

Presentation of the CNPA status quo *Need for revisiting the strategic CNPA documents and discussing the way forward for the CNPA*

Carpathian Protected Areas Conference “A new age for the Carpathian Protected Areas Network”

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Brief history of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas



2003-2006	Relevant preparatory work leading to the establishing of CNPA	<i>Support given by the Alpine Convention and ALPARC, provisions on the CNPA included on the Carpathian Convention and its relevant Protocols, structuring first CNPA documents.</i>
2006	CNPA established	<i>constituting a thematic network of cooperation of mountain protected areas in the Carpathian region</i>
	CNPA Steering Committee established	<i>Encourage and coordinate the cooperation in the management of protected areas within and between the Carpathian countries</i>
2008	Request for national nomination of the CNPA members	<i>Create the list of Carpathian Protected Areas to be included in the CNPA (criteria: larger than 100 ha, having their own staff or responsible administrative body)</i>
	1st CNPA Conference	<i>organized on 22-25 September 2008 in Poiana Brasov, Romania</i>
2011	Terms of Reference for CNPA adopted	<i>Provide mandate, composition, field of activities, list of expected results</i>
	Medium-Term Strategy of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA MTS) adopted	<i>4 Objectives to be implemented by 2015</i>
2013	2nd CNPA Conference	<i>organized on 22-26 April 2013 in Tatranská Javorina, Slovakia</i>
2014	CNPA MTS extended until 2020	<i>Extended due to delays in implementation</i>
	Medium-Term Work Plan 2013 - 2017 of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas	<i>Detailed work plan based on the Medium-Term Strategy of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas</i>
2017	Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariat and the Association of Natural Protected Areas Administrations - CNPA Unit, adopted	<i>aims at assisting the Secretariat with servicing the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Unit and</i>
	COP5/4 para 7	<i>encourages the ANPAA to restore active communication with the CNPA Focal Points for carrying out concrete activities in order to implement the CNPA Medium – Term Strategy</i>
	Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the CNPA, ALPARC and DANUBEPARKS	<i>encourages further cooperation on ecological connectivity, exchanges on protected areas matters, education and other specific topics common to the three networks;</i>
2020	COP6/9 para 9	<i>Requests members the CNPA to further strengthen communication and sharing of relevant information with the CNPA Focal Points and relevant partners;</i>
2021	3rd CNPA Conference	<i>organized on 29 September 2021 in Visegrad , Hungary 2021</i>

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OBJECTIVE 1. Promotion of cooperation on protection, restoration of nature and sustainable use of natural resources, preservation and promotion of the cultural heritage of the Carpathians;

OBJECTIVE 2. Promotion of sustainable livelihoods and sustainable development of the Carpathians;

OBJECTIVE 3. Implementation of the relevant provisions of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity;

OBJECTIVE 4. Implementation of decisions and recommendations undertaken by the bodies established under the Carpathian Convention as well as of other applicable relevant international legal instruments.

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OBJECTIVE 1. Promotion of cooperation...

Action	Current status of implementation	Recommendations
Action 1.1. Institutional development and operational capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ CNPA Terms of Reference adopted (2011), ❖ Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariat and the Association of Natural Protected Areas Administrations (CNPA Unit) adopted (2017) ❖ CNAP SC established but not complete ❖ The Medium-Term Work Plan 2013 – 2017 adopted, currently expired ❖ List of CNPA members established ❖ 3 CNPA conferences organized (2008, 2013, 2021) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need for updating the CNPA ToRs ➤ Need for reviewing the MoC between the Secretariat and the CNPA Unit ➤ Need for appointing the CNPA SC Members in all Parties ➤ Need for updating/rethinking the Medium-Term Work Plan and related Medium Term Strategy ➤ Need for verifying the list of CNPA members by the Parties, and nominating new member areas ➤ Need for more regular organization of the CNPA Conferences
Action 1.2. Communication within the network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Contact list of CNPA member established and updated ❖ CNPA website transferred from ALPARC, now undergoing revisions and update by the Centralparks project ❖ No CNPA newsletter, several newsletters circulated by Centralparks project ❖ No CNPA communication materials developed, Centralparks project produced few which could be consider useful for promoting PAs in Carpathians in general ❖ Guidelines on communication between PAs and local communities developed by Centralparks project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need for the verification by the CNPA SC members ➤ Need for considering/establishing the internal CNPA newsletter functioning independently from the financial support by the external and time-limited projects ➤ Need for more systematic contribution to the awareness-raising on the Carpathian nature protection ➤ Need for consideration and use of the Centralparks project products

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Action 1.3. Common fundraising from external sources for activities of the network

- ❖ None of the tasks were realized

Action 1.4. Exchange of information, experience, skills, knowledge and data among network members, including through the CNPA working groups

- ❖ No common trainings, seminars, study tours etc., were organized
- ❖ No joint scientific research project and programmes elaborated
- ❖ Thematic working groups within the CNPA not established
- ❖ Common database partly realized by Carpathian Integrated Biodiversity Information System(CCIBIS), which is established and operating with support of relevant projects
- ❖ Compiling and analyzing scientific data, inventories and maps of habitats partly realized within ConnectGREEN project – Map of Ecological Network

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Action 1.5. Support for the activities of common thematic working groups under the CCIC and for common communication actions and cooperation with other bodies and mountain areas established

- ❖ Outdate outcomes of the survey conducted by ALPARC, in great support of CNPA Partnership Steering Committee in 2003 on possible topics for the CNPA common thematic working groups
- ❖ thematic working groups, subsequently their activities not established,
- ❖ Cooperation with ALPARC and DANUBEPARKS established formally through MoC between CNPA, ALPARC and DANUBEPARKS, project *Three Networks, two macro-regions, one vision – Development of Green Infrastructure to foster ecological connectivity between Danube, Carpathian and Alps (ERDF, 2018-2019)*
- ❖ Cooperation with other initiative, neighboring regions partly established

- Need for consideration of new survey
- Need for consideration of common activities of the Networks in the frame of the MoC and initiating new ones
- Need for further actions in terms of facilitating cooperation and exchange with other neighboring mountain regions and other initiative and networks

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Action 1.6. Making recommendations on the expansion of the existing and/or creation of new protected areas and creation of ecological networks

- ❖ Gap analysis of the protected area system in the Carpathians not carried out
- ❖ Establishment of new protected areas based on the results of the gap analysis not realized
- ❖ Pilot areas defined, defined measures applied, tested and adapted – not realized
- ❖ Tools of ecological connectivity developed, linking protected areas partly achieved within ConnectGREEN project for large carnivores as umbrella species
- ❖ Priorities for common actions and common project not realized
- ❖ Ecological connectivity analyzed in Bioregio and ConnectGreen projects – common measures proposed

- Need for consideration and review of the projects results, as well need for further development of tool for ecological connectivity development

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OBJECTIVE 2. Promotion of sustainable livelihoods and sustainable development of the Carpathians

Action	Current status of implementation	Recommendations
Action 2.1. Promoting protected areas as model for sustainable development and trans-boundary cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cooperation activities realised under the Bioregio Project – Iron Gates – Djerdap (tourism), Maramures Mountains – Carpathian Biosphere Reserve - (awareness and education, study for the BR), Slovakia – Hungary (forest management measures) ❖ Not all of the tasks were realized 	
Action 2.2. Fostering participatory processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A tool for fostering participatory processes has been elaborated by the Centralparks project, e.g. Strategy for local sustainable tourism development based on natural and cultural heritage of the Carpathians” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need for consideration and use of the existing tools and development of further instruments and initiatives supporting the processes

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OBJECTIVE 3. Implementation of the relevant provisions of the Biodiversity Protocol

Action	Current status of implementation	Recommendations
Action 3.1. Article 8: Conservation, maintenance, restoration and sustainable use of natural and semi-natural habitats	❖ None of the tasks were realized	
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	❖ None of the tasks were realized	
Action 3.3. Article 13: Prevention of the introduction of invasive alien species and/or genetically modified organisms threatening ecosystems, habitats or species, their control or eradication	❖ None of the tasks were realized	
Action 3.4. Article 18: Compatible monitoring and information systems. Article 19: Coordinated scientific research and exchange of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Most of the tasks not realized, however, establishing the CCIBIS is partly fulfilling some of the them tasks ❖ Science for the Carpathians Initiatives support research and scientific cooperation in the region, however, no clear connection is established with CNPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need for further development of the CCIBIS, especially on adding information on national results of the public research and results of the common scientific programs and projects jointly undertaken in the Carpathians ➤ Need for updating the map of the CNPA memebrrs

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OBJECTIVE 4. Implementation of decisions and recommendations undertaken by the bodies established under the Carpathian Convention as well as of other applicable relevant international legal instruments

Action	Current status of implementation	Recommendations
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ CNPA SC Chair regularly provides oral updates to the CCIC and to the WG Biodiversity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need for consideration of formal written report and recommendations for the CCIC for further submission to the COP and other relevant CC bodies
Action 4.2. Liaising and cooperating with 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ MOC – Alparc, Danuparks, CNPA signed ❖ Most of the tasks were not realized or no information available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need for consideration and use of the existing tools and development of further instruments and initiatives supporting the processes



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