Carpathian Convention Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development – general information

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Working Group on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

Established by the 1st Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP1/7 para 3) in 2006

General tasks of the WG SARD since 2006:

- supporting the Parties to the Carpathian Convention towards their cooperation for the implementation of Article 7 on sustainable agriculture and forestry and other related Articles of the Carpathian Convention
- providing recommendations for possible development of a draft Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD) for the Carpathian region
Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development - implementation structure within the Carpathian Convention

- Art. 7 of the Carpathian Convention: 2003
- Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development: 2017
- Strategic Actions: Under development

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Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD Protocol) - development process

➢ Background analysis and documentation as basis for the development of the Carpathian Convention Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Protocol – prepared in cooperation with Eurac Research

➢ 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development, 2015 in Stara Planina, Serbia

➢ Followed by written consultation

➢ SARD Protocol adopted at the COP5, 2017, Lillafured, Hungary

➢ Ratification process by the Parties

➢ 4th Meeting of the WG on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development, 2018 in Vatra Dornei, Romania – initial discussion on priority topics for the SARD Protocol implementation
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➢ Preamble

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  Article 2 - Geographical Scope
  Article 3 - Definitions

➢ CHAPTER II
GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

  Article 4 - Policies aiming at maintaining, promoting and sustainably developing the agricultural sector and rural areas
  Article 5 - Integration of the objectives of sustainable development of the agricultural sector and rural areas into sectoral policies
  Article 6 - Participation of regional and local authorities and other stakeholders
  Article 7 - International cooperation
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SPECIFIC MEASURES

Article 8 - Implementation of site-specific rural development strategies
Article 9 - Protection and management of traditional cultural landscapes
Article 10 - Integrated land resource management
Article 11 - Promotion of extensive farming and organic production
Article 12 - Traditional knowledge and practices
Article 13 - Marketing of typical agricultural and rural products and services
Article 14 - Promotion of agritourism and diversification
Article 15 - Prevention of adverse impacts on air, water, soil, landscape and biological diversity
Article 16 - Promotion of formal and informal education
Article 17 - Coordinated scientific research and trans-boundary exchange of information and experience
Article 18 - Common programs and projects
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Thank you for your attention!

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