

## Towards implementation of the SARD Protocol

This table shall facilitate discussion on potential priority topics for implementation of the SARD Protocol and suggest activities to be undertaken in the Carpathian Convention and its WG SARD based on the provisions of the SARD Protocol adopted by the COP5 (October 2017, Hungary) and following the COP5 Decisions

POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION BASED ON THE ARTICLES OF THE SARD PROTOCOL	ONGOING PROCESSES	NEED FOR COOPERATION / IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES
<p>Policies aiming at maintaining, promoting and sustainably developing the agricultural sector and rural areas (Art.4)</p>	<p>HNV farming in Hungary (the concept exists since 2002). It is mostly based on territorial demarcation.</p>	<p>Need for better understanding of farming systems in the Carpathian countries; what is the level of sustainability of these systems, which would be particularly important for local product. Also adjusting farming systems to the territorial needs.</p> <p>It is important to define what shall be understood under HNV farming, what are the criteria. In Hungary there are several thousand hectares of agricultural land demarcated as HNV farmlands but that does not necessarily mean that the actual cultivation is HNV cultivation. This means that these HNV agricultural areas would require a special cultivation, adjusted to the territorial needs (exceptions to the rule when the farmland is protected or Natura 2000 area). And vice versa: there can be HNV cultivation on farmlands which are not demarcated as HNV.</p>
	<p>HNV farming in the Carpathians, especially visible in Romania</p>	<p>EEA will provide more information about past and recent EEA work on HNV with special focus on the Carpathians countries</p> <p>Elaboration of a map of the HNV farmland in the Carpathians?</p>
	<p>Meetings of the WG SARD</p>	<p>Further and enhanced exchange of information and best practices (that exchanging information on difficulties or sometimes on failures are evenly important. It helps the other parties of the Convention to avoid making similar mistakes and also brainstorming together may lead to find possible solutions easier.</p>

		Identification of date and location of next meetings of the WG SARD
Integration of the objectives of sustainable development of the agricultural sector and rural areas into sectoral policies (Art.5)		Sharing information and best practices on application, e.g. integration into rural tourism, education (especially related university education), food processing (quality schemes)... etc. In the meantime, also observe possible cooperation facilities.
International cooperation (Art.7)	Closer cooperation with Euromontana	Elaboration of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Carpathian Convention and Euromontana
		Better involvement of local stakeholders in the Agricultural European Innovation Partnership (EIP-AGRI) in a form of a specific Operational Group or Thematic Network within the EIP-AGRI)
		Need for strengthening cooperation between the Carpathian farmers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- elaboration of guidelines on ways and means for a better cooperation between the farmers</li> <li>- best practice exchange</li> <li>- Farmers associations to be strengthened</li> <li>- providing education and consultancy - important and useful regarding HNV farming</li> </ul>
Implementation of site-specific rural development strategies (Art. 8)		Best practice exchange.
Protection and management of traditional cultural landscapes (Art.9)		Better understanding of management status of meadows and pastures, observing the possible application of traditional cultivation methods and also the native agricultural plant and farm animal breeds, land races.
Promotion of extensive farming and organic production (Art. 11)	National Park Products in Hungary - The main aim of this quality scheme is to promote environmental-friendly cultivation and processing of products and also to boost local food production. In many cases the commodities originate from protected areas or Natura 2000 sites and they are processed in a traditional way.	Promotion of organic production + other related quality schemes
		Promotion of extensive farming
	Organic Market Development in Ukraine Project; <a href="https://ukraine.fibl.org/en/ua-about-project/ua-beneficiaries.html">https://ukraine.fibl.org/en/ua-about-project/ua-beneficiaries.html</a> – Finalized. Currently another project on organic project «German-Ukrainian cooperation in organic agriculture is being implemented	

Traditional knowledge and practices (Art. 12)	Provisions of the draft Protocol on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge	Support for development of the Protocol on Cultural Heritage by the WG SARD - consultations
	Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)	Potential identification of site/s in the Carpathians on pastoralism
	HU: Gene-Ring project -> safeguarding the genetic diversity of traditional farm animal breeds in the Carpathians.	Workshop on local breeds and land races of domestic animals + and cultivated plants Elaboration of education materials for universities and vocational schools
Marketing of typical agricultural and rural products and services (Art.13)	National Park Products in Hungary - The main aim of this quality scheme is to promote environmental-friendly cultivation and processing of products and also to boost local food production. In many cases the commodities originate from protected areas or Natura 2000 sites and they are processed in a traditional way.	Strengthening development of local products Enforcing short food supply chains and small-producers' organisations
	Support to the development of a geographical indications system in Ukraine" 3 year project supported by the EU start in Ukraine in 2017 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pg/GIs4Ukraine">https://www.facebook.com/pg/GIs4Ukraine</a> . It aims to support establishing of GIs and first activities on GI registration started already in Ukrainian Carpathians.	
		Common presentation of local products at big fairs and conferences
Promotion of agritourims and diversification (Art.14)	1st World Congress on Agritourism; Carpathian session - "The Role of local products in agritourism: a Carpathian approach for sustainable rural areas"	Follow up on the Agritourism Congress Elaboration of local strategies based on local food systems
Prevention of adverse impacts on air, water, soil, landscape and biological diversity (Art.15)		Closer cooperation with the WG Climate Change
Promotion of formal and informal education (Art.16)		
Coordinated scientific research and trans-boundary exchange of information and experience (Art.17)		Identification of good practices on innovation in agri sector Implementation of EIP programs and agri-innovation programs and good practices
		Elaboration and operation of a database on agriculture in the Carpathians (structure of land use)

		Elaboration of a list of the biggest problems in the field of agriculture and rural development in the Carpathian area the Parties are facing, based on the inputs from all the Parties, the WG SARD will be able to identify the common problems + think-tank on possible solutions
Common programs and projects (Art. 18)	Building Resilient Mountain Value Chains for delivering Private and Public Goods” Horizon 2020 project proposal	<p>Identification of the Carpathian case studies</p> <p>An application of agro-ecology and traditional farming methods could be observed and taken into account.</p>