



# 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee

| UN Environment – Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention  
17 – 19 December 2018, Vienna, Austria

- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Carpathian Convention, 22 May 2018 in Kiev, Ukraine
- ❖ Symposium CHANGIG ENVIRONMENT: Environmental development in Central and Eastern Europe, Past and the Future, 8 November 2018, Vienna, Austria



## Main discussion points:

- 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.

## **Draft CCIC Recommendations**

- *Making a proposal for reporting on the implementation of the CC Protocol and sharing with the CCIC;*
- *Submitting a project proposal on outreach programmes.*

# Cooperation with the European Union



ADRIATIC-IONIAN  
REGION

ALPINE  
REGION

BALTIC  
REGION

CARPATHIAN  
REGION

DANUBE  
REGION

### REGIONAL COOPERATION FRAMEWORK



Adriatic-Ionian  
Initiative  
2000

(Launched with EU involvement)

Alpine  
Convention  
1991

(Ratified by EU in 1996)

Helsinki  
Convention  
1992

(Ratified by EU in 1996)

Carpathian  
Convention  
2003

?

Danube River  
Protection  
Convention  
1994

(Ratified by EU in 1997)

### FINANCIAL PROGRAMMES

Interring VB  
Adriatic-Ionian  
programme (ADRION)  
2014 – 2020

Interreg VB  
Alpine Space  
Programme  
2014-2020

Interreg  
Baltic Sea Region  
Programme  
2014 – 2020

?

Interreg  
Danube Transnational  
Programme (DTP)  
2014 -2020

### MACRO REGIONAL STRATEGIES AT THE EU LEVEL

The EU Strategy for  
the Adriatic and Ionian  
Region (EUSAIR)  
2014

EU Strategy for the  
Alpine Region  
(EUSALP)  
2015

EU Strategy for the  
Baltic Sea Region  
(EUSBSR)  
2009

?

EU Strategy for the  
Danube Region  
(EUSDR)  
2011

# Cooperation with the European Union

## Main discussion points:

- 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.

## Draft CCIC Recommendations

- *Organizing a workshop on access to financial instruments for the Carpathian region with potential support of the Romanian Presidency of the EU Council;*
- *Contacting the EUSDR Strategy Point to discuss the new EUSDR Action Plan being currently under revision and possible inputs by the Carpathian Convention.*

# The Carpathian Convention Cooperation with other Conventions and international bodies

Euromontana – European multisectoral association for mountain areas with the mission to promote sustainable development and quality of life in mountains

<https://www.euromontana.org>



# Biodiversity

## *Reporting:*

- ❖ *Towards the standardization of monitoring procedures for large carnivores populations in the Carpathians"*, organized at the Forum Carpticum 2018, in Eger, Hungary on 15 October 2018
- ❖ CENTRALPARKS project proposal submitted
- ❖ ConnectGREEN Project approved!

## *Main discussion points:*

- 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



# Biodiversity

## Draft CCIC Recommendations

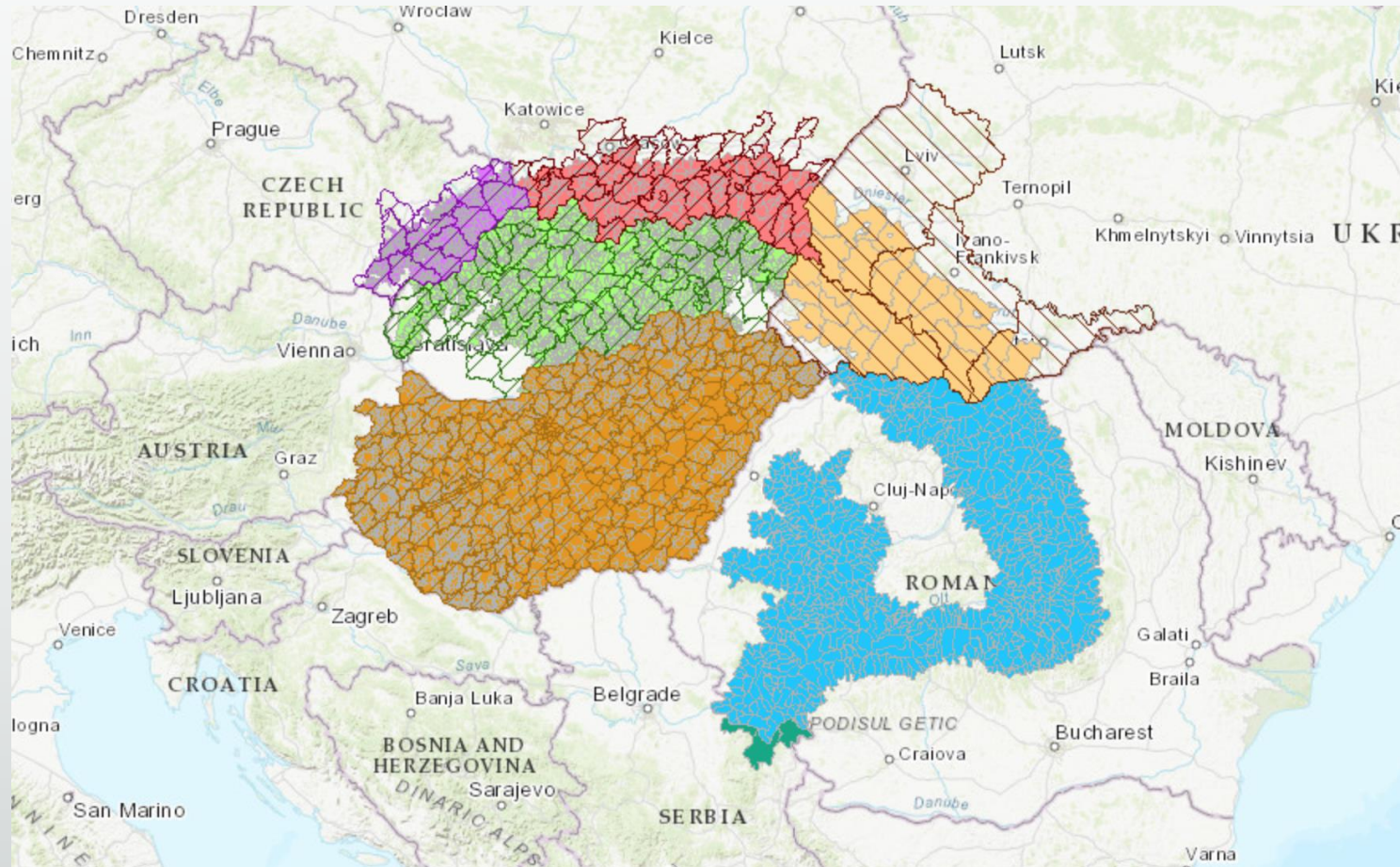
- *Organizing meetings in the framework of activities towards achieving the International Action Plan for Conservation and Sustainable Management for the Carpathian Populations of Large Carnivores:*
  - *Organizing the next WG Biodiversity meeting, potentially combine with EUSDR PA2 workshop kindly offered by the Czech Republic;*
  - *Organizing a workshop on harmonization of monitoring of Large Carnivores in the region, kindly offer by EUROLARGE CARNIVORES project in October/November 2019;*
- *Implementing CentralParks project, if successful;*
- *Submitting the project proposal on wildlife crime to ISP funding line of DG HOME;*
- *Providing comments to the EUSDR PA6 Biodiversity study on Ecological Connectivity in the Danube Region;*
- *Organizing the Conference for the Carpathian Protected Areas within the ConnectGreen project at the beginning of 2021.*

# Spatial development – reporting

European Environment Agency



## Carpathian Administrative Units



# Spatial development

## Main discussion points:

- 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.

## Draft CCIC Recommendations

- *Involving the Working Group on Spatial Development in organizing the workshop on access to financial instruments for the Carpathian region*

# Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management – reporting

- ❖ JOINTISZA project - Strengthening cooperation between river basin management planning and flood risk prevention to enhance the status of waters of the Tisza River Basin
- ❖ Plastic Cup race



Over 10 tons of waste were collected by the Plastic Pirates. Photo by PetKupa 2018



# Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management

## Main discussion points:

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

## Draft CCIC Recommendations:

- *Exploring cooperation possibilities with ICPDR on adaptation to climate change;*
- *Drafting a letter appointing the UN Environment focal point to ICPDR in Vienna.*

# Sustainable agriculture and rural development – reporting

- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (WG SARD) took place during the EUROMONTANA XI European Mountain Convention, 27 September 2018, Vatra Dornei, Romania
- ❖ Meeting with the Food and Agriculture Organization
- ❖ Towards implementation of the SARD Protocol – working document
- ❖ Horizon 2020 project idea on Mountain Value Chains providing private and public goods resilient to climate change and other future challenges
- ❖ Carpathian session - *The Role of local products in agritourism: a Carpathian approach for sustainable rural areas* - at Global Agritourism Congress, 7-8 November in Bolzano, Italy

# Sustainable agriculture and rural development

## Main discussion points:

- 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.

## Draft CCIC Recommendations:

- *Contributing to the Horizon 2020 project proposal on Mountain Value Chains, including the case studies from the Carpathians;*
- *Organizing next WG SARD meeting to prioritize concrete strategic action/s for implementation of the SARD Protocol/ new CAP stocktaking meeting/study on adaptation to climate change in agriculture sector in the Carpathians;*
- *Seeking proactive cooperation with FAO on implementation of the SARD Protocol.*

# Sustainable forest management - reporting

- ❖ Presentation by the European Environment Agency / European Topic Centre on Urban, Land and Soil system on providing information and support to the Convention and its Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management
- ❖ Request to support organization of a seminar on forest transport issues in the Carpathians;



# Sustainable forest management

## Main discussion points:

- 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

## Draft CCIC Recommendations:

- *Organizing the WG Forest meeting specifically dedicated to the Inventory of the Virgin Forest and its finalization;*
- *Exploring financial possibilities for preparation of a workshop on forest transport issues;*
- *Further close cooperation with European Environment Agency on the WG Forest activities;*
- *Seeking proactive cooperation with FAO on implementation of the SARD Protocol.*

# Sustainable Transport and infrastructure, Industry and Energy – reporting

- ❖ Presentation of TRANSGREEN project
- ❖ Workshop on Sustainable Transportation in the Carpathian Convention and the Working Group on Sustainable Transport in Budapest, Hungary on 16-17 May 2018
- ❖ TRANSGREEN Mid-Term Conference held back to back to the WG on Sustainable Transport, WG on Biodiversity and WG on Spatial Development, in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 5-6 September
- ❖ Final Conference of the TRANSGREEN Project, to be held on 25th June 2019 in Bucharest, Romania under the EUSDR Romanian Presidency
- ❖ STEP project proposal submitted to the EEA and Norway Grants Fund

# Sustainable Transport and infrastructure, Industry and Energy

## Main discussion points:

- Discussion on the presented 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

# Sustainable Transport and infrastructure, Industry and Energy

## Draft CCIC Recommendations:

- *Finalizing the Carpathian Convention Strategic Action Plan on Sustainable Transport by spring 2019;*
- *Circulating of the final version of the TRANSGREEN Guidelines on integrated transport infrastructure development for collecting the Parties' feedback;*
- *Organizing a cross-border meetings will be held in spring 2019 in CZ, HU, RO, SK, UA and sharing experience with Poland and Serbia;*
- *Promoting the above-mentioned documents towards policy makers, planners and implementers once they are finalized;*
- *Organizing the 9th CC Transport Working Group meeting, to be held in spring 2019 in Budapest, Hungary;*
- *Organizing Final Conference of the TRANSGREEN project in Bucharest on 25 June 2018 under the EUSDR Romanian Presidency;*
- *If successfully approved to the second stage, further developing the STEP project proposal*

# Sustainable Tourism

- ❖ Presentation of an interim report on the progress and undertaken activities by the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform

## Main discussion points:

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

## Draft CCIC Recommendations:

# Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge – reporting

- ❖ 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge in Szentendre Open Air Museum (Skanzen) and Budapest, Hungary, 4 – 5 April 2018.
- ❖ Submitting project proposal on exploring, promoting and protecting the richness of the cultural and natural heritage – “Carpathian Route” to the first call of the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation

# Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge

## Main discussion points:

- 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.

## Draft CCIC Recommendations:

- *If successfully approved to the second stage, further developing of the Carpathian Route project proposal;*
- *Organizing next meeting of the WG Cultural Heritage.*

# Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning

- ❖ Supporting organization of the FC2018 by obtaining funds from the Advisory Assistance Programme (AAP) provided by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of Germany
- ❖ Further development and improvement of the Carpathian Integrated Biodiversity Information System ([CCIBIS](#)) with support of the TRANSGREEN and ConnectGREEN projects and possible other future projects





# Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning

## Main discussion points:

- 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

## Draft CCIC Recommendations:

- *Continuing successful cooperation with EEA*
- *Integrating CIBIS into the Carpathian Mountain Information System*

# Climate change

## Main discussion points:

- 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.

## Draft CCIC Recommendations:

- *Exploring possibility of organizing a workshop on adaptation to climate change with expert support of ICPDR*

# Awareness raising, education and public participation

- ❖ Offer by Hungary to host a workshop on Education for Science & Society in the Carpathians organized at the Forum Carpathicum 2018

## **Draft CCIC Recommendations:**

- *Co-organizing education workshop in Hungary in 2019*