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| **Towards implementation of the SARD Protocol**  |
| This table shall facilitate discussion on potential priority topics for implementation of the SARD Protocol and suggest activities to be undertaken in the Carpathian Convention and its WG SARD based on the provisions of the SARD Protocol adopted by the COP5 (October 2017, Hungary) and following the COP5 Decisions  |
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| **POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION BASED ON THE ARTICLES OF THE SARD PROTOCOL** | **ONGOING PROCESSES** | **NEED FOR COOPERATION / IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES**  |
|  | Policies aiming at maintaining, promoting and sustainably developing the agricultural sector and rural areas (Art.4) |  | Need for better understanding of faming systems in the Carpathian countries; what is the level of sustainability of these systems, which would be particularly important for local product  |
| HNV farming in the Carpathians, especially visible in Romania  | EEA will provide more information about past and recent EEA work on HNV with special focus on the Carpathians countries   |
| Elaboration of a map of the HNV farmland in the Carpathians? |
| Meetings of the WG SARD  | Further and enhanced exchange of information and best practices |
| Identification of date and location of next meetings of the WG SARD |
| Integration of the objectives of sustainable development of the agricultural sector and rural areas into sectoral policies (Art.5)  |   |  |
| International cooperation (Art.7)  | Closer cooperation with Euromontana  | Elaboration of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Carpathian Convention and Euromontana  |
|   | Better involvement of local stakeholders in the Agricultural European Innovation Partnership (EIP-AGRI) in a form of a specific Operational Group or Thematic Network within the EIP-AGRI)  |
|   | Need for strengthening cooperation between the Carpathian farmers:* elaboration of guidelines on ways and means for a better cooperation between the farmers
* best practice exchange
* Farmers associations to be strengthened
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| Implementation of site-specific rural development strategies (Art. 8)  |   |   |
| Protection and management of traditional cultural landscapes (Art.9) |   |  Better understanding of management status of meadows and pastures  |
| Promotion of extensive farming and organic production (Art. 11)  |  | Promotion of organic production   |
|  | Promotion of extensive farming  |
|  Organic Market Development in Ukraine Project; <https://ukraine.fibl.org/en/ua-about-project/ua-beneficiaries.html> |  |
| Traditional knowledge and practices (Art. 12) | Provisions of the draft Protocol on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge | Support for development of the Protocol on Cultural Heritage by the WG SARD - consultations  |
| Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) | Potential identification of side/s in the Carpathians on pastoralism   |
|  | Workshop on local breeds of domestic animals |
| Marketing of typical agricultural and rural products and services (Art.13) |  | Strengthening development of local products  |
|  | Common presentation of local products at big fairs and conferences  |
| Promotion of agritourims and diversification (Art.14)  | 1st World Congress on Agritourism; Carpathian session - "The Role of local products in agritourism: a Carpathian approach for sustainable rural areas" |  Follow up on the Agritourism Congress  |
| Preservation of adverse impacts on air, water, soil, landscape and biological diversity (Art.15) |   | Closer cooperation with the WG Climate Change   |
| Promotion of formal and informal education (Art.16) |   |   |
| Coordinated scientific research a and trans-boundary exchange of information and experience (Art.17) |  | Identification of good practices on innovation in agri sector  |
|   | Elaboration of a database on agriculture in the Carpathians (structure of land use) |
|  | Elaboration of a list of the biggest problems in the field of agriculture and rural development in the Carpathian area the Parties are facing, based on the inputs from all the Parties, the WG SARD will be able to identify the common problems |
| Common programs and projects (Art. 18) | Building Resilient Mountain Value Chains for delivering Private and Public Goods” Horizon 2020 project proposal | Identification of the Carpathian case studies |