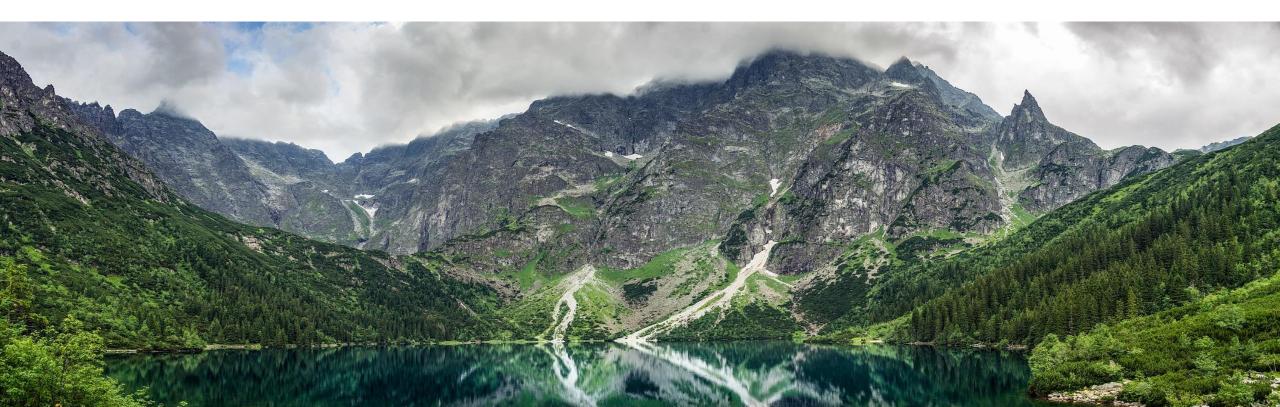
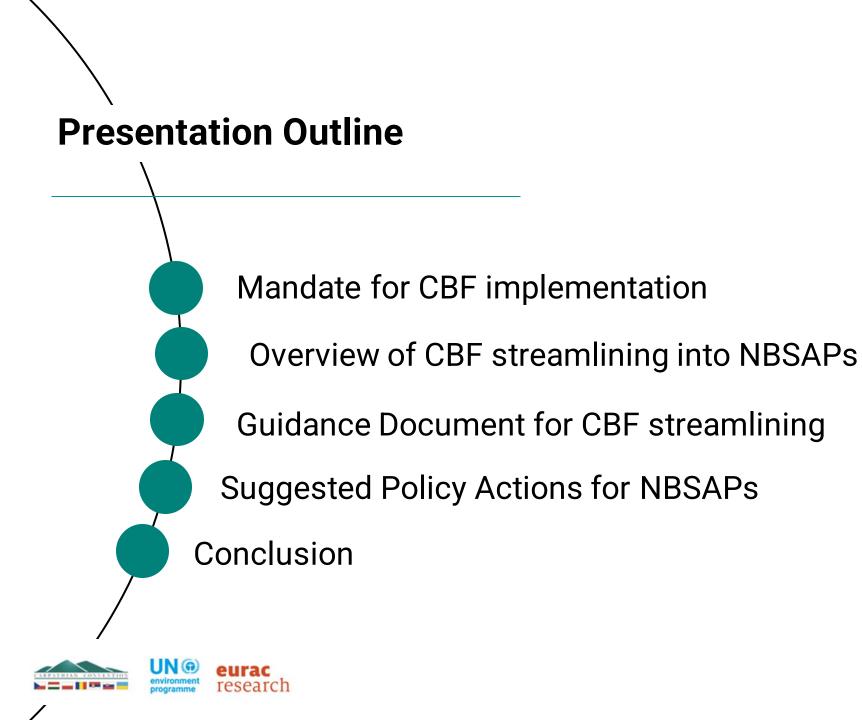


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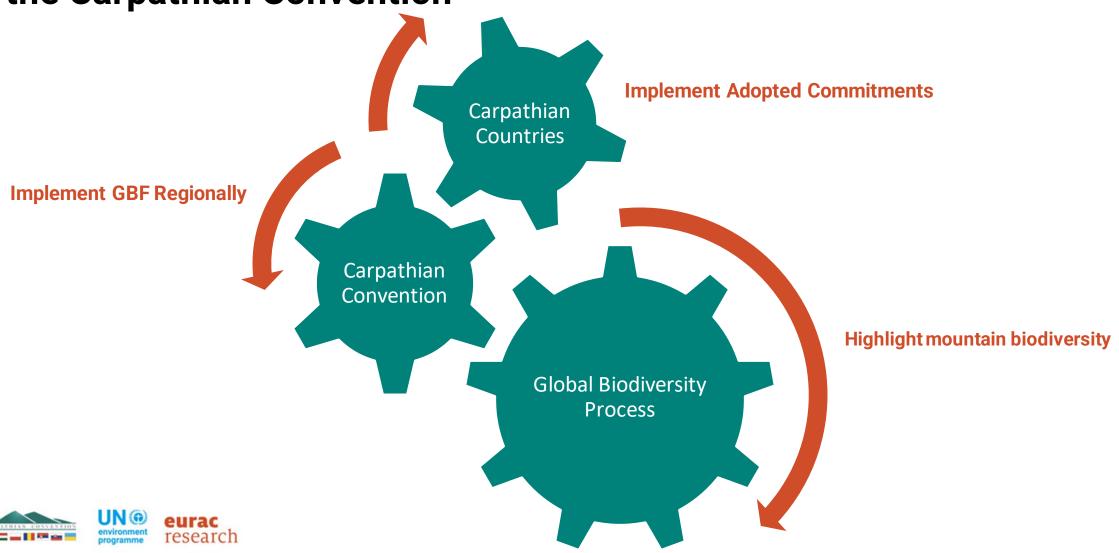
Streamlining the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework – integrating the CBF into NBSAPs

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Implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) through the Carpathian Convention



The GBF encourages Parties to work with existing mechanisms and processes and invites biodiversity-related conventions to contribute to GBF implementation

Mandates from the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)

- CBD/COP/DEC/15/4: cooperate at transboundary, regional and international levels to implement the GBF
- CBD/COP/DEC/15/4: work with existing mechanisms like biodiversity-related conventions to implement the GBF
- CBD/COP15/DEC/15/6: include relevant actions from biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements into NBSAPs





Implementation of the nowadopted Carpathian Biodiversity Framework will help fulfill the CBD mandates

Mandates from the Carpathian Convention COP7

- CC/COP7/1: adopted the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework (CBF) and the accompanying Carpathian Vision 2050
- CC/COP7/6: use the CBF as a key tool to implement the Carpathian Convention and its Protocols, facilitated by the Secretariat
- CC/COP7/6: include relevant Carpathian Convention activities within the revised NBSAPs





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targets to the Carpathian region

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The Carpathian Biodiversity Framework is a tool to implement the Convention by supporting transformative actions across and within sectors

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Carpathian Vision 2050:

By 2050, the Carpathians is a thriving and sustainable region where people live in harmony with nature.

The biodiversity and natural beauty of the Carpathians are conserved, restored, and wisely used providing a healthy environment and essential ecosystems services for all people of the region and beyond.



Coordinate efforts on conservation, maintenance and sustainable use of **natural and semi-natural habitats**.

Sustainably manage and protect Carpathian forests.

Cooperate on making **tourism** sustainable to maximize benefits and mitigate negative impacts.

Develop **transport** and related infrastructure sustainably by implementing environmentally-friendly transport models and systems.

Maintain Traditional Knowledge on traditionally cultivated land and sustainable **agriculture** practices.

Strengthen regional resilience through **climate change** mitigation and adaptation.

Strengthen **public awareness** about the Convention's objectives by integrating lifelong learning, global education approaches and cross-sectoral cooperation into the Convention's activities.

Cooperate with **Ukraine** on protecting and sustainably developing the Carpathian region to address the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the region.

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The revision process for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) is an opportunity for incorporating the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework at the national level

The Guidance Document suggests a series of steps to help Carpathian countries integrate Carpathian objectives into their national targets, policy measures and means of implementation

1. Assess existing NBSAP goals and targets against the GBF and Carpathian Biodiversity Framework;

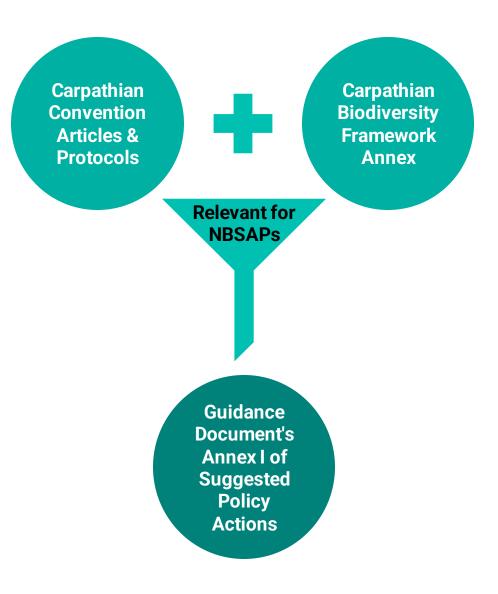
2. Engage relevant stakeholders, including Carpathian networks, to for aligning national biodiversity targets with the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework;

3. Update national biodiversity targets with relevant policy actions from the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework, determine indicators and identify implementing groups;

4. Use the Convention on Biological Diversity's NBSAP Template for Submitting Updated National Targets.

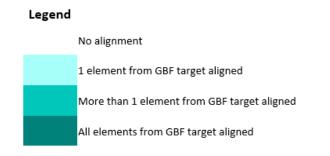


To support this process, relevant Carpathian policy actions are compiled in Annex I





The degrees of alignment are based on the suggested Carpathian policy actions listed in Annex I



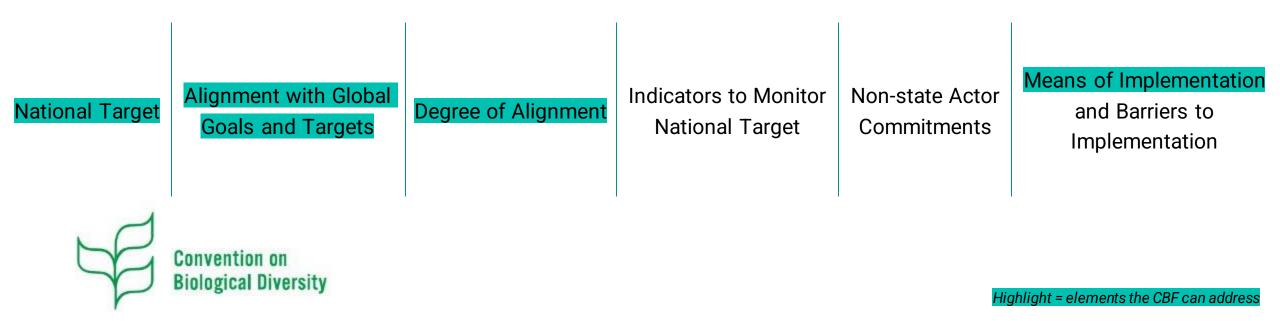




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National biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) = main vehicle for implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level.

The Carpathian Convention can **streamline the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework into the revised NBSAPs** using CBD's template:



The Guidance Document's Annex I compiles suggested Carpathian policy actions for setting national biodiversity targets according to the most relevant GBF target

GBF TARGET NUMBER: Main Target Theme				
SUGGESTED CARPATHIAN POLICY ACTIONS	CBF OBJECTIVE ALIGNMENT	GBF TARGET ALIGNMENT & DEGREE	GBF GOALS	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS & TOOLS
Relevant Carpathian action here, grouped by theme	CBF Strategic Objective(s) that this policy aligns with	GBF Target(s) that this policy aligns with and the degree (low, medium, high)	GBF Goal(s) that this policy aligns with	- Relevant Carpathian Protocols, strategic action plans, project documents, and other tools to support the NBSAP revision process

Legend

No alignment

1 element from GBF target aligned

More than 1 element from GBF target aligned

All elements from GBF target aligned



SUGGESTED POLICY MEASURES AND ACTIONS		GBF TARGET ALIGNMENT & DEGREE		GBF GOALS	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS & TOOLS
Improve the ecological network and habitat continuity between significant					- Protocol on Biodiversity, 8, 9, 12, 15
Carpathian ecosystems by restoring existing protected areas, and Ramsar Sites and		2	3	А	 Protocol on Sustainable Forest
creating ecological corridors to connect fragmented habitats.					Management, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13
- Identify degraded habitats, draft a priority <u>list</u> and develop programmes for restoration.					- Updated Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan
- Update the provisional list of endangered natural and semi-natural habitat					
types native to the Carpathians (Carpathian Red List of Habitats).					- Carpathian strategy for enhancing
Restore degraded natural forest habitats, especially virgin forests, and ensure	1, 2	1 2	3 20	А	biodiversity and landscape conservation outside and inside protected areas: Full
reforestation.	1, 2	1 2	5 20	А	document Factsheet (Centralparks)
- Increase the use of close-to-nature silvicultural practices, which seeks to manage					
mixed and uneven-aged forests, by sharing best practices and improving the					- The Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit
regulatory and legal framework for the close-to-nature forestry transition.					(<u>Centralparks</u>)
- Restore degraded forest areas by converting non-endemic monocultures to site-					- UNEA 5.2 Resolution on End plastic
specific endemic species compositions, promoting natural forest regeneration,					pollution: Towards an international legally
and protecting and reintroducing rare native tree species in their natural					binding instrument (UNEP/EA.5/Res.14)
ecosystems.					
 Create guidelines for managing close-to-nature forestry in Protected Areas and applicable Natura 2000 sites. 					- <u>Guidelines on communication between</u>
Identify priority actions for restoring wetlands and water-dependent habitats in the					protected areas and local communities in the Carpathians (Centralparks)
Carpathians.	1, 7	2 3	7	A	
Increase involvement with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration for awareness-					- Inventory of virgin/old growth forests in the
raising and possible upscaling of restoration activities as outlined in the Carpathian		2		А	<u>Carpathians</u>
Convention.					- Assessment of climate change risks and
Consider prioritizing the restoration of Carpathian habitats in the National		2			impacts on the Carpathian forests and their
Restoration Plans (EU Nature Restoration Law).		2		A	ecosystem services

TARGET 2: Restore 30% of all Degraded Ecosystems

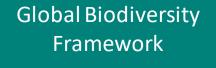
SUGGESTED POLICY MEASURES AND ACTIONS	CBF OBJECTIVE ALIGNMENT		ARGET MENT & GREE	GBF GOALS	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS & TOOLS	
Ensure conservation of large carnivores in the Carpathians.	1	2	4	А	- Protocol on Biodiversity, 8, 12, 16	
 Standardise monitoring procedures of large carnivores in the Carpathians. Improve coexistence of humans with large carnivores. 					- International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity	
- Improve law enforcement with respect to the illegal killing of large carnivores.					 project SwiPE on successful wildlife crime prosecution in Europe 	
Ensure the conservation and recovery of endangered species and endemic species of the Carpathians, including species whose natural habitats are transboundary.	1	3	4	А	- <u>Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime in the</u> <u>Danube-Carpathian Region</u>	
 Adopt a list of endangered flora and fauna species native to the Carpathians (Carpathian Red List of Species) based on internationally recognized principles and criteria. 					- <u>Methodology for Identification of Ecological</u> <u>Corridors in the Carpathian Countries by</u> <u>Using Large Carnivores as Umbrella Species</u> (ConnectGREEN)	
- Reintroduce native species in the Carpathians.					- Methodology for Standardised Monitoring of Ecological Corridors	

TARGET 4: Halt Species Extinction, Protect Genetic Diversity, and Manage Human-Wildlife Conflicts





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The Carpathian Biodiversity Framework and Carpathian Vision uplift the Carpathians as a model mountain region

Thank you for your attention!

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