

## CARPATHIAN CONVENTION MEETINGS in 2020/2021

2020					
Date	Meeting	Venue	Leading Party	Co-partners	Agenda
10-11 March	WG Biodiversity, CNPA SC and WG Transport	ONLINE MEETING		WWF CEEweb	<p><b>WG BIODIVERSITY + CNPA SC</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Introduction to the International Action Plan for conservation and sustainable management for the Carpathian population of large carnivores.</li> <li>2) Introduction to the Strategy for identification and conservation of ecological corridors in the Carpathians and discussion.</li> <li>3) Presentation of the Centralparks project and activates of Carpathian Network of Protected Areas.</li> <li>4) Presentation of the current Carpathian Convention contribution to the Post-2020 Framework process and discussion about the Carpathian commitments to be adopted by the Carpathian Convention COP6, feedback and discussion</li> </ol> <p><b>WG TRANSPORT</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Presentation to the draft Sustainable Transport Strategic Action Plan and discussion</li> </ol>
5-7 May (tbc)	WG Climate Change and WG SARD organized back to back with a joint session	Budapest	Hungary		Towards implementation of the Article 12bis on Climate Change and implementation for the Carpathian Convention Protocol on Sustainable agriculture and Rural Development (agenda to be further elaborated)

22-26 June	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Forum Carpaticum, including the Carpathian session on education for sustainable development</b>	Conference Centre of the Mendel University in Brno, Czech Republic	Czech Republic	Science for the Carpathians	6 <sup>th</sup> FC theme - <i>Linking science, policy, and practice for a sustainable future in the Carpathians</i>  A Carpathian ESD Seminar, as a follow up to the ESD Seminar in Budapest, April 2019 will be organized within the 6th Forum Carpaticum.
16 – 18 June (tbc)	<b>Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee meeting</b>	Vienna (tbc)	Hungary and Poland		Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee dedicated to the COP6 preparations, including finalization of the COP6 Decisions
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter (tbc)	<b>Workshop on close-to-nature forest management for the Carpathian countries</b>	Czech Republic	Czech Republic and Slovakia		The Czech Republic announced, that with support of Slovakia, a workshop on close-to-nature forest management for the Carpathian countries will be organized in order to allow exchange of experience and promote the close-to-nature forest management and its approaches in practice. The workshop could be supported by Pro Silva, which would facilitate further collaboration with the Carpathian Convention and its Parties. More information will follow in due course.
8 – 9 September	<b>SaveGREEN Kick-off meeting</b> (if project is approved)	Vienna Austria		WWF CEE	The project proposal SaveGREEN – Safeguarding the functionality of transnationally important ecological corridors in the Danube basin was submitted under the third call of the EU Danube Transnational Programme. The kick off meeting will be confirmed as soon as information about the project assessment are released.

14 – 16 September	<b>Sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP6)</b>	Rzeszow, Poland	Poland	Hungary	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (agenda of the expert and high-level segment to be further elaborated)
17 – 18 September	<b>The Summit of the Carpathian Regions</b>	Poland	Poland	The Marshal Office of the Podkarpackie Region, Poland	The aim of the meeting is to strengthen cooperation between the local and regional authorities from the Carpathians and give the greater ownership of the implementation of the Carpathian Convention. The meeting will be linked to the COP6
November (exact dates tbc)	<b>CNPA Steering Group Meeting back to back to the Centralparks Project Partners meeting</b>	Czech Republic, Bílé Karpaty		Centralparks Project	Meeting aims at discussion on revitalization of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas and follow up projects

November/ second half (exact dates tbc)	<b>Working meeting of selected representatives of three relevant Carpathian Convention's Working Groups: WG Biodiversity, WG Spatial Development, WG SARD</b>	Poland	Poland	UNEP/GRID Warsaw	A working meeting of selected representatives of three relevant Carpathian Convention's Working Groups: WG Biodiversity, WG Spatial Development, WG SARD - supplemented by experts and practitioners in environmental education and awareness raising - is being proposed to be organized in Poland in the fall of 2020. The meeting would be supported by the LIFE project "Green-Go! Local initiatives for deployment of green infrastructure within Natura 2000 sites in the Carpathians", implemented in years 2017-2020 by UNEP/GRID-Warsaw Centre.
tbc	<b>WG on Sustainable Tourism</b>	Romania	tbc	CSTP	Discussion on the WG Tourism activities in relation to the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform

tbc	Workshop on development of a joint project proposal between the Carpathian Convention, EUSDR and ICPDR/Tisza Group	Hungary (tbc)	Hungary	EUSDR and ICPDR/Tisza Group	Further to the Joint Declaration of Cooperation, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, and especially ICPDR Tisza Group and the Carpathian Convention shall strengthen cooperation in areas of mutual interest. The cooperation on this topic is led by the Hungarian Presidency, and as informed by the Presidency, there are several topics to be considered for future common activities, such as, detection of flood formation areas, detection of flood formation areas, land use and land use changes (LUC) in the mountains, runoff modelling, effects of the LUC on the streamflow and sedimentation of rivers. One topic should be commonly agreed in near future with further plans to organize a workshop (2020) on that topic leading to development of a project proposal (2021).
<b>2021</b>					
20 – 22 April 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) Conference	Visegrad, Hungary		CEEweb, WWF CEE & RO EURAC, CNPA Steering Committee in support of the projects ConnectGreen and Centralparks	Draft title of the Conference: “Ecological connectivity and the way forward in the Carpathians” Detailed programme of the conference will be elaborated in due course