural forest in the Carpathians
- Strengthening cooperation with the WG Climate Change
- Discussion on activities preventing illegal logging in the Carpathians
- Discussion on workshop on forest transport issues in the Carpathians;
- Discussion on next meeting of the WG Forest

### **I. Sustainable transport and infrastructure, industry and energy**

- Presentation of the TRANSGREEN project including presentation of a draft Sustainable Transport Strategic Action Plan and TRANSGREEN Guidelines on integrated transport infrastructure development, discussion
- Discussion on next meeting of the WG Transport, TRANSGREEN Final Conference and other meetings

### **J. Sustainable tourism**

- Consideration of the Interim Report on the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform activities, discussion on further activities;

### **K. Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge**

- Discussion on possible development of the Protocol on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge;
- Discussion on promotion of the World Heritage Sites in the Carpathians;
- Discussion on next meeting of the WG Cultural Heritage meeting.

### **L. Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning;**

- Discussion on follow up on the activities and support from the Advisory Assistance Programme (AAP) provided by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of Germany
- Discussion on further EEA support to the Carpathian Convention activities;
- Discussion on further development of CIBIS

### **M. Climate change;**

- Discussion on implementation of the Article 12bis and ratification of the new Article by the Parties;
- Discussion on next meeting of the WG Climate Change.

### **N. Awareness raising, education and public participation**

- Discussion on the seminar on the issues on environmental and sustainable development education and awareness raising in kindergartens and schools; proposal by the Hungarian Presidency
- Considerations of the recommendations by the S4C on ESD

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6) Programme of work and budget of the Carpathian Convention

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7) Administration and financial management of the Carpathian Convention and its Protocols

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8) Location of Permanent Secretariat

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- 9) Date and venue of the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention
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- 10) Upcoming meetings of the Carpathian Convention
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- 11) Other matters
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- 12) Closure of the meeting
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