



Carpathian Convention

Project Platform

Introduction to the Project ideas and proposals

This paper gives an overview on projects ideas to develop in cooperation with Ministries, Regional authorities and NGOs in the different fields of the Carpathian Convention activities (given along the Working Groups and other core activities – overlapping is often due to cross-sectoral character of the project).

PROJECT IDEAS

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Nature, Biodiversity, Landscape, Ecological Connectivity	ConnectGREEN Restoring and managing ecological corridors in mountains as the green infrastructure in the Danube basin	The main objective is to improve the restoration and management of mountain ecological corridors including threatened wetland habitats of transnational relevance in the region.	1.START - Danube Region Project Fund: 2.EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020	- Piatra Craiului NP (Lead Partner) -WWF DCP -Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic -The Silva Tarouca Research Institute for Landscape and Ornamental Gardening (RILOG) -Lechner Knowledge Center -Danube-Ipoly National Park -CEEweb for Biodiversity	APPROVED under the 2nd Call of the START Danube Project Fund SUBMITTED under the 1st call of the EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-	DECISION COP4/1 Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity. Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention DECISION COP4/2 Spatial development.

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		<p>BIOREGIO Carpathians follow-up</p>		<p>-WWF DCP RO -Bucegi NP -Djerdap NP -Slovak State Nature Conservancy -UNEP Vienna-SCC</p> <p><u>Associated Strategic Partners(ASPs):</u> -ÖKOSOZIALES FORUM WIEN -Ministries of the Environment-Carpathian Countries (except Ukraine) -Center for Energy, Environment and Resources (CENER 21), Bosnia Herzegovina</p>	<p>2020 Connection to EUSDR PA6</p>	<p>Article 5 of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>Carpathian Convention Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity</p> <p>Carpathian Convention Strategic Action Plan (SAP) for the Implementation of the BD Protocol</p>
	WILD for DC	<p>Assessment of illegal wildlife and forest related practices and trade in the Danube-Carpathian region and the effects on the conservation status of endangered wildlife species and priority forest habitats.</p>	<p>2. EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020</p>	<p>-UNEP Vienna - SCC - Institute of Biology Bucharest, Romanian Academy -International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) -WWF DCP</p>	<p>APPROVED under the 3rd call of the TAF-DRP</p>	<p>DECISION COP4/1 Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity. Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>DECISION COP4/2 Spatial development Sustainable agriculture,</p>

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	<p>EUROCONNECT Ecological Connectivity in European Mountain Ranges</p>		<p>INTERREG EUROPE 2014-2020</p>	<p>-Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of Italy</p> <p>-Prealpi Giulie Regional Natural Park</p> <p>-ALPARC</p> <p>-UNEP Vienna-SCC</p> <p>-Piatra Craiului National Park Romania</p> <p>-Carpathian Euroregion Poland</p> <p>-Ardennes Regional Park</p> <p>-University of Reims Champagne Ardennes</p>	<p>SUBMITTED under the first call of INTERREG Europe 2014-2020</p>	<p>DECISION COP4/1</p> <p>Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity.</p> <p>Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>DECISION COP4/2</p> <p>Spatial development.</p> <p>Article 5 of the Carpathian Convention</p>

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						<p>Carpathian Convention Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity</p> <p>Carpathian Convention Strategic Action Plan (SAP) for the Implementation of the BD Protocol</p>
	<p>Conference on large carnivores protection in the Carpathians</p>	<p>The project proposal aims at organising a Conference on large carnivores protection in the Carpathians. The conference should be held back to back to the meeting of the Convention's Biodiversity Working Group. The main goal of the conference, together with the outputs of the Biodiversity</p>	<p>German Federal Environment Ministry's - Advisory Assistance Programme (AAP)</p>	<p>-Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic (NCA CR) (Lead Partner) -UNEP Vienna-SCC</p> <p><u>Associate Expert partners:</u> -Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences -Institute of Vertebrate Biology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic</p>	<p>SUBMITTED Under the German Advisory Assistance Programme (AAP)</p>	<p>DECISION COP4/1 Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity. Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>DECISION COP4/2 Spatial development Sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry. Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention Carpathian Convention</p>

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		<p>Working Group, would be an establishment of an expert panel for large carnivores within the Carpathian Convention whose further work should focus on developing and particularly implementing large carnivores' management plan in the Carpathians. Another objective is to discuss future formal partnership between the Carpathian Convention and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC).</p>				<p>Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity</p> <p>Carpathian Convention Strategic Action Plan (SAP) for the Implementation of the BD Protocol</p>

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Energy	DANUBIOM Developments for an efficient, transparent and sustainable open market for bioenergy in the Danube Region	<p>The project DANUBIOM aims at supporting efficient bioenergy development in the Danube Region.</p> <p>This goal will be pursued by establishing an on-line platform 1) fostering ecologically acceptable production and trading of bioenergy feed stocks equipped with environmental criteria, 2) assisting planning with a database containing demand characteristics of bioenergy production units, 3) triggering technology transition with</p>	EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Szent István University, Hungary (lead Partner) -UNEP Vienna-SCC -AgrarKontakte International e.V., Germany -Cluster for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources, Slovenia -Environment Agency Austria -European Centre Renewable Energy, Austria -Czech University of Life Sciences, -Technical University of Ostrava, Energy Research Center, Czech Republic -Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary -World Wide Fund For Nature Hungary Foundation -Centre for the Promotion of Clean and Efficient Energy in Romania -Green Economy Association of Serbia -Faculty of Technical Sciences - University of Novi Sad, Serbia -Institute of Energy Economics and the Rational use of Energy, University of Stuttgart, Germany - Fachagentur Nachwachsende 	<p>SUBMITTED under the first call of the EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020</p> <p>Project consortium development supported by EUSDR PA2</p>	<p>DECISION COP4/4 Sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry. Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>DECISION COP4/5 Sustainable transport and infrastructure, Industry and energy. Article 8 of the Carpathian Convention, Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>Carpathian Convention Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management</p>

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		innovative dissemination tools.		<p>Rohrstoffe e.V., Germany - Agrokor-Energija d.o.o., Croatia</p> <p><u>Associated Strategic Partners(ASPs):</u> - GORICA Local Energy Agency, Slovenia - Agricultural and Rural Development Agency, Hungary - Pilisi Park Forestry Company, Hungary - Technology Promotion Burgenland Ltd., Austria - Czech Biomass Association, Czech Republic - Energetika Projekt d.o.o., Slovenia - Moravian-Silesian Regional Authority, Czech Republic - New and Renewable Energy Sources Industry Association, Romania - Hungarian energy and public utility regulatory authority - Association WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme Romania</p>		

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	REPLAN	To improve territorial based low-carbon energy planning strategies and policies supporting climate change mitigation.	Central Europe Programme 2014-2020	-Szent István Egyetem (Lead Partner) -UNEP Vienna-SCC -EURAC -BIOENERGY 2020+ GmbH - Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague -Centrul pentru Promovarea Energiei Curate si Eficiente in Romania (ENERO) -Universität Stuttgart (USTUTT) -WWF Világ Természeti Alap Magyarország Alapítvány (WWF Hungary)	SUBMITTED under the first call of Central Europe Programme 2014-2020 First technical check: passed First formal check: not passed, to be submitted again under the 2 nd call	DECISION COP4/5 Sustainable transport and infrastructure, Industry and energy. Article 8 of the Carpathian Convention, Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention Carpathian Convention Strategic Agenda on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Carpathian Region
	RESTAR Renewable Energy Strategy – Application in Regions	The main project motive consists of a pilot application of Regional Sources Assessment principles in the Danube Area and subsequent creation of analogical complex assessment systems, which will form	EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020	-Czech Republic Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague (Lead Partner) -Szent István University, Hungary -UNEP Vienna-SCC -Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities -MAS Rozkvět, z.s. -Research Institute for Soil and Water Conservation, Czech Republic - National agricultural and food centre, Slovakia	SUBMITTED under the first call of the EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020 Project consortium development supported by EUSDR PA2	DECISION COP4/5 Sustainable transport and infrastructure, Industry and energy. Article 8 of the Carpathian Convention, Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention Carpathian Convention Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management

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		interconnected, international knowledge base. The project will make us of the lessons learnt acquired during the ReStEP project (programme Life 2010)		-Eko-Centrum, o.z., Slovakia -Energy Restructuring Agency, Slovenia - European Affairs Fund - AP Vojvodina, Serbia <u>Associated Strategic Partners(ASPs):</u> -Varna Region, Slovenia - Gödöllő Municipality, Hungary		
Adaptation to Climate Change, Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management	JOINTISZA Project Strengthening cooperation between river basin management planning and flood risk prevention to enhance the status of waters of the Tisza River Basin	The main aim of the project is to further improve the integration of the water management and flood risk prevention actions in the next River Basin Management(RBM) planning cycle, in line with the relevant EU legislation. The project will be elaborated by means of joint actions of five countries (UA, SK, HU, RO, RS)	EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020	- General Directorate of Water Management, Hungary (Lead Partner) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary - National Administration „Romanian Waters”, Romania - Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests, Romania - National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management, Romania - Water Research Institute, Slovakia - Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Hungary - International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, Austria	SUBMITTED under the first call of the EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020 Project consortium supported by EUSDR PA4	DECISION COP4/3 Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management. Article 6 of the Carpathian Convention COP4 Joint Alpine - Carpathian Statement on Adaptation to Climate Change Carpathian Convention Strategic Agenda on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Carpathian Region

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		sharing the Tisza River Basin. A joint transnational strategic document will be the main output of the project in which measures facilitating the harmonization of related national regulations will be outlined, so that the updated Integrated Tisza RBM Plan will be developed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe, Slovakia - World Wide Fund for Nature Hungary - Jaroslav Cerni Institute for the Development of Water Resources, Serbia - Public Water Management Company „Vode Vojvodine”, Serbia <p><u>Associated Strategic Partners(ASPs):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -UNEP Vienna-Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention - Interior Ministry of Hungary - Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Water, Serbia - Tisza River Basin Water Resources Directorate, Ukraine - State Agency on Water Management of Ukraine 		Joint Declaration of the ICPDR Tisza Group and the Carpathian Convention on the sustainable development of the Tisza River Basin within the Carpathian region
	Pre-WATERbound	Preparatory project to secure transboundary groundwater resources and water supply with water retention measures and Managed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.START - Danube Region Project Fund 2.EU Danube Transnational Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Aquaprofit Engineering, Consulting and Investment Co. (AQUA) -South-Trans-Daubing Water Management Directorate (DDVIZIG) -University of Vienna (UNIV) -UNEP Vienna-SCC 	SUBMITTED under the 2nd Call of the START Danube Project Fund First technical	DECISION COP4/3 Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management. Article 6 of the Carpathian Convention

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		Aquifer Recharge.	2014-2020	-Possible future cooperation with ICPDR	check: PASSED Not selected under the START	<p>DECISION COP4/5 Sustainable transport and infrastructure, Industry and energy. Article 8 of the Carpathian Convention, Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>COP4 Joint Alpine - Carpathian Statement on Adaptation to Climate Change</p> <p>Carpathian Convention Strategic Agenda on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Carpathian Region</p> <p>Joint Declaration of the ICPDR Tisza Group and the Carpathian Convention on the sustainable development of the Tisza River Basin within the Carpathian region</p>

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	CALL SC5-16-2014: Making Earth Observation and Monitoring Data usable for ecosystem modelling and services (ECOPOTENTIAL)	Eco-system services (modelling and scenarios), Earth Observation, besides Carpathians, besides Carpathians covering other mountain regions and types of ecosystems	EU Horizon 2020	Lead Partner :CNR Italy 47 Partners included UNEP Vienna-SCC	<u>APPROVED</u>	DECISION COP4/8 Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning. Article 12 of the Carpathian Convention Carpathian Convention Strategic Agenda on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Carpathian Region COP4 Joint Alpine - Carpathian Statement on Adaptation to Climate Change
Sustainable Mobility, Accessibility, Transit Sustainable industry and energy	TransGREEN Integrated Transport and Green Infrastructure Planning in the Danube-Carpathian region for the Benefit of People and Nature	The project aims to contribute to safer and environmentally-friendly road and rail networks in the Carpathians and other mountainous regions of the Danube Basin by improving planning frameworks, developing concrete	EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020	-UNEP Vienna-SCC - Friends of the Earth Czech Republic, branch Olomouc - Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic - Transport Research Centre, Czech Republic - CEEweb for Biodiversity, Hungary - Milvus Group, Romania - WWF Danube-Carpathian	SUBMITTED under the first call of the EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020 Connection to EUSDR PA1b	DECISION COP4/5 Sustainable transport and infrastructure, Industry and energy. Article 8 of the Carpathian Convention Carpathian Convention Protocol on Sustainable Transport

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		environmentally-friendly and safe road and rail transport solutions, and sharing experience and knowledge.		<p>Programme Romania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Motorway Company, a. s., Slovakia - Slovak Environment Agency, Slovakia - State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic - SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of the EU at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava <p><u>Associated Strategic Partners(ASPs):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology - Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic - National Infrastructure Developing Private Company Limited, Hungary - Romanian Ministry of Transport - Republic of Slovenia Ministry of Infrastructure 		

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Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge	INEBRA	Integrated Support for Environmental Management in Peripheral Localities of Central Europe - towards new jobs and better liveability	Central Europe Programme 2014-2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -UNEP Vienna-SCC -Association of the Carpathian Euroregion Poland (Lead Partner) -Palacký University in Olomouc(CZ) -Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, (HU) -The Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves - Europarc Italy -The Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia - Museum of the Moravia-Wallachia region -Development Agency of Idrija and Cerknó -Agricultural Research and Education Center Raumberg-Gumpenstein -MITTELEUROPA Cultural Association -EURAC (second phase) 	<p>SUBMITTED under Central Europe Programme 2014-2020</p> <p>First technical check: PASSED</p> <p>First formal check: not passed, to be submitted again under the 2nd call</p>	<p>DECISION COP4/7 Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge. Article 11 of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>COP4-Ministerial Declaration on Cultural Heritage of the Carpathians</p>

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Sustainable Tourism Development	TRANSHERIT Transfer of Heritage Interpretation Skills from Alps to Carpathians and Dinarics	Main objective of the project is to transfer know-how from Alps to Carpathians and Dinarics and increase capacity of stakeholders on heritage interpretation, management and product development. The actions focus on trainings and study trips, developing heritage tourism products based on experience from Alps, and their promotion on markets to increase visitor demand. recommendations.	EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ekopolis Foundation, Slovakia(Lead Partner) -UNEP Vienna-SCC - National Institute for Research and Development in Tourism, Romania - Bulgarian Association for Alternative Tourism - Herman Ottó Institute, Hungary -IMC University of Applied Science Krems, Austria - Institute for Cross-border area, Serbia - Agency for the Support of Regional Development Kosice n.o., Slovakia - Environment Innovation Association, Bosnia Herzegovina - CEEweb for Biodiversity, Hungary - Kartographie Huber, Germany - Municipality of Mojcovac, Montenegro <p><u>Associated Strategic Partners(ASPs):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration 	SUBMITTED under the first call of the EU Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020	<p>DECISION COP4/1</p> <p>Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity.</p> <p>Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>Carpathian Convention Protocol on Sustainable Tourism</p> <p>Carpathian Convention Strategy for the Sustainable Tourism Development of the Carpathians</p>

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	InRuTou follow-up	Transferring InRuTou training to other areas of the Carpathians, in cooperation with protected areas	Erasmus + Others to be defined	-UNEP Vienna – SCC -Ekopsychology Society (Poland) -Romontana (Romania) -Green Dossier (Ukraine) -CNPA/selected protected areas to be defined -EURAC Other Carpathian countries	UNDER DEVELOPMENT	DECISION COP4/6 Sustainable tourism. Article 9 of the Carpathian Convention DECISION COP4/9 Awareness raising, education and public participation. Article 13 of the Carpathian Convention Carpathian Convention Protocol on Sustainable Tourism Carpathian Convention Strategy for the Sustainable Tourism Development of the Carpathians
Awareness raising, education and public participation	Carpathian ESD regional network	Developing of a report on Carpathian ESD and best practices on ESD in the mountain regions, including Carpathian and	Erasmus+ (other possibilities to be examined)	-UNEP Vienna SCC -UNECE Steering Committee on ESD -Carpathian Ministries of Environment and Education -RCE Vienna -ENSI	UNDER DEVELOPMENT	DECISION COP4/9 Awareness raising, education and public participation. Article 13 of the Carpathian Convention

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		Alpine examples.				