

DRAFT AGENDA

12th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity
19 – 20 May 2021, ONLINE MEETING

9:30 – 12:30

DAY 1 19 May 2021

Session I – Introduction

- 9:30 – 10:00
- 1) **Opening of the WG Biodiversity meeting and welcome remarks by the Polish Presidency**
 - 2) **Introductory remarks by the WG Biodiversity Chair**
 - 3) **Adoption of the Agenda**
 - 4) **Consideration on the updated Terms of Reference for the WG Biodiversity¹**
 - 5) **Presentation of a draft WG Biodiversity Work Plan 2021 – 2023 and the analysis of relevant documents for the WG Biodiversity activities²**

10:00 - 11:00

Session II – Large carnivores and ecological connectivity

- 6) **Presentation of the Report on population status of large carnivores and monitoring methods in the Carpathians by the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)/BOKU University**
- 7) **Presentation of the International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity³**
- 8) **Presentation of the projects relevant for the implementation of the Action Plan**
 - ConnectGREEN⁴ and SaveGREEN⁵ with focus on ecological connectivity – Interreg Danube Transnational Programme (WWF)
 - Successful Wildlife Crime Prosecution in Europe⁶ (SWiPE)⁶- EU LIFE Project (WWF)
- 9) **Updates from the EUSDR PA6 with a focus on ecological connectivity**

11:00 – 11:10

Virtual coffee break

11:10 – 12:30

- 10) **Discussion on priority actions for implementation by the WG Biodiversity deriving from the recently adopted Action Plans and relevant COP 6 Decisions**
 - Harmonization of large carnivores monitoring in the Carpathians as one of the priority topics. How to realize it?
 - Other priority topics to be identified, with consideration of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- 11) **Conclusions of the Session II**
- 12) **END of the DAY 1**

¹ [Link to the draft Terms of Reference for the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity](#)

² [Link to the draft Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity - Work Plan 2021 – 2023](#)

³ [Link to the International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity adopted at the Carpathian Convention COP6](#)

⁴ <http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/connectgreen>

⁵ <http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/savegreen>

⁶ [Link to the Successful Wildlife Crime Prosecution in Europe' Project summary](#)

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DAY 2 20 May 2021

Session III – Cooperation with other organizations and bodies

9:30 – 10:50

13) Post – 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

- Updates on the Post-2020 GBF process
- Role and contribution of the Carpathian Convention – presentation and discussion
- Trilateral Memorandum of Cooperation between the CBD, the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention – updates by the Secretariat
- “Building national biodiversity information supply and demand in Pan Europe to support implementation & progress review of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework” (UNEP/EU project) - presentation of the project and its implementation in Ukraine
- Possibilities of reporting on the implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol under the Data Reporting Tool for the MEAs – discussion

14) Alpine Convention and its Alpine Biodiversity Board

- Sharing information and best practices by the Alpine Biodiversity Board
- Cooperation activities – discussion

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15) Carpathian Network of Protected Areas

- Updates on CNPA activities, including on the 3rd CNPA Conference by the CNPA Chair
- Centralparks project⁷ (Interreg Central Europe) – presentation of relevant project activities
- Citizen Science in the Carpathians (Visegrad project) – presentation of relevant project activities

16) Carpathian Wetland Initiative

- Updates on CWI activities by the CWI Coordinator

17) Forum Carpaticum 2021

- updates from the Science for the Carpathians on the organization of the conference and relevant session for the WG Biodiversity

18) AOB

19) Conclusions, next steps and closing of the meeting

⁷ <https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/Centralparks.html>