DRAFT AGENDA 14th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity **22–24 May 2023, Vsetín, Czech Republic**

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2. Introductory remarks by the WG Biodiversity Chair
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Celebrating the International Day for Biological Diversity & 20 years since the signature of the Carpathian Convention

*Joint Dinner* Day 2 – 23 MaySession II - GBF implementation in the Carpathian region – developing the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework 1. Short presentation of the Global Biodiversity Framework, Carpathian Ministerial Declaration and the draft Carpathian Biodiversity Framework
2. National biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) – mainstreaming the Carpathian Convention activities into the NBSAPs
3. Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the CBD, the Alpine Convention, and the Carpathian Convention in the light of the new global biodiversity framework
4. Discussion

*Coffee break* Session III – Implementation of the Action Plan on large carnivores conservation and ecological connectivity through project cooperation 1. Presentation of projects with special focus on activities relevant for the WG Biodiversity, followed by discussion
	* SaveGREEN – Safeguarding the functionality of transnationally important ecological corridors in the Danube basin – presenting the project results
	* LECA - Supporting the coexistence and conservation of Carpathian Large Carnivores – presenting the new project
	* NaturaConnect - Designing a resilient and coherent Trans-European Network for Nature and People – presenting the new project

 *Lunch break*1. World café – interactive session by the NaturaConnect project

*Coffee break*Session IV – Cooperation with other organizations and bodies 1. Carpathian Network of Protected Areas
2. Carpathian Wetland Initiative
3. Science for the Carpathians
4. Alpine Convention – Alpine Biodiversity Board

EUSDR PA6 (tbc)Carpathian Research Network / Follow-up to the Biogeography of the Carpathians (tbc)Support to Ukraine in the framework of the Carpathian ConventionSession V – Institutional aspects 1. Review of the progress in implementation of the WG Biodiversity Work Plan 2021 – 2023 and preparation of the WG Biodiversity Work Plan 2024 – 2026

*Joint dinner* Day 3 – 24 May Session V – Institutional aspects – continuation 1. Updates on COP7 organization – relevant next steps for the WG Biodiversity
2. AOB
3. Conclusions, next steps and closing of the meeting

Field Trip  |

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