

Status Quo of the project "Support to the Implementation of the Strategy for the Sustainable Tourism Development of the Carpathians"

in the framework of the Carpathian Convention

1.	Support to the National Tourism Task Forces (NTTF)	CZ: Recent discussion on how to integrate the Carpathian topic into the existing tourism committee HU: NTTF established since 2014, but no regular meetings since changes in the gov. tourism structure PL: Information on regional division of committees is pending; regular meetings at national level are taking place RO: NTTF established since 2014; cooperation with CSTC in preparation SERB: Request established; communication ongoing
2.	Carpathian	SK: Pending since changes in gov. structure UA: Gov. decree on NTTF establishment signed; ToR translated; first meeting planned for July17 Letter of Exchange signed in Bardejov between RO and UA
	Sustainable Tourism Platform	on establishing the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Centres (CSTC) CSTC-RO: Coaching of 3 staff on the operation of the centre until Dec17 according to ToR
		CSTC-UA: Establishment of Regional Tourism Organisation in July17; Merging with EWS staff in new office in Ushhorod; coaching until Dec17 according to ToR Planned joint meetings of CSTC RO and UA on agreeing on CSTP performance indicator, 5 year action plan, reporting format covering all Carpathian countries
3.	Database on projects, handbooks and financial instruments	The 3 databases are continuously updated by the 7 experts. In Dec17 the databases will be handed over to the CSTCs for further updating.
4.	Sustainable Tourism	Indicators on measuring the positive and negative effects of
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Indicators	tourism in the destinations of the Carpathians were finalized by an international expert team from UNWTO, EEA, Seggitour, Univ. Tourism and Ecology Sucha, Metropolitan Univ./Xellum Ltd. Will be used as basis for the DANOST project and for developing a new project covering Visegrad countries.		
5. Documentation of the 2 BMUB funded projects	The Methodology ("Documentation") of the process for elaborating and implementing the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Strategy will be finalized by Aug17 for having the publication ready for COP, which will consist of: - Description of the process, incl. all meetings - The Sustainable Tourism Protocol - The Strategy on Sustainable Tourism - The Set of Indicators - ToRs for CSTP		
6. Coaching of WG Tourism	Last Meeting in March 2016 in Brasov Two meetings according to work programme (Sept16 and March17) canceled/postponed Meeting of WG Tourism required before COP to discuss - Indicators - Documentation - Joint reporting - Operational programme of CTSCs - Use of CSTP internet platform - Joint projects 2018-2021		
7. Future projects	CAPIN (03/18-02/21) "Sustainable use of cultural and natural heritage through sustainable tourism" Lead: Kosice RDA (SK) PP: Ekopolis Foundation (SK), INCDT and Ministry of Tourism (RO), Westpannon Ltd. (HU), Partnerstvi (CZ), Institute for cross-border coop. (SERB) Pilot areas: Gemer (SK), South Moravia (CZ), Piatra C. (RO), Stara Planina (SERB) WP6 (trans-national policies): Financing of two joint		



meeting of WG Tourism and WG Culture
DANOST (02/18-12/20) "Network of Danube Sustainable Tourism Observatories"
Lead: Ministry for Regional Development (RO) PP: Ministry of Tourism (RO), Danube Competence Centre (SERB), Medial Institute Odessa + Zakarpattia Oblast (UA) Pilot areas: Danube Delta (RO-UA-MD), Djerdap (RO-SERB-BG)
3 UNWTO Observatories in the Carpathian region: RO, SERB, UA
"Network of cyclo- and hiking routes and hubs"
Partners: Kosice RDA (SK), Ministry of Tourism (RO), Zakarpattia Oblast (UA), Hungary-pending

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