



Carpathian Convention Progress Report by the Secretariat

October 2014 – June 2017

Eighth Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee
14 – 16 June 2017, Modrá, Czech Republic



Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity



- **Conference on Large Carnivores Protection in the Carpathians, 18 – 21 October 2016, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Czech Republic**
- Conference outcomes :
 - Declaration on the Management and Protection of Large Carnivores in the Carpathians
 - Memorandum of Cooperation between the International Council for Game and Wildlife and the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
- **8th meeting of the WG Biodiversity, 20 October 2016** (organized during the Large Carnivores Conference)
 - Recommendation to finalize the Carpathian Red Lists starting with the draft Carpathian Red List of Forest Habitat and Red List of Vascular Plants of the Carpathians
 - Recommendation to simplify the current Report Format for the Biodiversity Protocol
 - Recommendation to elaborate an International Action Plan for the Conservation and Sustainable Management for the Carpathian Populations of Large Carnivores
 - **Recommendation to prioritize work on Large Carnivores in the future**

Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity



■ Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)

- Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariat and the Association for Natural Protected Areas Administration (ANPAA) has been signed
- Memorandum of Cooperation between CNPA, ALPARC and DANUBEPARKS
- **Joint meeting of the Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity**, October 2014 – First in the history of the Carpathian Convention





Convention on
Biological Diversity

SIDE EVENT at CBD COP13

COP13
CANCUN, MEXICO 2016
MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY FOR WELL-BEING



- COP 13 - Thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Cancun, Mexico, 4 - 17 December 2016
- **SIDE EVENT on Mainstreaming the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Mountain Biodiversity for Wellbeing** (9 December 2016)
- Organizers: the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU, supported by UN Environment

MOUNTAIN BIODIVERSITY FOR OUR WELLBEING

Interactive knowledge sharing platform



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■ Development of projects proposals :

- **ConnectGREEN** - Restoring and managing ecological corridors in mountains as the green infrastructure in the Danube basin
- **Wild for DC** - Sustainable Solutions for Wildlife Crime Prevention in the Danube Countries
- **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**

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booklet on
**Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime
in the Danube-Carpathian Region**

Spatial development

- Based on COP4/2 para. 3 Decisions, the Secretariat has started to collect information on the **administrative units** within which the Parties plan to implement the Convention and its Protocols
- **Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine** provided requested information



Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management

- **Joint Declaration** - ICPDR Tisza Group and the Carpathian Convention, signed at the 4th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, 29 October 2015, Ulm, Germany
- **JOINTISZA project** - Strengthening Cooperation between River Basin Management Planning and Flood Risk Prevention to Enhance the Status of Waters of the Tisza River Basin – Carpathian Convention ASP



Sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry



▪ **Working Group on sustainable forest management :**

- Fifth Meeting of WG Forest, 26 – 27 September 2016, Brasov, Romania
- Sixth Meeting of WG Forest, 16 – 18 May 2017, Sopron, Hungary

- **Progress on inventory of virgin forest in the Carpathians**
- **Progress on harmonization of criteria and indicators for identifying natural forest in the region**
- **Recommendation to define climate change related activities** in line with the with the Article 14 of the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management

▪ **Workshop on balancing bioenergy production and sustainable forest management in Mountain Areas**

organized by the EUSDR Priority Area 2 - Sustainable Energy back to back to the WG Forest meeting on 17 May 2017

Sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry



▪ Working Group on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

- Third Meeting of WG SARD, 20 – 22 April 2015 , Stara Planina, Serbia



- development of the draft Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development together with EURAC in consultation with the Parties
- final draft version submitted to the Parties for necessary internal procedures



possible approval and signature at the COP5



Sustainable transport and infrastructure, industry and energy

Approved project :

- *TRANSGREEN - Integrated Transport and Green Infrastructure Planning in the Carpathians for the Benefit of People and Nature*

UNDER the project :

- *development of the Strategic Action Plan for the Implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Transport*
- *2 meetings of WG Transport*
- *1 inter-sectoral WG Transport + WG Spatial Development +WG Biodiversity*



Sustainable tourism

- **Working Group on sustainable Tourism :**
 - Sixth Meeting of WG Tourism , 24 – 26 November 2014, Belgrade, Serbia
 - Seventh Meeting of WG Tourism, 18 – 20 May 2015, Aggtelek, Hungary
 - Eighth Meeting of WG Tourism, 12 -14 April 2016, Brasov, Romania
 - **Discussions on the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform**
 - **5 May 2017, Bardejov, Slovakia - Romania and Ukraine signed an agreement initiating closer cooperation on activities related to sustainable tourism development in the region**

- **Workshop on the Implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism to the Carpathian Convention into National Law**, 12 – 13 December 2016, Vienna, Austria



Article on Climate Change to the Carpathian Convention

- Idea of introduction of a new article on climate change to the Carpathian Convention
- Discussion on the article proposal during the meeting of the Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change, 27 – 28 October 2016 , Vienna, Austria
- New article proposal agreed by the WG Climate Change and ready for further consultation
- Possible approval at the COP5



- **CCIC may consider the draft Article on Climate Change and decide on way forward for submission to COP**

Working Group on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge

- Draft Protocol on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge – next steps
- ***CCIC may advise on the way forward regarding the draft Protocol on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge***



Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change

5th meeting of the Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change, 27 – 28 October 2016 , Vienna, Austria



- discussion on a possible inclusion of the Article on Climate Change to the Carpathian Convention
- contribution of the Carpathian Convention to the CLIMAT – Adapt
- Report on Adaptation Responses to Climate Change for the Carpathians

- ***CCIC may welcome the cooperation with EEA on inclusion of the Carpathian region to the Climate-ADAPT Platform***
- ***CCIC may welcome the idea of the Report on Adaptation Responses to Climate Change for the Carpathians***



Programme of Work 2018 – 2020 of the Carpathian Convention

- ***CCIC shall consider the draft Programme of Work 2018-2020***



Cooperation with other initiatives

1) Memorandum of Cooperation with CIC

Memorandum of Cooperation between the International Council for Game and Wildlife and the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention,

signed during the Conference on Large Carnivore's Protection in the Carpathians, 20 October 2016, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Czech Republic

The main objective of the MoC is to enhance the capacity of countries in the Carpathian region in conserving and sustainably managing wildlife resources, thereby contributing to biodiversity conservation, food safety and nutrition (food security), wildlife, livestock, human health, and social and economic development



Cooperation with other initiatives

2) Memorandum of Cooperation with EUSDR

- MoC with EUSDR PA1b “Mobility | Rail-Road-Air”, June 2016
- Moc with EUSDR PA04 “Water Quality”, August 2016
- MoC with EUSDR PA02 “Energy”, November 2016

Carpathian Convention is closely cooperating with the EU Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG Regio) in mainstreaming and profiling mountains at EU level, both in the macro-regional strategies and through new possible initiatives, whose final aim will be the possibility to develop a "Mountain Agenda" for Europe.

The Memoranda will facilitate the coordination with the specific PAs and possible support to Carpathian related activities.



Cooperation with other initiatives

3) Cooperation with European Environment Agency

- Joint Work Plan 2016-2017 between EEA and the Carpathian Convention

Under the Joint Work Plan 2016-2017, EEA and the Carpathian Convention are implementing the following points:

- Finalisation of the Joint Carpathian Convention and European Topic Centre on Urban, Land and Soil Systems (ETC/ULS) report on data and indicators relevant for sustainable forest management and for the elaboration of an inventory on the Carpathian Virgin Forests
- Development of a Carpathian webpage under Climate-ADAPT Platform
- Organization of a joint EEA – Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management
- Cooperation on the development of a sub-regional report on adaptation policies in the Carpathian Region, with the support of and in cooperation with the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change



European Environment Agency



Cooperation with other initiatives

- *CCIC may consider and welcome progress in cooperation with other initiatives and advise on planning of cooperative activities*



European Environment Agency



Update on the project developments

- EUSDR START – Danube Region Project Fund :
Project START ConnectGREEN
- EUSDR Technical Assistance Facility for Danube Region Projects (TAF-DRP) :
Project WILD for DC
- EU DTP Projects :
 - 1 - **Project ConnectGREEN**
 - 2 - **Project TRANSGREEN**
 - 3 - **Project DANUBIOM**
 - 4 - **Project JOINTISZA**
- EU HORIZON2020
Project ECOPOTENTIAL
- Visegrad Fund



➤ **CCIC may welcome information about the projects' approval**

*Update on the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the
Parties to the Carpathian Convention
(COP5)*



Thank you for your attention!



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