

**Carpathian Convention Working Groups
on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity
and on Spatial Development**

**First Joint Meeting¹
22 - 24 October 2014, Kluszkowce, Poland**

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1) Opening of the meeting - welcome and opening remarks by the Secretariat, Ekopsychologia Association and UNEP/GRID-Warsaw Centre
- 2) Brief presentation of the project "Carpathians Unite – mechanism of consultation and cooperation for the implementation of the Carpathian Convention" hosting the meeting
- 3) Introductory presentation - explanation of the reasons for selecting Pieniny Mts. as the meeting venue, and aims of the first ever joint meeting of the two CC Working Groups (in the light of the Convention, Protocols, and COP Decisions) by Zbigniew Niewiadomski, UNEP/GRID-Warsaw
- 4) Brief update on the progress and outcomes achieved so far by the CC WG on Biodiversity (incl. BIOREGIO Carpathians project results) as well as experiences from the Alpine Carpathian Corridor by the Secretariat, EURAC, WWF
- 5) Presentation of case studies from the PL Carpathians:
 - Role of spatial planning in protection of biodiversity and landscape values – case study from the Pieniny region, by Ewelina Zajęc, Pieniny National Park
 - Progress in drafting the "Carpathian Code of Good Practice in Spatial Planning" by representatives of the PL WG on Spatial Planning under the "Carpathians Unite" project.
- 6) Presentation of relevant EU legislation, approaches and relevant programmes:
 - "INSPIRE Directive as an instrument providing access to spatial data for sustainable spatial planning in the Carpathians" by Monika Rusztecka, UNEP/GRID-Warsaw.
 - Links to work by EEA, SEIS, ESPON, EU operational programmes etc.
- 7) Discussion on possible synergies and proposed joint activities to be undertaken by the two CC Working Groups in support for the implementation of the Convention – "How can cooperation on spatial planning at the central, regional and local levels enhance achieving the greater territorial cohesion of the Carpathian region ?" by Harald Egerer, the Secretariat and Andreas Beckmann, WWF

Possible topics for discussion: • Green Infrastructure; • national legislation of the Parties providing for integration of nature and landscape related issues into spatial development planning policies; • coordination of spatial planning and nature conservation measures in border areas of the Carpathians, incl. transboundary protected areas; • ecological continuity and connectivity (habitats

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and landscapes) in spatial planning; • available spatial planning tools for nature conservation and sustainable management / development • Carpathian Convention Information System

- 8) Next steps
- 9) Closure of the meeting