

Europe of the Carpathians Conference

Krynica Memorandum 2013

The participants of the “Europe of the Carpathians” Conference gathered in Krynica have decided as follows:

1. To suggest to national parliaments to establish Carpathian parliamentary groups. Establishment of an Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of Central and Eastern Europe could be the next step. The Assembly should become a forum of permanent cooperation between parliamentary representatives of the region. Its objective should be to act for self-reliant development of Central and Eastern Europe. Due to its parliamentary character, the work of the Assembly will unite politicians from different factions, thereby safeguarding stable cooperation irrespective of government reshuffles.
2. To establish inter-groups in the European Parliament in the field of Carpathian cooperation.
3. To act within the European Union and approach governments of the Carpathian states in order to promote and implement a macro-regional EU strategy for the Carpathian region. By combining the development efforts of the Union, states and regions, such strategy should become a strong impulse for sustainable and dynamic development of this part of Europe. What we deem particularly important is the development of the traditional branches of the economy, agriculture, tourism, work for the benefit of national culture, and development of infrastructure connecting our countries. These priorities should be integrated properly into the operational programmes aimed at spending EU funds within the framework of financial perspective 2014-2020.
4. To support the idea of protecting the cultural and natural environment and heritage of the Carpathians through the Carpathian Convention, and, in particular, to extend the impact of this initiative to other states of the region and international organisations.
5. To strive for establishing regular meetings of intellectuals from Central and Eastern Europe in order to reflect on the European identity, , as well as deepen and disseminate information about our region. This initiative is associated with the idea of establishing a Carpathian University, whose objective would be both to foster scientific research conducive to comprehensive development, and popularise such research in academic and educational circles.