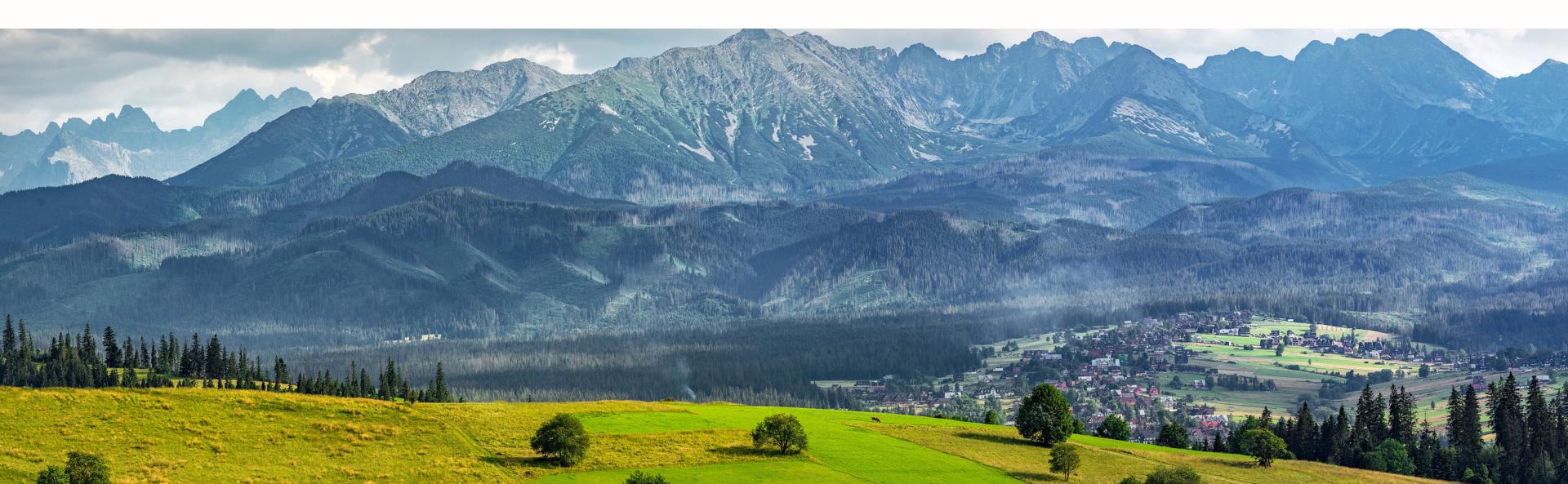


### Carpathian Convention Ministerial Conference – support to Ukraine

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9<sup>th</sup> WG Forest Working Group meeting 16 May 2023, online



# Carpathian Ministerial Conference

21-22 November 2022 Rzeszów, Poland

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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cooperation and assistance

- whole Carpathian region;
- nature protection services;
- on the Carpathians, as appropriate;
- recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine.

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

• reaffirm our close cooperation with Ukraine on the further implementation of the Carpathian Convention for the protection and sustainable development of the

• 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

• *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

• *invite* stakeholders and partners to contribute to the process of green

#### **CARPATHIAN CONVENTION SUPPORT - UKRAINE**

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STRENGTHENING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARPATHIAN

CONVENTION

**IN 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.

#### **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS**

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

#### 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

#### 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

#### SUPPORTING CAPACITY BUILDING

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

#### **CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT**

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

#### 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

## 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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