

## DRAFT AGENDA

### 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management Zvolen, Slovakia, 27 – 28 June 2019

9:00 – 18:00      DAY 1, 27 June 2019      Meeting venue: Technical University in Zvolen  
T. G. Masaryka 24, 960 01 Zvolen, Slovakia

- 9:00 – 9:40      1) **Opening of the WG Forest meeting, round of introductions and adoption of the Agenda**  
*(Secretariat and the Host Country – Slovakia)*
- 2) **Presentation by the Science for the Carpathians**

09:40 – 12:30      3) **Discussion on further steps in implementation of the Strategic Action Plan to the Protocol on Forest (SAP Objective 18 – Effectiveness, ensuring implementation of the Strategic Action Plan) - how to progress in the implementation of all SAP's objectives?**

- Importance of the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) implementation, and comparison of the SAP activities and their connections with other international policies and activities (e.g. Forest Europe, the United Nations)- *presentation by Mr. Matej Schwarz, Liaison Unit Bratislava, Forest Europe.*

- Experiences and priorities for implementation of the Strategic Action Plan to the Forest Protocol  
*All the Parties shall speak about experiences in implementation of the Forest Protocol' SAP and priorities for its future implementation.*

Coffee break  
(20 min)

- Reporting format for the comprehensive National Report on Implementation of the Carpathian Convention covering all the Protocols and other relevant sectors.

*The CCIC requested discussions with every CC Working Group on a format of the comprehensive National Report on Implementation of the Carpathian Convention, which will cover all the Protocols and relevant sectors. The format shall be presented at the COP6 in 2020. **What shall be reported for the Forest Protocol? What indicators will be suitable? The Parties are asked to contribute to the discussion with proposals.***

12:30– 13:30      Lunch break

4) **Importance of forestry education**

- Presentation of the study programmes of the Technical University in Zvolen – *Technical University in Zvolen*

13:30 – 16:30

- Learn CTN. Cross-border collaboration in forestry education – *joint presentation by Ms. Lesya Loyko, Ukrainian Agency for Sustainable Development of the Carpathian Region (FORZA and Mr. Peter Balogh, National Forest Center in Zvolen, Institute for Forest Consulting and Education*

5) **Close-to-nature forest management (SAC Objective 8 – Promotion of close to nature forestry)**

- Presentation of best practices on close-to-nature forest management *by the Forests of the Slovak Republic*

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- Countries' presentations on best practices on close-to-nature forest management – *presentations by all the Parties*
  - Discussion on future activities of the WG Forest on this topic
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16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break

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16:45 – 18:30 **6) Adaptation to climate change (SAP Objective 11 – Forestry and climate change)**

- Activities of the WG Climate Change - *presentation by Mr. Sandor Szalai, Istvan University*
  - Forest Europe and its activities on adaptation to climate change – *presentation by Mr. Matej Schwarz, Liaison Unit Bratislava, Forest Europe*
  - Living with bark beetles: New perspectives on an alarming problem- presentation by *Tomáš Hlásny, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague*
  - Climate change impacts on forestry. How WG Forest can address this issue? – *presentation by Libor Ulrych, State Nature Conservation of the Slovak Republic*
  - **How to better assess impacts of climate change on the Carpathian forests?** Discussion on future activities of the WG Forest on the topic of climate change (e.g. report on climate change impacts on Carpathian forest and adaptation measures)
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18:30 Closing of the DAY 1

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**8:00 – 17:15 DAY 2 28 June 2019**

**7) Field trip to Dobroč virgin forest, Skanzen Vydrica and Čierny Balog**

- 8:00 - departure from the hotel
  - 9:15 – 10:40 – arrival and visit to the Dobroč Virgin forest
  - 11:00 – 11:20 – traveling by local train to Forest Skanzen Vydrica (coffee break)
  - 11:20 – 12:30 – visit to the Forest Skanzen Vydrica
  - 13:00 – 14:00 – arrival to the Village Čierny Balog and lunch
  - 14:15 – 17:15 – WG Forest session on Virgin Forest and their protection (details below)
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14:15 – 17:00 **8) Virgin forests in the Carpathians and their protection (SAP Objective 6 –Management of forests in Protected Areas, as well as identification and protection of natural and especially virgin forests)**

- Inventory of Virgin Forest in the Carpathians - *progress report by the European Environment Agency/European Topic Centre on Urban, Land and Soil Systems (EEA/ETC-ULS)*
  - Discussion on finalization of the Inventory of Virgin Forest in the Carpathians
  - Process of identification of virgin forest – *presentation by WWF*
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- Best practices and cooperation of foresters and nature protection in Polana Biosphere Reserve - *presentation by CHKO Polana*
  - REMOTE forests – mapping, research and protection of mountain temperate forests in Europe *by Martin Mikoláš, Czech University of Life Science*
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9) Summary of the meeting and next steps

17:00 – 17:15 10) Other matters

11) Closing remarks and closure of the meeting

**Departures of the meeting participants**

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