Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Expert Network in the Carpathians

CARPATHIAN CONVENTION OBJECTIVES & GOALS

The Carpathian ESD Expert Network envisions a thriving and interconnected Carpathian region, where ESD advances respect for its diverse natural and cultural heritage, fosters a Carpathian identity and builds sustainable relationships between people and nature.

CARPATHIAN ESD VISION

Support implementation of the Carpathian Convention Article 13 to increase environmental awareness, sustainable development knowledge and public participation in the Convention

Facilitate collaboration and learning between all sectors, all stakeholder levels and all Carpathian countries within the Carpathian Convention activities, strengthening cross-sectoral relationships within the Carpathian Convention

Shape ESD for the Carpathian environmental, social and economic context, fostering effective SDG implementation for the Carpathian region

Promote sustainability and a Carpathian identity through ESD by co-developing and implementing educational programs that promote a whole Carpathian view: natural and cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and innovation, socio-economic aspects, and sustainable practices

ESD in the Carpathians:
Specific Carpathian features that inform objectives

Biodiversity hotspot with unique and diverse nature

Strong cultural traditions and traditional resource use

Common historical and socio-cultural background

2023-2026 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

INTEGRATE BIODIVERSITY ACROSS TOPICS AND DISCIPLINES

Align ESD activities with the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework

FOSTER ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT AND OWNERSHIP OF THE ESD NETWORK

Determine a realistic and balanced model to ensure active engagement of experts

ENGAGE YOUTH IN THE CARPATHIAN CONVENTION

Provide pathways for youths to engage in the Convention’s activities and decision-making processes

STRENGTHEN DIGITAL PRESENCE

Create a presence and share tools on a joint digital platform

SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES IN UKRAINIAN CARPATHIANS

Promote research and education toward integrating sustainable development principles into rebuilding Ukraine’s natural and social environment

Urgent Needs & Gaps: identified priorities to inform strategies for 2023-2026

ACTIVITIES

POLICY INTEGRATION

Understand how ESD policy manifests locally in Carpathian countries and advocate for integrating ESD principles at regional, national and international levels that align with UN, EU and other global ESD frameworks

Integrate ESD experts into existing Convention mechanisms

KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCE SHARING

Seek partnerships with other organizations, networks and stakeholders within and beyond the Carpathians who share similar goals

Establish and maintain platforms for communication among ESD experts

ACTIVITY COLLABORATION

Collaborate in outreach and educational efforts and projects among ESD experts to effectively raise awareness of the Carpathian Convention and sustainable development issues in the region

RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Further joint research on ESD best practices

NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Secure resources for network administration and management

Role & Scope: who makes up the network and their expertise that inform activities

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Define the roles and responsibilities of individuals and groups within the network

Stakeholder needs & inputs

Science for the Carpathians (S4C) Network

Carpathian Convention Working Groups

Carpathian Convention Secretariat & Parties

Science for the Carpathians

Based on inputs and reports from Carpathian ESD experts and practitioners. Intended for further feedback and development.