



Science for the Carpathians

# Carpathian ESD: Strengthening the ESD network in the Carpathian Convention via science-policy-practice interface

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# Outline:

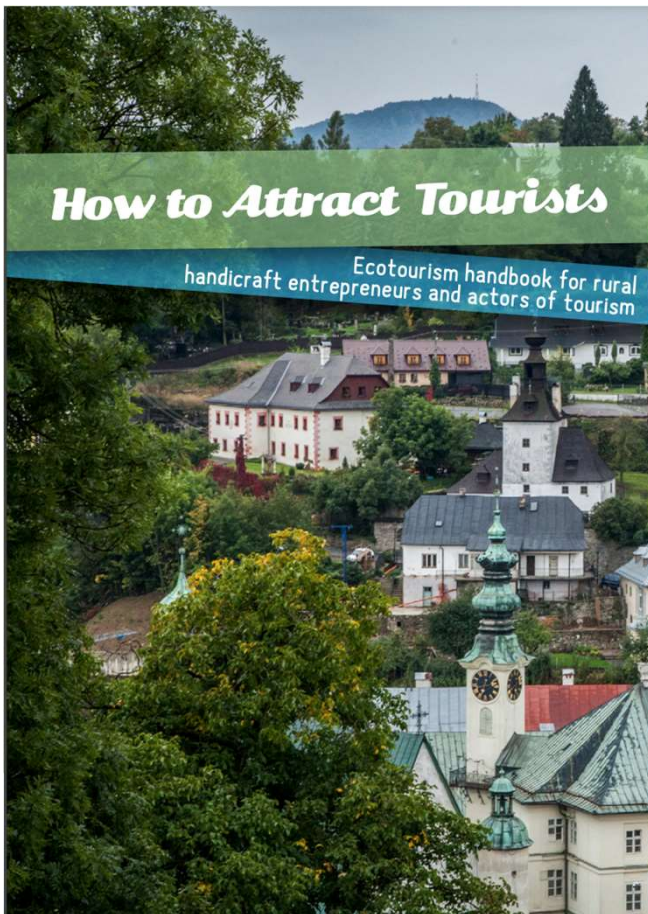
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# Relevance of ESD For Carpathian Convention

*Beyond school/formal education: Need to empower the Convention stakeholders, including the local population, to find the answers to how sustainable livelihoods can be realized*



Link with  
priority of  
the Polish  
Presidency



# S4C recommendations to COP 6 on ESD:

- **Establish a Convention working group / network of experts** to coordinate activities related to ESD;
- Ensure continuous **prioritization of education-related activities** via exchange between the Secretariat and the Convention Focal Points
  - **cross-sectional topic in many Convention thematic areas;**
- Identify **synergies between the Carpathian Convention education-related activities, the SDGs**, ESD-related activities of CBD and UNFCCC
- **Use educational channels to promote the Carpathian Convention**
  - Summer Schools, courses, educational programs, thesis topics.



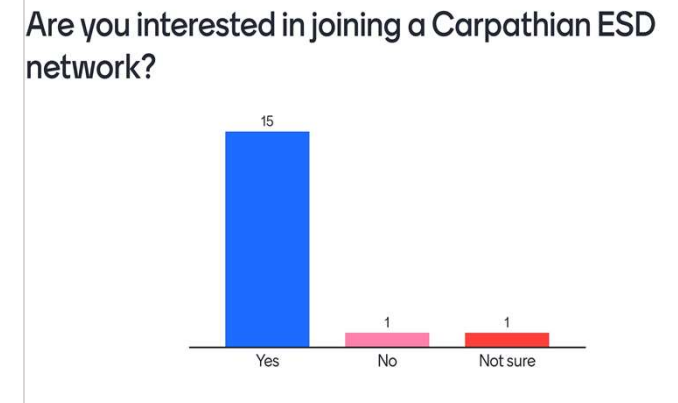
## Carpathian ESD Project

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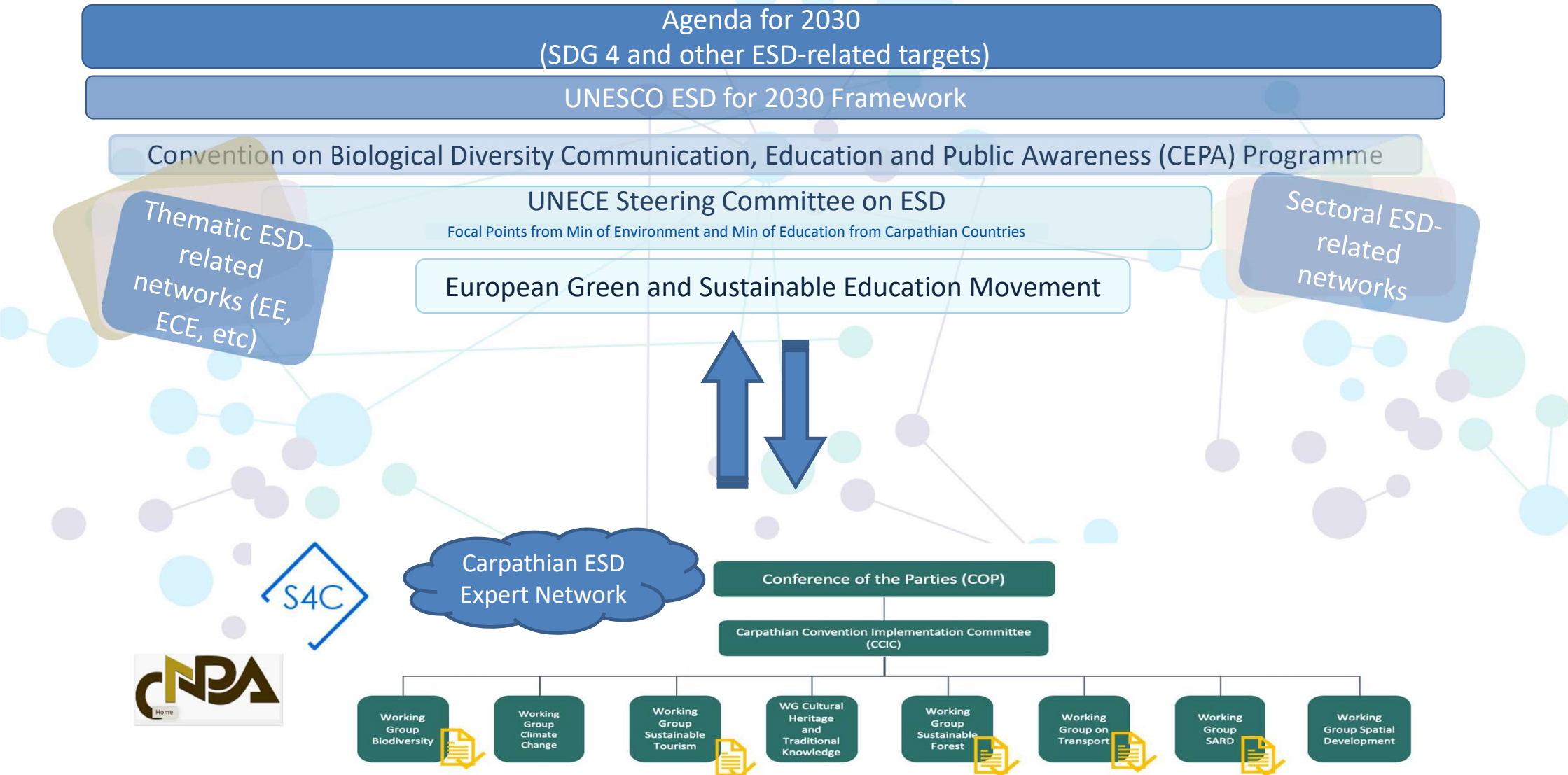
# Carpathian ESD: Needs

- Bringing together Carpathian ESD experts on a longer-term basis
  - Jointly developing a vision and a strategy
  - Developing and implementing ESD-related activities
  - Continuous coordination and collaboration with the Convention Focal Points, in order to ensure synergies with other Convention areas
- Further strengthening science-policy-practice interface in the field of ESD in the Carpathians
  - attracting state-of-the-art knowledge to this process
- Considering existing frameworks and networks

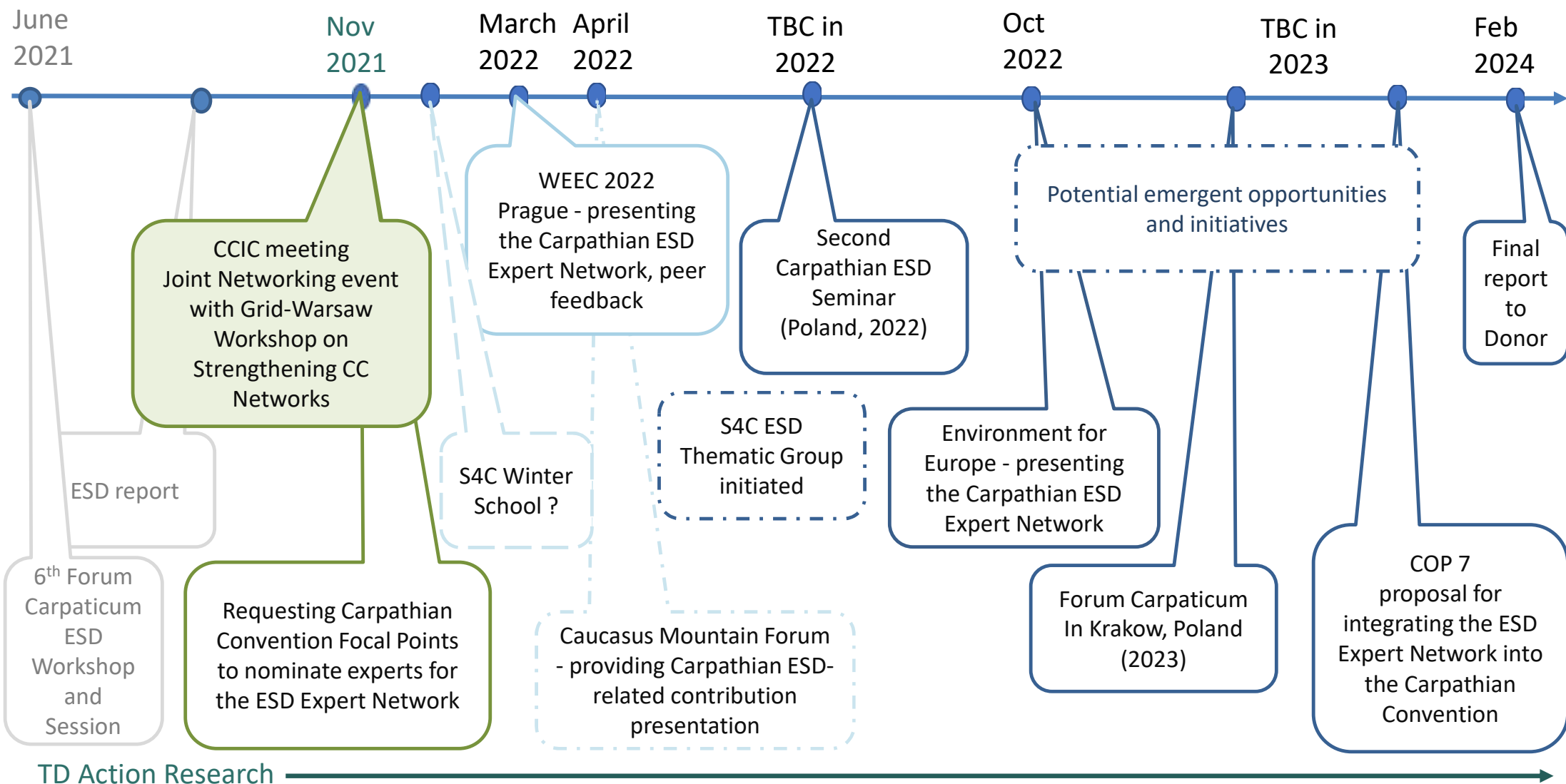




# ESD - related frameworks and networks



# Activities towards developing the Carpathian ESD Expert Network



# ESD at FC 2021: Keynote, Session, Workshop

## ESD at FC 2021

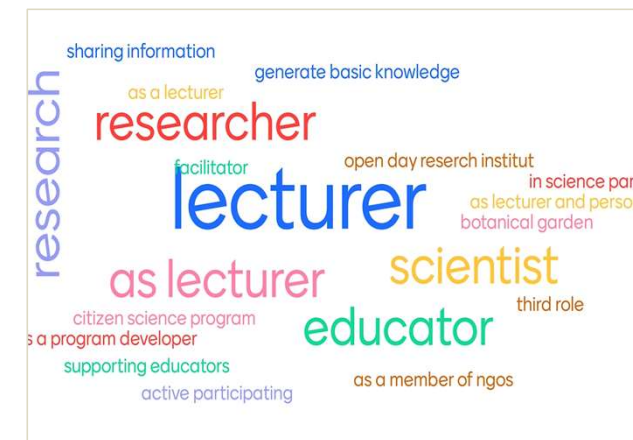
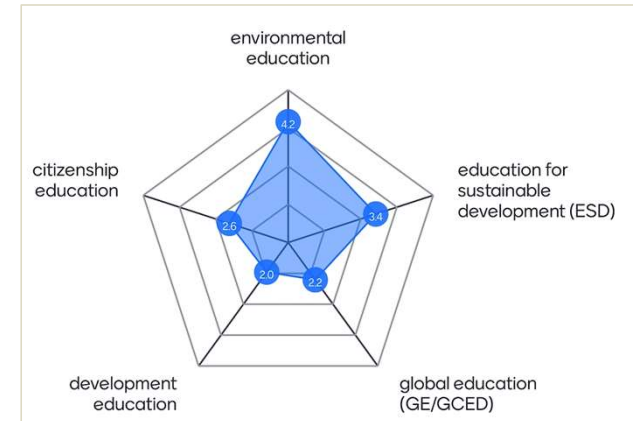
- **Keynote:** Concepts, Links with regional Development, International Examples, Recommendations
- **Poll:** experiences within the S4C
- **Session:** Examples from the Carpathians, ESD-related recommendations
- **Workshop:** discussion of the challenges, vision, recommendations

## ESD Network Developments:

- Potential questions for research and mutual learning compiled
- Convention Network Expert engaged

## S4C Developments:

- Proposal of a Thematic Working Group on ESD
- Proposal of an ESD chapter of the Research Agenda for the Carpathians





# Next Steps

## Actions to be taken:

- Requesting nominations of ESD experts by Convention parties
- Second Carpathian ESD Seminar, in close collaboration with the Polish Presidency
- Highlighting our work at the high level - Environment for Europe conference in Cyprus
- Explore further links with UNESCO, UNECE SC ESD, etc.

## Questions to be Answered:

- Which lessons do we draw from existing Carpathian Convention Networks?
- How do we link the Carpathian ESD network with the existing education-related initiatives and networks?
- How do we use the Carpathian ESD network to establish links between the thematic areas, groups and activities of the Convention?
- What will this mean for the planned activities?



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