



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN:

The Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (hereinafter referred to as “the Secretariat”)

AND:

The Association of Natural Protected Areas Administrations (hereinafter referred to as “ANPAA”)

We welcome the Declaration of the 2nd Conference of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas, held in Tatranská Javorina on 23 - 26 April 2013 (attached as Annex I);

We note the Terms of References for the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) (attached as Annex II);

We recall the relevant decisions of the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP4), Mikulov, Czech Republic, 23-26 September 2014, which expressed its gratitude to the World Wide Fund – Danube-Carpathian Programme (WWF DCP) for its cooperation in the organization of the CNPA Steering Committee meetings and the 2nd Conference of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas organized back to back to the Mid Term Conference of the “BIOREGIO Carpathians” project, as well as for the development of the activities related to management of protected areas in the Carpathians. COP4 also welcomed the Agreement between the Secretariat and the Alpine Network of Protected Areas (ALPARC) regarding the transfer of the CNPA webpage (www.carpathianparks.org) from ALPARC to the CNPA Unit and encouraged further cooperation on specific topics common to the two network.

We have reached the following understanding:

I. AIM

This Memorandum of Cooperation aims at providing a durable basis for the cooperation of nature conservation bodies under the Carpathian Convention and its Protocols.

II. FIELDS OF COOPERATION

ANPAA shall assist the Secretariat by serving a CNPA Unit. In the framework of the Carpathian Convention and under the overall coordination of its Secretariat and of the CNPA Steering Committee (SC), ANPAA will carry out the functions of the CNPA Unit as per the Terms of Reference for the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) and as assigned in the CNPA Medium Term Workplan (attached as Annex III) as noted and approved by the COP4 and their updated versions. ANPAA shall follow recommendations made by CNPA SC, Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC) and COP.

III. REPORTING

Besides day to day interaction and communication, ANPAA will report in writing to the Secretariat and to the CNPA SC once a year after the entry into effectiveness of this MoC and then every year to this date, on the measures and activities undertaken on the basis of this Memorandum of Cooperation and of the Mid Term Workplan of the CNPA. The template of this report will be agreed upon by the CNPA SC.

IV. USE of LOGOS

ANPAA will use in all relevant documentations the logos of the Carpathian Convention, of CNPA and of ANPAA (respectively in this order). ANPAA will use the respective logos for giving visibility to initiatives of common interest in compliance with the respective regulations on the use of the respective logos. ANPAA shall request all CNPA members to include on their respective web sites the Carpathian Convention and CNPA logos, with a link to the web sites - www.carpathianconvention.org and www.carpathianparks.org.


V. EFFECTIVENESS

This Memorandum of Cooperation will take effect upon signature from both sides. Its duration is unlimited but each signatory may terminate it by informing the other signatory in writing with a prior delay of 3 months.

VI. AMENDMENTS


The signatories will, by mutual consent and in writing or the addition of annexes, regularly review and amend this Memorandum of Cooperation on the basis of the experience gained in implementing it.

For the Secretariat ,

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Title: Head of Secretariat

Date: 20. June 2016

For ANPAA,

By: 
Name: Mircea Verghelet
Title: President

Date: 2016



Annexes:

- **Annex I:** DECLARATION OF THE 2ND CONFERENCE OF THE CARPATHIAN NETWORK OF PROTECTED AREAS, Tatranská Javorina, Tatra Region Slovakia, 23-26 April 2013
- **Annex II:** Terms of References CNPA
- **Annex III:** CNPA Medium Term Work Plan



Annex I

DECLARATION OF THE 2ND CONFERENCE OF THE CARPATHIAN NETWORK OF PROTECTED AREAS

Tatranská Javorina, Tatra Region Slovakia

23-26 April 2013

The representatives of Carpathian protected areas gathered in Tatranská Javorina, Slovakia for the 2nd Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) Conference held within the framework of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Carpathian Convention), as a thematic network of cooperation of mountain protected areas in the Carpathians,

Hosted by the Government of Slovakia, organized with the support of the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic (SNSCR), WWF Danube Carpathian Programme (DCP), UNEP Vienna – Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (ISCC), CNPA Steering Committee (SC), Alpine Network of Protected Areas (ALPARC), European Academy Bolzano (EURAC), within the SEE BioREGIO Carpathians project and with the financial support of the Visegrad Fund, Carpathian Convention, Ministry of the Environment of Germany, Ministry of the Environment of Slovak Republic, Carpathian Wetlands Initiative, GEF, UNDP Romania, Romanian National Forest Administration,

Pursuant to relevant Decisions of the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention to the Carpathian Convention (COP 3) and in particular the adoption of the Medium-Term Strategy of the CNPA [Decision COP 3/1(5)], adoption of the revised Terms of Reference of the CNPA SC [Decision COP 3/1(6)] and request to the ISCC to service the CNPA SC [Decision COP 3/13(13)],

Declare as follows:

We turn the attention to the challenges and increasing pressures to the protected areas network which could threaten natural and cultural heritage and ecological connectivity and functionality.

We encourage economic activities in line with the conservation objectives and emphasize the role of protected areas for regional sustainable development.

We emphasize the need for adequate funding for the protected areas network which would allow the proper functioning and the achievement of the management objectives.

We welcome the fruitful cooperation with the international partners (ALPARC, EURAC, Science for the Carpathians Initiative (S4C), UNEP, WWF DCP, and others) and express our wish to continue and to strengthen this cooperation.

We welcome the results of various projects relevant for the CNPA framework (e.g. MAVA PA4LP, ETC SEE BioREGIO Carpathians, GEF Improving the Financial Sustainability of the Carpathian System of Protected Areas, Alpine-Carpathian Cooperation, Austria-Slovakia cross border Alpine – Carpathian Corridor) and express the willingness to sustain and apply the findings and proposed activities from those projects.

We express our gratitude for the ongoing support of the European Union to our common efforts undertaken in the Carpathians.

We thank the ISCC¹ for the continuous support to the CNPA activities.

We welcome the draft Medium Term CNPA Work Plan 2013 - 2017 presented at the Conference and ask the CNPA SC and ISCC to integrate the outcomes of the Conference to it for submission to COP for approval...

We welcome the establishment of a provisional CNPA Management Unit financed by UNEP Vienna – ISCC through the BioREGIO Carpathians project and sustain the elements of a permanent arrangement for the CNPA.

¹ The ISCC includes UNEP Vienna – ISCC and EURAC representing office Vienna (EURAC expert team – ISCC) member



ANNEX II

Terms of Reference for the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)

Mandate of the CNPA and its Steering Committee (SC)

The First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP1) to the Carpathian Convention (Kyiv, Ukraine, 11-13 December 2006) in its Decision COP1/4 para. 12 decided “to establish the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas, constituting a thematic network of cooperation of mountain protected areas in the Carpathian Region, and to designate one CNPA Focal Point in each Party to start up and encourage cooperation in the management of protected areas within and between the Carpathian countries”.

COP1 in its Decision COP1/4 para. 13 decided to establish the CNPA SC composed of the CNPA Focal Point of each country.

The Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP2) to the Carpathian Convention (Bucharest, Romania, 17-19 June 2008) in its Decision COP 2/1 para. 7 requested “the interim Secretariat in cooperation with the CNPA Steering Committee, with support of the ALPARC and Task Force of Protected Areas of the Alpine Convention Secretariat and in collaboration with the other CNPA partners, to prepare a Work Plan and Medium Term Strategy for CNPA, and invited the Protected Areas Conference to consider and provide inputs to the documents.”

Aim and Tasks of the CNPA

The CNPA constitutes a regional thematic network of cooperation of mountain protected areas in the Carpathians. The CNPA aims to contribute to the protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians, and in particular to accomplishing goals listed in Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention. The CNPA reports to the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee through the Secretariat.

The following are the goals of the CNPA

- Promotion of cooperation on protection, restoration of nature and sustainable use of natural and cultural resources of the Carpathians;
- Implementation of decisions and recommendations undertaken by the bodies established under the Carpathian Convention as well as of other applicable relevant international legal instruments;
- Promotion of sustainable livelihoods and sustainable development of the Carpathians;
- Implementation of the relevant provisions of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity (Biodiversity Protocol) and of the Sustainable Tourism Protocol and its Strategy.

The work programme and activities of the CNPA may include:

- making recommendations on expansion of the existing and/or creation of new protected areas;
- capacity building of the member protected areas and of the network;
- communication within the network;
- coordination of common activities and projects undertaken by the network;
- common fundraising from external sources for activities of the network;
- exchange of experience, skills, knowledge and data among network members, including through the CNPA working groups;



- raising ecological awareness and promoting trans-boundary cooperation and sustainable development;
- liaising and cooperating with other bodies established under the Carpathian Convention as well as with other relevant international, regional and national organisations under the guidance of the CNPA Steering Committee and coordination of the Working Group on the conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity thus building upon the vast experience and knowledge available;
- preparing reports, opinions and recommendations for the Working Group on the conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity, for further submission to the Conference of the Parties and the relevant bodies established under the Carpathian Convention;
- support the activities of common thematic working groups established under the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee and common communication actions.

CNPA Structure:

- CNPA Members
- CNPA SC
- CNPA Unit

The CNPA SC

The CNPA SC shall aim at supporting the cooperation of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention for the implementation of Articles 4-13 of the Carpathian Convention relevant to the protected areas activities. The main tasks of the CNPA SC are to coordinate activities of the CNPA, to develop strategies and work plans for the CNPA, and to organise the CNPA Conferences.

The CNPA SC coordinates its activities with the other bodies of the Carpathian Convention, including the Working Group on conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity and with other relevant working groups.

- The CNPA SC is composed of the National Focal Points, nominated by the Parties of the Carpathian Convention. The meetings of the CNPA SC are open for observers;
- Each CNPA National Focal Point will start up and encourage cooperation in the management of protected areas within and between the Carpathian countries. This shall be achieved in continuous cooperation between the Carpathian protected areas, designated as members of the CNPA, and with protected area networks of other regions. The Parties to the Carpathian Convention are invited to assist the nomination and participation of the relevant protected areas in CNPA;
- The rules of procedures of the Carpathian Convention apply *mutatis mutandis* to the CNPA SC;
- The CNPA SC elects a chair for a 2 years period. The Chair of the SC ensures the role of Chair of the CNPA Conference;
- The Chair, or if not possible another SC member, represents the CNPA during the meetings of the other bodies of the Carpathian Convention;
- The CNPA SC will meet at least twice a year and can invite representatives from other bodies of the CC as observers to its meetings.

Field of activities of the CNPA SC

1. Support and coordination of the CNPA activities to accomplish the adopted goals of the CNPA, according to the CNPA ToRs;
2. Support and coordination of the activities of the PA administrations related to CNPA, and support for their activities towards implementation of the protocols to the Carpathian Convention;



3. Cooperation with the Working Group on the conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity and with the other working groups of the Carpathian Convention (forestry, agriculture, sustainable tourism, cultural heritage etc);
4. Cooperation with the Carpathian Wetlands Initiative (CWI);
5. Support for the establishment of new trans-boundary PAs also under the Ramsar Convention and the UNESCO MaB program;
6. Cooperation with the CNPA partners, including ALPARC, CERI, UNEP and WWF-DCP;
7. Creation of thematic working groups between the different members of the network, for experience exchange and common projects.

List of results

- The setup of a webpage containing information on the network and its members;
- The organisation of the CNPA Conference;
- Cooperation with the relevant partners in for the implementation of projects related to the CNPA activities.

Scientific contributions and background information (might be moved to CNPA MTS)

The Steering Committee will benefit from the inputs provided by:

1. The Carpathian Protected Areas Administrations;
2. CERI – Carpathian Eco-Region Initiative;
3. Alparc – Task Force of Protected Areas – Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention;
4. WWF-DCP – WWF Danube Carpathian Programme;
5. Programmes of work on Protected Areas and on Mountain Biodiversity of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
6. CWI - Carpathian Wetland Initiative.

ANNEX III



Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians

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CNPA MEDIUM TERM WORK PLAN APRIL 2013 – DECEMBER 2017

Action name, type and goals	Description of activities	Outputs	Involved structures and partners	End and place	Funding
Action 1.1. Institutional development and operational capacity building	Establishment and strengthening regional networks, transboundary protected areas and collaboration between neighbouring protected areas across national boundaries, as well as building capacity for the planning, establishment and management of protected areas.	• Provisional CNPA Unit established	ISCC, CNPA SC	June -2013 Banská Bystrica/Zvolen, Slovakia and Zarnesti, Brasov County, Romania	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Organisational structure of the network and its permanent arrangement submitted to COP4 for approval	Parties, CNPA SC, CCIC, ISCC	September-2014	Carpathian Convention
		• Common database of protected areas updated and maintained	CNPA Unit, Parties, CNPA SC, CCIC, ISCC	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
Action 1.2. Communication within the network	The communication is the principal priority of the network for a better cooperation	• Contact person for each CNPA Member designated	PAs	September-2013	

between the protected areas, for a better coordination of common projects, as well as for an intensive involvement of local population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rights and responsibilities related to the maintenance of the CNPA internet website by the CNPA Unit formally acquired 	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC	September-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook page on CNPA launched and updated on regular basis 	CNPA Unit	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Format and organisational arrangements for the internal electronic CNPA newsletter developed and the newsletter periodically distributed to the CNPA Members and partner organisations 	CNPA Unit, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common contact/address directories of the Carpathian PAs and other relevant partners for cooperation, as well as directory of scientific institutions and database of scientific research undertaken with regard to all relevant for the Carpathian Region areas developed and regularly updated 	PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common design and graphical corporate identity of the CNPA and internal rules, developed 	CNPA Unit	June-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpathian Convention Common awareness strategy developed and implemented 	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move 4 Nature education activities carried out 	CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain Trip tools analysed (common proposed materials for trails) 	CNPA Unit	December-2017	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication strategy developed 	CNPA Unit	June-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multimedia project on Carpathians including outdoor pictures, films and education programs developed 	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs, partners	December-2017	

		• Ecomont database including MRI data established	Partners	December-2017	
		• Expert and projects database developed	S4C	December-2017	
Action 1.3. Common fundraising from external sources for activities of the network	External financing resources for the activities of the CNPA are necessary and should be raised through common fundraising from EU funds and/or other funding mechanisms and programmes in order to ensure financial sustainability of protected areas and national and regional systems of protected areas.	• Internal rules for the CNPA in place, related to conducting fundraising activities on behalf of the CNPA, describing responsibilities of the different CNPA bodies	CNPA SC, ISCC, CNPA Unit	December-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• The most urgent activities from the current work plan/s selected as common priorities, for which external co-funding is perceived indispensable	CNPA SC, PAs, Partners	December-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Initial proposals for common projects to be submitted, consulted and jointly submitted under the EU Financial Programmes for the period 2014 – 2020 and potential other external funding sources prepared	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs, partners	December-2017	Identified financial resources fo projects preparation
		• Survey on cooperation topics carried out on regular basis	CNPA Unit	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		• First online working groups created	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
Action 1.4. Exchange of information, experience, skills, knowledge and data among network members, including through the CNPA working groups	Strengthening communication, education and public awareness and ensuring that scientific knowledge contributes to the establishment and effectiveness of protected areas and protected area systems are covered through these CNPA actions.	• CNPA SC meetings, BIOREGIO Carpathians WP 4 Working Groups, GEF financial Working Group meetings organized	CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs, partners	June 2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians, GEF project
		• Red Lists of Species and Habitats and List of invasive species elaborated	Parties, PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	June 2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Directory of scientific institutions and list of scientific research elaborated		December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		• List of invasive alien species provided	CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on Common integrated management measures (CIMM) including Carpathian Wetlands Book elaborated 	CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNPA webpage updated and improved 		December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation in transboundary Ramsar sites Romania – Serbia and Slovakia - Hungary, and in transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Romania – Ukraine) enhanced 		June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carpathian Countries Protected Area Clearing House Mechanism (CCPACHM) integrated with CNPA website and update of CNPA members map elaborated 		June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIMM developed 	Parties, PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of a survey conducted in 2003 by the CNPA Partnership Steering Committee on possible topics for the CNPA common thematic working groups verified/updated by repeated survey indicating current interests of the CNPA Members 	PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners	September-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNPA common thematic working groups established, with the task to prepare proposals for common CNPA projects 	CNPA SC, PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonization of datasets on protected areas in the Carpathians 	PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners		
Action 1.5. Support for the activities of common thematic working groups under the CCIC and for common	The CNPA will further benefit from the appropriate established network of institutions created under the CC umbrella which brings together national	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEF financial Working Group and CWI meetings organized 	PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners, Parties	December-2013	GEF project

communication actions and cooperation with other bodies and mountain areas established	authorities, international organizations and conventions, non-governmental organisations and other observers. The cooperation with and consultation of local communities within the protected areas and their surrounding regions will be strengthened in order to involve them in the decision processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with ALPARC including common projects preparation organized 	PAs, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners	December-2013	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of BIOREGIO Carpathians results in other mountain regions, in particular Dinaric Arc and Balkans undertaken 	PAs, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation between BIOREGIO Carpathians and Carpath CC and inclusion on proposed adaptation measures integrated in the CIMM, participation in the respective project meetings 	PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians, Carpath CC project
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inputs to the study on regional development opportunities and common integrated management measures and to the recommendations on creation of ecological networks developed within the WP4 and WP 5 of the BIOREGIO Carpathians project and their possible follow - up 	PAs, CNPA Unit, ISCC, partners, Parties	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
Action 1.6. Making recommendations on expansion of the existing and/or creation of new protected areas and creation of ecological networks	The creation of a spatial network should be achieved through the creation of an ecological network of protected areas beyond their borders and biotope connections. The CNPA shall cooperate with the leading bodies of running projects in order to include within these plans also the protected areas, which are key territories for the biological diversity. Besides the ecological continuum within the Carpathian range, a connection between the Alps and the Carpathians is necessary to allow the natural migration between the two mountain ranges. The	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIOREGIO Carpathians hotspots identified and analysed in WP 5 of BIOREGIO Carpathians and additional pilot areas identified and analysed after the end of the project 	Parties, ISCC, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on future project ideas within CNPA Conference organized 	Parties, CNPA SC, ISCC, partners	April-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians, VISEGRAD Fund
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing of experiences with ALPARC fostered 		December-2017	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of legal barriers developed in BIOREGIO Carpathians by EURAC 		June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological corridors between Romanian and Ukrainian Carpathians identified; measures to secure the functionality of 	WWF, PAs in the region	May-2014	Open borders for bears between Romanian and Ukrainian Carpathians

	ecological network must contribute to the implementation of the CC in the field of nature protection and of the ecological processes. By allowing the migration of species to other bioclimatic zones or levels, the ecological continuum, bases of which will be established by the pilot areas, will contribute to the mitigation/prevention of impacts of global climate change.	the corridors agreed with specialists and key local stakeholders			
		• Securing the connectivity between Romanian and Ukrainian Carpathians	WWF, PAs in the region, CNPA SC	December-2017	WWF DCP
Action 2.1. Promoting protected areas as model for sustainable development and trans-boundary cooperation	Promotion of protected areas in order to strengthen sustainable development and trans-boundary cooperation in the Carpathians.	• Communication campaign within GEF Financial project launched	PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	December-2013	GEF project
		• Training on World of the Carpathian Wetlands in Slovakia organized	PAs, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, partners	03/08 May 2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians Carpathian Wetland Initiative/ Ramsar Convention
		• Pan Carpathian Day organized	PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	May-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Inputs to Sustainable Tourism Strategy development	ISCC, CNPA Unit, Parties, partners	September-2014	Development of the Carpathian Tourism Strategy project funded by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany
		• Sustainable development through sustainable forest management (FSC certification) especially in forested PAs promoted	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	
		• Management plans with regional development plans correlated	CNPA Unit, Parties, partners	December-2017	
		• Strategic plans for regional development including PAs elaborated	CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	
		• Models for an increased added value on natural resources (trading, certified products, etc)	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties,	December-2017	

		developed	partners		
		• Database for dissemination of good practice examples & website launched	CNPA Unit	December-2017	
		• Voluntary conservation working holidays in regard to Sustainable Tourism Strategy proposed	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	
		• Tourism products improved	CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017	
		• Trans-Carpathian brand of PAs created	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	
		• Education for sustainable development introduced	CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017	
		• Biodiversity, geo diversity and cultural diversity integrated	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	
		• Green technology in pilot areas promoted	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	
Action 2.2. Fostering participatory processes	Promoting equity and benefit-sharing, enhancing and securing involvement of indigenous/local communities and relevant stakeholders activities.	• Stakeholder committee established and working on regular basis	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, Parties, partners	December-2017	
		• Cooperation between all stakeholders improved			
		• Inputs from landowner into PAs management planning process provided and compulsory			
		• Ideas and examples of good practice exchanged			
		• Consultancy services for communities offered			
		• Networking at the national and international level established and maintained			
Action 3.1. Article 8 Conservation, maintenance, restoration and	Integration of protected areas into broader landscapes and sectors to maintain ecological	• Inputs to the Red List of Habitats given	CNPA Unit, PAs, ISCC, partners, Parties	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		• Carpathian Countries	CNPA SC,		WWF DCP

sustainable use of natural and semi-natural habitats	structure and function, substantially improve site-based protected area planning and management, as well as prevention and mitigation of the negative impacts of key threats to protected areas	Protected Area Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (CCPAMETT) evaluated on regular basis	CNPA Unit, PAs, ISCC, partners, Parties		
		• Trainings for PA staff within CCPAMETT carried out on regular basis			
		• Facilitation of identification of transboundary cooperation and projects			
		• Study on ecosystem services in the GEF project, Study on financial opportunities in BIOREGIO elaborated	ISCC, PAs, Parties, partners	June-2014	GEF project, BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• PA management principles are reflected in regional development plans	Parties, PAs, CNPA SC, partners	December-2017	
		• Financial mechanism for restoration projects identified	Parties, PAs, CNPA SC, partners	December-2017	
		• Good practices and examples of agro- or silvi- or aqua-environmental schemes available	Parties, PAs, CNPA SC, partners	December-2017	
		• Forest habitats and wetlands management measures developed	Parties, PAs, CNPA SC, partners	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians
Action 3.2. Article 11: Conservation and sustainable use of species of flora and fauna. Article 12: Conservation of endangered species including endemic species, and large carnivores of the Carpathians	Long - term conservation and sustainable use of species of flora and fauna native to the Carpathians, including endangered species, as well as reintroduction of native species of fauna and flora in the Carpathian region.	• Report on the List of Red Species and Habitats prepared under the BIOREGIO Carpathians project	Parties, partners, ISCC	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• Regional integrated management plans developed	Parties, CNPA Unit, partners,	December-2017	
		• Exchange of existing information on projects and management plans within CIBIS carried out	Parties, CNPA Unit, partners, ISCC	December-2017	
		• CCPAMETT carried out on a regular basis	Parties, CNPA SC, partners	December-2017	WWF DCP
		• Priority species identified within the Red List of Species	Parties, PAs, CNPA SC, partners	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		• European Bisons within the National programme in Romania reintroduced		December-2017	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs to the elaboration of the list of endangered or endemic flora and fauna species native to the Carpathians (Carpathian Red List of Species) given 		December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group on large carnivores and Working Group on protection methods against large carnivore attacks, as well as exchange of information with Alps established 	Parties, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, partners, ISCC	December-2017	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural inventory updated 	CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible project on further species conservation and identification of most threatened species of Alps and Carpathians developed 	Parties, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, partners, ISCC	December-2017	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program on conservation of endemic species developed 	Parties, CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, partners, ISCC	December-2017	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education /communication for civil society, farmers and media on large carnivores launched 	CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional products promoted 	PAs, partners	December-2017	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methods and techniques for utilization of traditional land use and resources promoted 	PAs	December-2017	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional use of species of flora and fauna promoted 	PAs	December-2017	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial opportunities and instruments evaluated, efficiently used, created new ones if necessary 	CNPA Unit, PAs, partners	December-2017	
Action 3.3. Article 13: Prevention of the introduction of invasive alien species and/or genetically modified organisms threatening ecosystems, habitats or species, their	Substantial reduction of the negative impact on biodiversity of invasive alien species and alien genotypes, as well as prevention and mitigation of the negative impacts of key threats to protected areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCPAMETT used by Pas in the Carpathians 	Parties, PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	December-2017	WWF DCP
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation agreement between Slovakia and Hungary 		April-2013	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inputs to the list of invasive alien species developed within the WP 3 of the BIOREGIO 	Parties, partners	June-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians

control or eradication		Carpathians project			
		• Transboundary action plans developed	Parties, PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	December-2017	
Action 3.4. Article 18: Compatible monitoring and information systems. Article 19: Coordinated scientific research and exchange of information	Development and adoption of minimum standards and best practices for national and regional protected area systems, as well as assessment and monitoring protected area status and trends.	• CCPAMETT, promoted and used	Parties, PAs, CNPA Unit, partners	December-2017	WWF DCP
		• Common activities of S4C, CWI and CNPA developed and strengthened			
		• Inputs to the integrated information system on the state of biological and landscape diversity in the Carpathians established within the WP 3 of the BIOREGIO Carpathians project and further developed after the end of the project	Parties, CNPA SC, partners		BIOREGIO Carpathians until June 2014
Action 4.1. Preparing reports, opinions and recommendations for the CCIC for further submission to the Conference of the Parties and the relevant bodies established under the Carpathian Convention	Strengthening national and regional systems of protected areas.	• CCIC, Biodiversity WG and other relevant CC bodies regularly informed on results of the CNPA SC meetings and the other CNPA activities;	ISCC	December-2017	Carpathian Convention
Action 4.2. Liaising and cooperating with	Strengthening regional networks, transboundary	• Agreement on CNPA Unit reached	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs	June-2013	BIOREGIO Carpathians

other bodies established under the Carpathian Convention as well as with other relevant international, regional and national organizations under the guidance of the CNPA Steering Committee and coordination of the CCIC, thus building upon the vast experience and knowledge available	protected areas and collaboration between neighbouring protected areas across national boundaries and supporting the implementation of EU policies specifically related to institutional capacity building.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules of organization and procedures for provisional and permanent CNPA Unit created (e.g. network coordination / central coordination?) 	CNPA SC, ISCC	September-2013	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of References for CNPA Unit elaborated 	CNPA SC, ISCC	September-2013	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common CNPA database, management of the CNPA website and CHM transferred to the CNPA Unit 	CNPA Unit, partners	December-2014	BIOREGIO Carpathians
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNPA SC represented at the Biodiversity WG, CCIC and COP 	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs	December-2017	Carpathian Convention
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation between the CNPA SC and the CWI Board strengthened 		December 2017	Carpathian Convention, CWI / Ramsar Convention
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of working groups supported 	CNPA SC, CNPA Unit, ISCC, PAs	December-2017	BIOREGIO Carpathians (until June 2014)

List of Acronyms	
ALPARC	Alpine Network of Protected Areas
CarpathCC	The CarpathCC Climate Change Framework Project
CC	Carpathian Convention
CCPACHM	Carpathian Countries Protected Area Clearing House Mechanism
CCPAMETT	Carpathian Countries Protected Area Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool
CCIC	Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee
CIMM	Common integrated management measures
CNPA	Carpathian Network of Protected Areas
CNPA SC	Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Steering Committee
COP4	The Fourth Conference of the Parties
CWI	Carpathian Wetlands Initiative
EU	European Union
EURAC	European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GEF Project	Improving the Financial Sustainability of the Carpathian System of Protected Areas project

ISCC	Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention
PAs	Protected areas
S4C	The Science for the Carpathians
WG	Working Group
WP	Work Package
WWF DCP	WWF Danube Carpathians Programme