Carpathian Convention PoW Progress Report

December 2012 – January 2014

Fifth Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee

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1. Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity

➢ **SEE BIOREGIO Carpathians project**

➢ **Carpathian Convention Biodiversity Working Group** (March 2013, Vienna, Austria)

➢ Final version of the format of **National Report on the Implementation of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity**

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➢ **Midterm Conference of the BIOREGIO Carpathians project** organized back to back with **the Second Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Conference** (April 2013 Tatranska Javorina, Slovakia)

➢ **Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Steering Committee meeting** (March 2013, Vienna, Austria)

➢ **Establishment of CNPA Unit**

➢ Regular contacts and exchange of information with the **Carpathian Wetland Initiative**

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2. Spatial planning

- ➢ Workshop **"Towards a EU Strategy for the Carpathian Region"** (28 May 2013, the Committee of the Regions)

- ➢ Conference **"The macro-regional strategy for the Carpathian Region"** (3 December 2013, the European Parliament)

- ➢ Regular contacts with **the Joint Technical Secretariat for the South East Europe Programme**

- ➢ Cooperation with **the Committee of the Regions** and **the European Parliament**

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2. Spatial planning

➢ **Conferences**

"Europe of the Carpathians" (February/September 2013, Krasiczyn/Krynica Zdrój, Poland)

➢ 2nd edition of **the Alpine – Carpathian Cooperation Forum** (September 2013, Rzeszow, Poland)

3. Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management

➢ Regular contacts with **International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)**

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4. Sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry

- ➢ Ratification of the **Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management** by **the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Ukraine and Hungary**

- ➢ **"CC Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management - Workshop on Carpathian virgin forests in preparation of the Forest WG meeting of September 2013 in Poland"** (June 2013,Baia Mare, Romania)

- ➢ **Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management**
  (September 2013, Rzeszow, Poland)

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4. Sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry

> Draft **Strategic Action Plan for the Implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management to the Carpathian Convention**

> Final version of the **Criteria and indicators for selection of virgin forests in transboudary region**

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5. Sustainable transport and infrastructure, Industry and energy

- ➢ **Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Industry, Energy, Transport and Infrastructure Meeting** (February/June/October 2013, Vienna, Austria)

- ➢ Draft **Protocol on Sustainable Transport**

- ➢ **SEE Access2Mountain** project

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5. Sustainable transport and infrastructure, Industry and energy

> **Scientific Workshop on Mountain Mobility and Transport** – SWOMM (December 2013, Vienna, Austria)

> **Cross Border Austria – Slovakia Alpine Carpathian Corridor project (AKK) and related Memorandum of Understanding**

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Alpine-Carpathian Corridor (AKK)
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5. Sustainable transport and infrastructure, Industry and energy

➢ **SEE Bioenergy AC** project
➢ **IEE enerSKI** project

6. Sustainable tourism

> **Ratification of the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism by the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary**
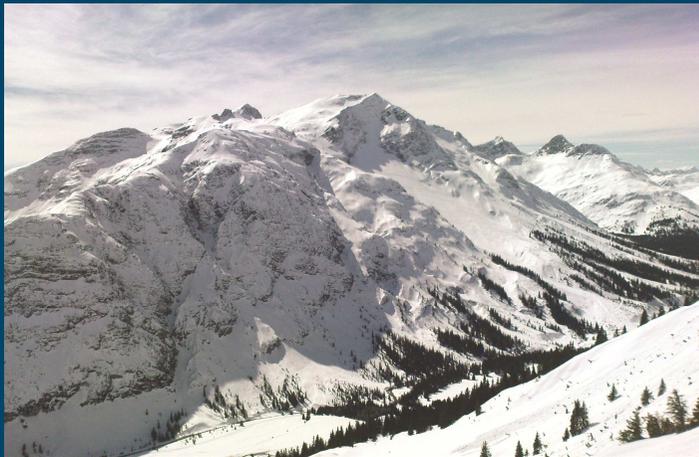
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6. Sustainable tourism

➢ **Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Tourism** (22 October 2013, Poiana Brasov, Romania)

➢ Draft **Strategy for sustainable tourism development of the Carpathians**

➢ **Cooperation with ETE and CEEweb**

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7. Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge

➢ **Carpathian Convention Working Group on Cultural Heritage and traditional Knowledge** (May/September, Krynica/Orelec, Poland)

➢ Draft **Protocol on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge**

➢ Draft **Partnership Agreement** and the related Work Plan 2013 – 2015 between the Carpathian Convention and the European Environment Agency

➢ **Cooperation with the European Environment Agency**

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8. Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning

➢ **Memorandum of Understanding** for a **Carpathian Integrated Biodiversity Information System**

➢ **Science for the Carpathians Scientific (S4C) Steering Committee** (October 2013, Krakow, Poland)

9. Awareness raising, education and public participation

➢ Final **Big Foot** project conference **"Intergenerational Learning and Innovation for Sustainable Development"** (June, Vienna, Austria)

➢ **Big Foot Transferability Tool Kit**

9. Awareness raising, education and public participation

➢ Lifelong Learning project – **Innovation in Rural Tourism (InRuTou)**

➢ **Partner in the Regional Center of Expertise (RCE) in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**

10. Cooperation with the European Union

> ➢ 4th meeting of **the EUSDR PA 6 SG**
> (March 2013, Zagreb, Croatia)

> ➢ Regular contacts with the **European Commission**
> ➢ Regular contacts with the **European Parliament**
> ➢ Regular contacts with the **Committee of the Regions**

11. Cooperation with the Alpine Convention

- **52nd and 53rd Permanent Committee of the Alpine Convention** (March/ June 2013, Bolzano/Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy)

- Supported the organization of the first **Task Force Meeting on International Mountain Cooperation** (June 2013 in Budoia, Italy)

- Workshop **"The Alpine Convention and EXPO 2015"** (October 2013, Sondrio, Italy)

- **Scientific Workshop on Mountain Mobility and Transport** – SWOMM (December 2013, Vienna, Austria)

12. Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies

- ➤ **Fourth Meeting of the Global Mountain Partnership** (September 2013Erzurum, Turkey)

- ➤ International event "**Why mountains matter for the Post2015 Process**" organized on the occasion **International Mountain Day** (December 2013, Vienna, Austria)

- ➤ **Mountain Focus Group** and side event related to climate change and disaster risk reduction in the frame of the **7th session of the Open Working Group**, October 2013/January 2014 in New York, USA)

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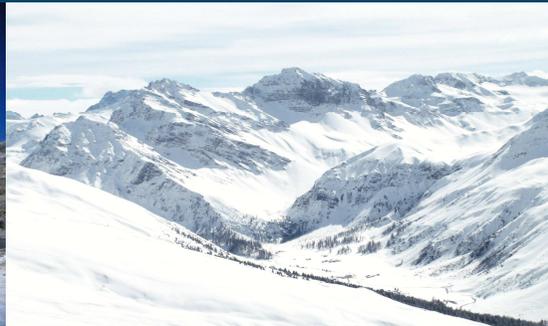
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- ➢ Establishment of a joint **GRID Arendal – UNEP** unit in 2013 to support the work of the UNEP Vienna Office also with the view of promoting experience exchange and lessons learnt between the Alps and Carpathians with other mountain regions

- ➢ **Rio+20 Conference outcome "The Future We Want"**

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15. Climate change

➢ Final draft version of **Strategic Agenda on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Carpathian Region**

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- ➢ **Circle 2 MOUNTain Final Meeting** (September 2013, Barcelona, Spain)

- ➢ **High Summit 2013 Meeting** organized by Ev-K2-CNR (October 2013,Lecco, Italy)

- ➢ **International Symposium on Climate Change** organized by the Working Community of the Pyrenees (November 2013, Pamplona, Spain)

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➢ **Alpine Space "ALPSTAR – Towards carbon neutral Alps" project**

➢ **Alpine Space "C3ALPS-Capitalising climate change knowledge" project**