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Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management

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Venue: Hotel Aro Palace – Brașov

“Identification and protection of natural and virgin forests, as well as management of forests in protected areas”

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1) Opening of the meeting and welcome remarks (by the Ministry of the Environment, Waters and Forests of Romania and Romsilva together with the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention)
- 2) Introduction round
- 3) Election of the Chair and adoption of the Agenda
- 4) Progress report on cooperation with the European Environment Agency on Action “Regional cooperation – Carpathians” – Forests
- 5) Carpathian Old-growth Forests in a Global Context: Understanding Variability Within and Among Temperate Old-growth Systems (by William Keeton, IUFRO Working Group on Old-growth Forests and Reserves)
- 6) Towards Carpathian Inventory of Virgin Forests:
 - a) Introduction and update (by Secretariat and EEA)
 - b) Presentation on identification of virgin forests in Romania
 - c) Update on the national inventories of virgin forests (by Parties)



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- d) Discussion on a format for harmonized data of virgin forests for the Carpathian Inventory of Virgin Forests and inclusion into the Carpathian Convention Joint Information System
 - e) Exchange of experiences on protection of virgin forests through national/transnational Protected Areas or other specific protection measures (by Parties)
- 7) Towards harmonized criteria and indicators for identifying natural forests:
- (a) Introduction and update (by Secretariat)
 - (b) Presentation of EEA map layer on forest naturalness (by EEA/Secretariat)
 - (c) National criteria and indicators for natural forests (by Parties)
 - (d) Defining the process of developing harmonized criteria and indicators for natural forest
 - (e) Information exchange and integration into Carpathian Convention Joint Information System, inputs and comments to EEA layers (by Parties)
- 8) Implementation of the EU Timber Regulation:
- a) Brief update by the Parties
 - b) Discussion on possible next steps
- 9) Discussion on the National Reporting on the implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management
- 10) Terms of the Reference for WG Forest – update
- 11) Exchange of project ideas



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- 12) Field trip to Piatra Craiului National Park including presentation of the visitor centre, followed by the presentation on forest management in Protected Areas - Examples of good practices in member states, and the presentation of good practices on sustainable forest management
- 13) Closure of the meeting