

DRAFT AGENDA

9th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity
Ostrava, Czech Republic, 30 - 31 May 2019

9:30 – 18:00 DAY 1 30 May 2019

9:30 – 10:00 1) **Opening of the WG Biodiversity meeting, round of introductions and adoption of the Agenda** (*Secretariat and the Host Country – Czech Republic*)

10:00 – 13:00 2) **Comprehensive presentation of the relevant projects:**

(coffee break 15 min)

- TRANSGREEN, ConnectGREEN, EUROLARGE CARNIVORES, CCIBIS, CentralParks (*Cristian Remus Papp, WWF Romania; Filippo Favilli, Eurac Research*)
- Update on CNPA activities and cooperation with ALPARC, DANUBEPARKS (*Mircea Verghelet, CNPA Unit*)
- **Carpathian Wetlands Initiative** – presentation of CWI activities and discussion on how the WG Biodiversity can support the CWI work programme and the governance (*Jan Kadlecik, CWI*)
- Discussion and presentation of next steps

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 14:30 3) **Programme of Work on Biodiversity issues as adopted by the COP 5**

- Consideration of national reports on implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol – conclusions (*Secretariat*)
- Invasive Alien Species, Illegal killing of wild birds (*Secretariat*)

4) **Possible contribution of the Carpathian Convention to the post-2020 process within CBD** (*Secretariat*)

5) **Achieving the international action plan for the conservation and sustainable management for the Carpathian populations of large carnivores**

14:30 – 16:00

- Towards elaboration of the International action plan for the conservation and sustainable management for the Carpathian populations of large carnivores – presentation of steps taken (*Secretariat*)
- Good examples from the Czech Republic – presentation of the projects of large carnivores' monitoring and conservation (*Martin Strnad, Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic; Miroslav Kutal, Friends of the Earth Czech Republic; Matyáš Adam, Tomas Bata University in Zlín*)
- Presentation of progress towards a report on population status of large carnivores and monitoring methods in every Carpathian country (*Ovidiu Ionescu, CIC*)

- Population status of large carnivore and monitoring methods in Ukraine – example of a national chapter of the report (*Anna Boklan, Anna Pridun, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine*)
- Discussion on possible harmonization of monitoring methods (*Ovidiu Ionescu, CIC*)

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 18:00 6) **Achieving the international action plan for the conservation and sustainable management for the Carpathian populations of large carnivores**

- Further discussion on the international action plan and its objectives (*Cristian Remus Papp, WWF Romania; Ovidiu Ionescu, CIC; Secretariat*)

18:00 7) **Closing of the DAY 1**

9:00 – 13:00 DAY 2 31 May 2019

9:00 – 10:30 8) **Continuation and summary of the discussion of DAY 1 on International action plan and presentation of next steps** (*CIC and Secretariat*)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 9) **Cooperation with Science for the Carpathians** – workshop on science in decision-making – how to improve knowledge exchange among scientists and decision makers in the Carpathians? (*Attila Varga, Eszterházy Károly Egyetem; Joanna Zawiejska, Pedagogical University of Cracow; Lubos Halada, Institute of Landscape Ecology SAS; Pavel Cudlin, Czech Academy of Sciences*)- Moderated by *Tamara Mitrofanenko, SCC*

12:30 – 12:45 10) Other matters

12:45 – 13:00 11) Closing remarks and closure of the meeting (*Secretariat and the Host Country – Czech Republic*)

Departures of the meeting participants

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