



## ESD Reflection and Support to Ukraine

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# SARD Protocol & ESD

## **3. The Parties shall, therefore, cooperate especially on:**

l) Strengthening of formal and informal education, advanced training and qualification including intergenerational learning, access to local public services and advisory service;

## **Article 16 Promotion of formal and informal education**

1. Each Party shall take measures to create an enabling environment for the promotion of education and intergenerational learning.
2. The Parties shall strengthen cooperation of local and national educational institutions and bodies to extend and to improve education, advanced training and qualification of people from different working areas (“lifelong learning”).
3. Parties shall promote education and communication to raise public awareness on local varieties of cultivated plants and animals and on the advantages of local short food supply systems and raise awareness to improve risk management.

## Carpathian Pastoralism: Many ideas and needs related to education, capacity building, awareness raising

- Please: Inform us about existing projects and initiatives!
- Consider joining the Carpathian ESD Network in order to share these activities there
  - consider joining the Workshop and session at Forum Carpaticum 2023
- Concrete training and educational ideas? - let us know, let us see where funds could be obtained for these activities

# Support to Ukraine

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- Inputs to the Discussion paper produced by the German Environment Agency
  - Ukraine war and sustainability policy. Cornerstones for a sustainable recovery program for Ukraine
- Dissemination of capacity building initiatives by the Convention partners, and planning to building upon them:
  - Rebuild Ukraine: <https://www.bfh.ch/en/continuing-education/cas/wiederaufbau-ukraine/>
  - Virtual Summer School, 14-20. Sept. 2023:
    - <https://geoconcept.ro/virtual-field-trips-for-inclusive-field-skill-training/>

**ENABLING UKRAINIAN GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS  
IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

a Summer School to Create  
**Virtual Field Trips for Inclusive Field Skill Training**

- Special Session on Ukraine during Forum Carpathicum 2023
  - 25-29 September, Krakow, Poland
  - Please, invite (educational) institutions interested in collaborating on capacity building for rebuilding Ukraine - addressing issues relevant for the Carpathian Convention

- Ministerial Declarations adopted at the Carpathian Ministerial Conference
  - 21 – 22 Nov. 2022, in Rzeszów, Poland
  - <http://www.carpathianconvention.org/eventdetailothers/events/carpathian-ministerial-conference.html>



**Ministerial Declaration of the Carpathian Convention  
on the impact of war on the environment in Ukraine and the need for cooperation  
and assistance**

We, the Ministers and High-Level Representatives of the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, Romania, the Republic of Serbia, the Slovak Republic and Ukraine, being responsible for implementation of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (hereinafter referred to as the “Carpathian Convention”), having met in Rzeszów, Poland on 22 November 2022, on the occasion of the Carpathian Ministerial Conference

*Taking into account* the Russian military aggression in Ukraine and its negative ecological, socio-economic and humanitarian consequences for the Carpathian region;

*Recalling* the provisions of the Carpathian Convention on the importance of sub-regional cooperation for the protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians;

*Stressing* the efforts invested in building strong collaboration and friendship for sustainable future of the unique Carpathian region, which the Ukrainian part of the Carpathians constitute a remarkable and critical part of;

*Noting* the statement by the deputy minister of environmental protection and natural resources of Ukraine and the report on the impact of war on the natural environment of the Carpathians in Ukraine and the identified needs to address its consequences

- 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.