Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management
26 - 27 September 2016, Brașov Romania
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


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)
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
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