

FINAL 12th CCIC Recommendations

DECISION COP6/1 Implementation of the Carpathian Convention

- CCIC encourages the Secretariat to further consult with the UNEP DaRT Team on possible reporting on the Carpathian Convention within the DaRT and organization of a workshop for the Carpathian Convention representatives.
 - CCIC welcomes the idea of developing the Carpathian Convention Vision 2050 to be possibly adopted at the COP7, and requests the Secretariat to assist the process, including preparation of a draft document and outlining a further consultative and inclusive process.
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DECISION COP6/2 Cooperation with regional and local authorities and all relevant stakeholders

- CCIC encourages the Secretariat and relevant partners to implement the Carpathian Bridge project, if awarded, and requests the Secretariat in cooperation with relevant Focal Points to ensure involvement of experts from the Parties not covered by the Visegrad Programme.
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DECISION COP6/3 Cooperation with the European Union

- CCIC invites the Parties to implement the Road Map towards the accession of the European Union to the Carpathian Convention and requests the Secretariat to support the process.
 - CCIC invites the Parties to consider the introduction of a "Regional Economic Integration Organization Clause" into the Carpathian Convention in the form of an amendment of the Convention, which shall facilitate the EU accession to the Carpathian Convention.
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DECISION COP6/4 Cooperation with United Nations Environment Programme

- CCIC welcomes progress made in respect to Decision COP6/4
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DECISION COP6/5 Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies

- CCIC welcomes the invitation by the Alpine Biodiversity Board to join the organization of the Biodiversity Forum (*Alpine – Carpathian Biodiversity Forum*), to be held online from 15 to 16 December 2021, and asks the Secretariat to support this process to the extent possible.
 - CCIC welcomes the invitation of the Alpine Convention Working Group on Natural Hazards to exchange between the regions the experiences and knowledge on natural hazards related to the mountain areas, and requests the Secretariat to support this process, if applicable.
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DECISION COP6/6 Implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

- CCIC invites the Parties, the WG Biodiversity and relevant actors to develop the Carpathian Convention Commitments for the implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the United Nations Decade for Ecosystems Restoration, and adopt them at the next suitable occasion; further requests the Secretariat to support the process.

- CCIC requests the Secretariat to finalize the trilateral Memorandum of Cooperation between the CBD, the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention in the light of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and sign it at the next suitable occasion.
 - CCIC requests the Secretariat to further promote the Carpathian Convention within the CBD and the ongoing Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework process, including by contributing to the organization of the mountain side event at the CBD COP15 Part 2.
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DECISION COP6/7 Cooperation with Eurac Research

- CCIC welcomes progress made in respect to Decision COP6/7.
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DECISION COP6/8 Strengthening science-policy-practice interface and cooperation with scientific networks

- CCIC invites the Science for the Carpathians to circulate the recommendations formulated at the 6th Forum Carpaticum, invites the Parties to provide comments and requests the Secretariat to assist the process.
 - CCIC encourages the Parties, the Secretariat and other actors to consider the recommendations from the 6th Forum Carpaticum, whenever finalized, in the process of further implementing the Carpathian Convention.
 - CCIC encourages further collaboration with the Science for the Carpathians on strengthening Carpathian Convention networks, coordination and collaboration within and between them and request the Secretariat to further support this process.
 - CCIC requests the Secretariat to support organization of the 7th Forum Carpaticum, as relevant.
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DECISION COP6/9 Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention

- CCIC approves the updated Terms of Reference for the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity and the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity - Work Plan 2021 – 2023.
- CCIC encourages WG Biodiversity and relevant partners to develop a project proposal supporting implementation of the International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity, and requests the Secretariat to support the process.
- CCIC encourages the Parties and the WG Biodiversity to consider implementation under the Carpathian Convention and a possible COP7 endorsement of the *Carpathian Strategy for enhancing biodiversity and landscape conservation outside and inside protected areas*, as well as other relevant Centralparks project outcomes.
- CCIC welcomes the development of the *Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit* under the Centralparks project and asks the Secretariat to circulate it as soon as finalized.

- CCIC welcomes the ConnectGREEN International Conference Declaration “Protected areas, cornerstones of ecological connectivity in the Carpathian and beyond” and encourages the Parties, the WG Biodiversity and other stakeholders to implement the results of the ConnectGREEN project.
- CCIC encourages the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Steering Committee to implement the recommendations agreed at the CNPA Steering Committee meeting in Krakow on 18 November 2021¹, based on the review of the CNPA Mid-Term Strategy, which shall strengthen CNPA governing mechanism and support the cooperation on common activities within the Network.
- CCIC requests the Secretariat in cooperation with the WG Biodiversity Chair – Czech Republic and the Polish Presidency to organize the 13th WG Biodiversity meeting.

DECISION COP6/11 Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management Article 6 of the Carpathian Convention

- CCIC welcomes progress made in respect to Decision COP6/11.

DECISION COP6/12 Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention

- CCIC welcomes progress made in respect to Decision COP6/12,

DECISION COP6/13 Sustainable forest management Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention

- CCIC encourages the prompt finalization of the Inventory of Virgin Forests of the Carpathians and invites all the Parties and relevant actors to support this process.
- CCIC requests the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Forests Management to contribute to the development of the *Assessment of the impacts of climate change on the Carpathian forests and their ecosystem services*, and in this respect, closely cooperate with Working Group on Climate Change.

DECISION COP6/14 Sustainable transport and infrastructure, industry and energy Article 8 of the Carpathian Convention, Article 10 of the Carpathian

- CCIC invites the Parties and relevant stakeholders to support the process of developing the Joint Declaration on mainstreaming of ecological connectivity for the recognition at the EUSDR Annual Forum 2022 in Ukraine, if possible; further requests the Secretariat to assist the process.

DECISION COP6/15 Sustainable tourism Article 9 of the Carpathian Convention

- CCIC approves the updated Terms of Reference for the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Tourism and takes note of the Work Plan for Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform for the period 2021 – 2023.

¹ Recommendations agreed at CNPA Steering Committee meeting in Krakow on 18 November 2021 – see Annex 1.

- CCIC encourages the CSTP Centers and the Secretariat to further progress in making the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform fully operational.
 - CCIC encourages CSTP, the WG Tourism and other relevant partners to develop a project proposal supporting development of sustainable tourism in the Carpathians, and requests the Secretariat to support this process.
 - CCIC encourages the Parties, the WG Tourism and the CSTP to consider the *Strategy for local sustainable tourism development based on natural and cultural heritage of the Carpathians* produced by the Centralparks project for implementation under the Carpathian Convention and possible COP7 endorsement.
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DECISION COP6/16 Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge

Article 11 of the Carpathian Convention

- CCIC encourages the relevant actors, including the Secretariat to make efforts to bring the Carpathian Route project to successful implementation.
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DECISION COP6/17 Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning Article 12 of the Carpathian Convention

- CCIC welcomes progress made in respect to Decision COP6/17.
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DECISION COP6/18 Climate change

Article 12bis of the Carpathian Convention

- CCIC invites engagement and support of relevant experts nominated by the Parties in the development of the *Assessment of the impacts of climate change on the Carpathian forests and their ecosystem services*, and further requests the Secretariat to support this process.
 - CCIC encourages the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Climate Change to join the interregional workshop “Mountains Connect” in Vienna, Austria in 2022, and further requests the Secretariat to support this process.
 - CCIC encourages the WG Climate Change to implement the WG Climate Change Work Plan 2021 – 2023.
 - CCIC requests the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Climate Change to closely cooperate with Working Group on Sustainable Forests Management to supports the development of the Assessment of the impacts of climate change on the Carpathian forests and their ecosystem services.
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DECISION COP6/19 Awareness raising, education and public participation

Article 13 of the Carpathian Convention

- CCIC invites the Parties to nominate ESD experts to the Carpathian ESD Expert network, and requests the Secretariat to support the process.
- CCIC encourages the cooperation among the Focal Points and the ESD Experts, and invites the Parties to support highlighting ESD work under the Convention at any suitable occasion, including at the 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in 2022, and requests the Secretariat to support this process.
- CCIC encourages the Science for Carpathians to propose and invite scientific ESD experts to join the Carpathian ESD Expert Network.

- CCIC encourages the nominated governmental ESD experts to closely collaborate with the academic and practice ESD experts within the Carpathian ESD network.
 - CCIC invites the Polish Presidency to support the organization of the Second Carpathian Convention Seminar on Education for Sustainable Development in cooperation with the Secretariat.
 - CCIC invites the Parties and other stakeholders to consider the recommendations of the Workshop on strengthening networks within the Carpathian Convention, held during the 12th CCIC meeting on 19 December 2021, while further cooperating with relevant networks as well for establishing the Carpathian ESD Network.
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Recommendations by the CNPA Steering Committee agreed at

CNPA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

18 November 2021, Krakow, Poland

- 1) **Establishing the full CNPA Steering Committee representing all the Carpathian Parties**
Need for consultation with the Parties of the Carpathian Convention that are responsible for appointing the CNPA SC member.
- 2) **Updating the Terms of Reference of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas², which shall address the issue of sound and effective governance of the CNPA**
The ToR was adopted in 2011 and requires revision.
- 3) **Updating / rethinking the CNPA Medium-Term Strategy³ and the related Work Plan**
CNPA Medium-Term Strategy was adopted in 2011, expired in 2020.
- 4) **Reviewing and updating if necessary the MoC between the Secretariat and the CNPA Unit/Association of Natural Protected Areas Administrations in Romania ANPAA⁴, according to the updated CNPA Terms of Reference.**
- 5) **Verifying the list of CNPA members and nominating new member areas by end of January 2022**
Recently the list of Carpathian protected areas has been updated under the Centralparks project, with a reservation that some of the new PAs included in the updated list have not yet officially been nominated by the Parties as the CNPA member areas. Hence, there is a need for verification and official confirmation by the Parties. This task should lead to updating the map of CNPA Members to be further included in the Carpathian Countries Integrated Biodiversity Information System (CCIBIS).
- 6) **Organizing the CNPA conferences and CNPA Steering Committee meetings more regularly**
Possibly without the financial support from the external projects, which was the case so far.
- 7) **Considering and using relevant project results, especially of Centralparks and ConnectGREEN projects.**
- 8) **Strengthening cooperation with other Networks within the Memorandum of Cooperation between the CNPA, ALPARC and DANUBEPARKS through initiating common activities, as well as facilitating cooperation and exchange with other neighbouring mountain regions and other initiatives.**
- 9) **Considering establishing thematic working groups within the CNPA which should focus on substantive work of the Network.**
- 10) **Considering/establishing the internal CNPA newsletter functioning independently from the financial support by the external and time-limited projects.**

² http://www.carpathianconvention.org/tl_files/carpathiancon/Downloads/02%20Activities/2.1.1%20ToR%20CNPA.pdf

³ http://www.carpathianconvention.org/tl_files/carpathiancon/Downloads/02%20Activities/2.1.1%20CNPA%20medium%20term%20strategy.pdf

⁴ http://www.carpathianconvention.org/tl_files/carpathiancon/Downloads/02%20Activities/Biodiveristy/Doc.%2010_MoC_SCC_ANPAA_CNPA_signed.pdf