Shaping the Carpathian Region in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

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The Danube Carpathian Twin regions of European and Global importance
European Parliament – EU Commission Position

European Parliament, Debate Thursday, 24 October 2013 - Strasbourg
Item 8. Strategy for the Carpathian region - Commission statement:
(2013/2896(RSP)):

1) **The European Commission recommended to the Carpathian countries to make use of the EUSDR;**

2) **At this stage, no need to create a strategy of the European Union for the Carpathian region;**

3) **Poland - which is not directly covered by the EUSDR - can also benefit case by case on the basis of the functional approach.**
Boundaries cutting the Carpathian Region

Schengen Area as of 1/7/2013

EU Schengen States
Non-Schengen EU States
Non-EU Schengen States
Schengen candidate countries

(source: http://ec.europa.eu)
The Carpathian Convention at a glance

**Main objective:** Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathian region

- **7 State Parties**
- **Adoption:** 22 May 2003 in Kyiv, Ukraine
- **Entry into force:** 4 January 2006
- **3 Meetings of the COP:** 2006, 2008, 2011
- **Current presidency:** Slovak Republic
Carpathian Convention – Framework of cooperation

- Conference of the Parties
- Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC)
  - WG Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development
  - WG Biodiversity
  - WG Sustainable Tourism
  - WG Sustainable Transport and Infrastructure
  - WG Spatial Development
  - WG on Adaptation to Climate Change
  - Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) Steering Committee
The Convention as a legal framework

The Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians

- Biodiversity and Forest Protocol* (Entered into force)
- Tourism Protocol (Adopted)
- Other Protocols to be elaborated

New Protocols under elaboration e.g. transport and infrastructure, cultural heritage
The Convention as a Stakeholder Forum And Project Oriented Platform

• Not only a legal framework but also a platform for cooperation between different stakeholders acting in the Carpathian Region at different levels through the development of common documents and projects strategic for the Carpathian Area.
Science for the Carpathians - S4C

- Fora Carpatica (Cracow, 2010 and Stara Lesna, 2012)
- FORUM CARPATICUM
  L’viv 2014 (16.-19.9.)
- MoU S4C
The Convention and its partners
Carpathian Convention as an Holistic Tool for Sustainable Development
• **VASICA – Visions and Strategies for the Carpathian Area:** one of the main outcome documents of the INTERREG IIIB CADSES Carpathian project (2006 – 2009)

• Conceptual document based on a social-economic analysis, which is exploring some development opportunities in the Carpathian area and sets some priorities for development actions

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**Call for Carpathian Space Programme**
CADSES Programme Area
The Central Europe Programme

Central Europe 2007 - 2013

Ukraine
Romania
Serbia

Central Europe 2014 - 2020

Ukraine
Romania
Serbia

(source: http://www.central2013.eu/)
South East Europe Programme

Danube Programme

Adriatic Ionian Programme

UNEP

(source: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/)

(based on administrative boundaries, © UN/NC)
Strategic Action Plan for the Carpathian Area

- Adopted by COP 3 in May 2011
- Finalization at the Consultative Workshop “Moving towards a Carpathian Strategy – Implementing the EU Strategy for the Danube Region in the Carpathian Area”, Brussels, January 2011
- Document based mainly on VASICA and some of the EUSDR elements
- **Main objective:** Strengthening cooperation and coordination between initiatives and stakeholders at different levels in the Carpathian Region
Strategic Action Plan for the Carpathian Area: Priority Areas

• Tourism and Local Economy
• Nature Conservation and Natural Risks Prevention
• Agriculture and Forestry
• Transport, Accessibility, Communication
• Sustainable Industry and Sustainable Renewable Energies
• Social Identity, Security, Governance, Capacity Building
Successful Projects in the Carpathians

- **Climate Change**
  - CARPIVIA
  - CarpathCLIM

- **Transport**
  - ACCESS2MOUNTAIN
  - Alpine-Carpathian Corridor (AKK)
    - [Website](www.alpenkarpantenkorridor.at)

- **Biodiversity**
  - BioREGIO Carpathians

Logos and images associated with the projects are also included.
Successful Projects in the Carpathians – Swiss funded

- **Poland** - with a total amount of 489 million Swiss francs between 2008 – 2012 as agreed in the Bilateral Framework Agreement

- **Slovak Republic** - Development of nature conservation and of protected areas in the Slovak Carpathians (Amount of the Swiss grant: CHF 2 072 000)

- **Hungary** - Biodiversity assessment in the Carpathian region (Amount of the Swiss grant: CHF 1 735 397)
Successful Projects in the Carpathians – Swiss funded in Poland

- Regional Development Initiatives in Gorlice and Nowy Sącz (Amount of the Swiss grant: CHF 6 753 818)
- Alpine Carpathian Cooperation Bridge (Amount of the Swiss grant: CHF 5 217 903)
- Małopolska Local Product (Amount of the Swiss grant: CHF 3 576 610)
- Development Programme in Dolina Strugu Micro-Region, Podkarpackie (Amount of the Swiss grant: CHF 3 564 294)
- The Alps for the Carpathians (Amount of the Swiss grant: CHF 4 818 388)
- Regional Development Initiatives in Gorlice and Nowy Sącz (Amount of the Swiss grant: CHF 6 753 818)
- Renewable Energy Systems in the Mszana Dolna Region (Amount of the Swiss grant: CHF 9 094 519)
- Renewable Energy Systems for the Malopolskie Region (Amount of the Swiss grant: CHF 14 369 355)
- Carpathian Convention (Amount of the Swiss grant: CHF 1 943 054)
Example: Brand for Sustainable Tourism

România
explore the Carpathian garden
NEED TO ENHANCE GOVERNANCE OF EU PROCESSES
EUSDR and Carpathian Convention Governance

- Strengthening EU dimension of Carpathian area through Carpathian Convention ➔ strategic tool complementary to EUSDR

- Strengthening ownership of the regions and stakeholders by offering an already existing platform

- Making sure that Danube Operational Programme 2014-2020 will address Carpathian Convention together with EUSDR
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