



# Carpathian Convention Ministerial Conference – support to Ukraine

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# Carpathian Ministerial Conference

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The Carpathian Ministerial Conference marks a milestone in the regional cooperation!

High-level representatives of the 7 Carpathian Convention Parties gathered to discuss the most pressing challenges of the region – biodiversity protection and the crisis in Ukraine.

Declaration adopted at the Conference:

- **Carpathian Commitments for the new post 2020 global biodiversity framework implementation**
- **Declaration on impact of the war on the environment in Ukraine and the need for cooperation and assistance**







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## Declaration on impact of the war on the environment in Ukraine and the need for cooperation and assistance

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- *reaffirm* our close cooperation with **Ukraine on the further implementation of the Carpathian Convention** for the protection and sustainable development of the whole Carpathian region;
- *express* our will to assist **Ukraine in possible measures needed to address the environmental consequences of the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians**, particularly on the natural environment and on the nature protection services;
- *emphasize* the role of the **Carpathian Convention as an important intergovernmental mechanism** and in this respect recommend **further consultation with relevant actors** on providing support to measures needed to address the consequences of the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians, as appropriate;
- *invite* **stakeholders and partners to contribute to the process of green recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine.**



# CARPATHIAN CONVENTION SUPPORT - UKRAINE

## CARPATHIAN CONVENTION COOPERATION PROJECT FOR UA

Setting up the "Carpathian Convention cooperation project" in the internal system as a practical tool

## KEEPING UKRAINE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CC ACTIVITIES

Establishing a group of UA representatives directly involved in the CC sectoral activities - mapping relevant stockholders and actors.

## UKRAINE SUPPORT COORDINATION COMMITTEE UNDER CONVENTION

Providing a coordination and enabling platform for bilateral activities, Carpathian Convention support activities, and a forum for projects and partners for Ukraine.

## SUPPORTING CAPACITY BUILDING

Providing trainings, webinars, twinning programmes to support building capacities of the relevant stakeholders in Ukraine for the benefit of Ukraine and the Carpathian region.

## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Building and catalyzing partnerships in a global, regional, bilateral and transboundary context

## CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

Ensuring engagement of CSO and local level in green recovery of Ukraine.

## STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

Enabling Ukraine to implement the environmental commitments of various international frameworks, and fostering shifting Ukrainian policy development and implementation towards EU values and standards

## ADDRESSING KEY SECTORS

Areas of cooperation relevant from the environmental and sustainable development perspective: biodiversity, natural resources management, protected areas, forestry, agriculture, rural development, sustainable tourism, circular economy, reducing pollution

## KEEPING THE UKRAINIAN CARPATHIANS UNDER REVIEW

Observing the direct and indirect impacts of the war in the Carpathian region

## COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE AMONG UNIVERSITIES

Activities supporting Ukrainian scientists and institutions, establishing better cooperation with Ukrainian universities, developing of a joint course or a study programme

STRENGTHENING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARPATHIAN CONVENTION IN UKRAINE





# Next steps

- Further consultations with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, the Polish Presidency and other key stakeholders
- Consultation with the Carpathian Convention Parties
- Involving interested partners
- Providing platform for exchange and cooperation
- Carpathian Convention COP7, 11-13 October 2023, Belgrade, Serbia, will consider further activities







Thank you for your  
attention!

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