



**NATIONAL REPORT**  
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE PROTOCOL ON CONSERVATION AND  
SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL AND  
LANDSCAPE DIVERSITY TO THE  
FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON THE  
PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARPATHIANS

National Report to be submitted to the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention

[country – date]

## Introduction & background

This National Report has been elaborated in accordance with the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians<sup>1</sup>, its Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity<sup>2</sup> done in Bucharest on 19 June 2009 which entered into force on 28 April 2010, and its Strategic Action Plan adopted at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP3)<sup>3</sup>.

Following Article 28.1 of the Protocol, *“The Parties shall regularly report to the Conference of the Parties on measures related to this Protocol and the results of the measures taken”*.

According to Article 29.1 of the same Protocol, *“The Parties shall regularly examine and evaluate the effectiveness of the provisions of this Protocol”*.

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<sup>1</sup> Hereinafter named “the Convention”

<sup>2</sup> Hereinafter named “the Protocol”

<sup>3</sup> Hereinafter named “the SAP”

## INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION – REPORTING PARTY

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## **A. GENERAL INFORMATION OF NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES**

A.1 Which are the legal, policy and institutional achievements on national and regional levels since the adoption of the Protocol in your country, aiming at its implementation and the realisation of its objectives?

Please give a short summary of all relevant measures, laws, projects, programs, initiatives, multilateral agreements, etc.

Please give a narrative description of the main features (geography, biological and landscape diversity) of the Carpathian region of your national territory.

## **B. ACHIEVEMENTS AND FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION INFORMATION**

**B.1 Please provide information on measures to implement the Protocol and the results of the measures taken.**

### **Objective 1 – Measures for harmonization of policies and strategies and integration into other sectoral policies:**

*Pursuant to Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

### **Objective 2 – Measures for conservation, maintenance, restoration and sustainable use of natural and semi-natural habitats:**

*Pursuant to Articles 8, 10, 16 and 18 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

### **Objective 3 – Measures for conservation and sustainable use of species of flora and fauna, conservation of endangered species including endemic species and large carnivores of the Carpathians:**

*Pursuant to Articles 11, 12, 16 and 18 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

**Objective 4 – Measures for continuity and connectivity of natural and semi-natural habitats; ecological network in the Carpathians; enhancing conservation and sustainable management inside and outside the Protected Areas:**

*Pursuant to Articles 9, 14, 15 and 16 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

**Objective 5 – Measures for prevention of introduction of invasive alien species and/or genetically modified organisms threatening ecosystems, habitats or species, their control or eradication:**

*Pursuant to Article 13 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

**Objective 6 – Measures to support cooperation under the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas:**

*Pursuant to Articles 7 and 14 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

**Objective 7 – Development and implementation of management plans or conservation measures:**

*Pursuant to Article 17 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

**Objective 8 – Consultation, harmonization and coordination of measures in border areas:**

*Pursuant to Articles 7, 16, and 20 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

**Objective 9 – Measures in support of the development of compatible monitoring systems and a joint information system:**

*Pursuant to Articles 18, and 19 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

**Objective 10 – Measures of coordination of scientific research:**

*Pursuant to Articles 19 and 20 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

**Objective 13 – Other measures of international cooperation:**

*Pursuant to Article 7 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

**Objective 15 – Measures on education, information and public awareness:**

*Pursuant to Article 24 of the Protocol*

*Please provide your inputs*

B.2 Have you taken complementary measures to those planned by the present Protocol? If yes, please, list them.

B.3 What have been the most successful aspects of implementation of the Protocol?

B.4 What have been the greatest difficulties in this implementation? Please tick your answers in the following list.

Lack of political will and support	
Limited public participation and stakeholder involvement	
Lack of integration of the objectives of the Protocol into other sectors	
Inadequate capacity to act, caused by institutional weakness	
Lack of transfer of technology and/or expertise	
Lack of adequate scientific research capacities to support all the objectives	
Lack of public education and awareness at all levels	
Loss of biodiversity and its related goods and services not properly understood/documentated	
Lack of financial, human, technical resources	
Lack of economic incentive measures	
Lack of synergies at national and international levels	
Lack of cooperation between involved stakeholders at local and national levels	
Lack of effective partnerships	
Lack of appropriate policies and laws	
Lack of precise definitions of potential misunderstanding notions	
Population/local communities pressure	
Lack of knowledge and practice ecosystem-based approaches to management	
Others (please specify)	
<i>Possible comments and details</i>	

B.5 Which institutions in your country are the driving forces to implement the objectives of the Protocol? Are they in contact with similar institutions in your neighbouring countries?

B.6 Are the local authorities or other stakeholders (NGOs, private sector, ...) encouraged to contribute to the implementation of the Protocol in their objectives and activities? Have they undertaken activities or actions aiming at implement better and further the Protocol? If yes, in which particular field (degraded habitats, endangered species, water and river basins management, industry and energy, spatial planning, tourism, protected areas, communication, research, cooperation, information, ...)?

B.7 Is there a special unit/committee responsible for the consultation and mediation between all the stakeholders at national level?

B.8 Do you have any other general comments or recommendations on the implementation of the Protocol?