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Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management

26 - 27 September 2016, Braşov Romania

Venue: Hotel Aro Palace – Braşov

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

DRAFT PROGRAMME

26th of September (Monday)	
09:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the meeting and welcome remarks • Introduction round • Election of the Chair and adoption of the Agenda • Progress report on cooperation with the European Environment Agency on Action “Regional cooperation – Carpathians” – Forests • 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)
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 – 13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards Carpathian Inventory of Virgin Forests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Introduction and update (by Secretariat and EEA) b) Presentation on identification of virgin forests in Romania (tbc) c) Update on the national inventories of virgin forests (by Parties) d) Discussion on a format for harmonized data of virgin forests for a 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)



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13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards harmonized criteria and indicators for identifying natural forests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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)
16:30 – 16:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:45 – 18:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the EU Timber Regulation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Brief update by the Parties b) Discussion on possible next steps • Discussion on the National Reporting on the implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management • Terms of the Reference for WG Forest – update • Exchange of project ideas
20:00	<i>Dinner</i>
27th of September (Tuesday)	
08:30	<i>Departure from the Aro Palace Hotel to the Piatra Craiului National Park</i>
09:30 – 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the visitor center
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 – 12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest management in Protected Areas - Examples of good practices in member states (by the Parties) • Presentation of good practices on sustainable forest management in Piatra Craiului National Park
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field trip in Piatra Craiului National Park (optional) • Departure for Otopeni Airport/Bucharest