Improving the effectiveness of the Carpathian Convention

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- 20 Network surveys
- 63 interviews
- Participant observation 11 events
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Data analysis

Network analysis
- Meeting affiliation-based network
- Survey-based social network
- Citation-based ego-network

Qualitative data analysis
Network of Actors
Structure

- 47 meetings
- 346 organizations
- Single connected component

Certain network-weaving events
Diverse network

Emerging bridging connections
- Transboundary
- Between organization types
- Across sectors

Meeting
Secretariat
Parties
NGOs
UN bodies
Local governmental actors
Academic and research bodies
Business actors
Inter-governmental organizations
Network of Actors

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Core-periphery network structure
- 19 organizations in core
Network of Actors

Effects

Transition from familiarity\(^1\) to “family”

Beneficial for
- Social cohesion, trust
- Consensual, shared knowledge generation

Harmful for
- Accessing new knowledge
- Diversity and inclusivity

\(^1\) Conca, K. 2012. DOI: 10.1162/GLEP_a_00132
Regime Interactions
Network structure

Ego + 39 alters
- No bi- or trilateral agreements from the region

Diverse network:
- Type
- Topic
- Geographic scope
Recommendations
To enhance the functioning of the network

- Ensure there is access to the core of the network
- Focus on building bridging connections
- Establish ways to channel local voices to the regime
  - Umbrella NGO for the region
Recommendations
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- Separate negotiating and implementing functions
  - Awareness-raising at the local level
  - Not-for-profit implementation body
- Maintain balance between long term vision and concrete projects
- Formalize the informal organizations (S4C, CWI, CNPA)
- Develop project development and project management capacity in the region
Recommendations
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- Establish the Carpathian Convention act as a framework to implement other conventions
- Ensure projects and other success are communicated to partner conventions and other organizations
Thank you for your attention!

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