

DRAFT AGENDA

15th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity
17-18 June 2024, Vienna, Austria

9:30 – 18:00	Day 1 – 17 June
9:30 – 10:00	Arrival and registration of participants
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Session I – Introduction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Opening of the meeting by the Secretariat 2) Welcome remarks by the meeting host, the Austrian Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology 3) Welcome remarks by the Serbian Presidency 4) Welcome remarks by the WG Biodiversity Chair, Czech Republic 5) Adoption of the agenda 6) Science for the Carpathians (S4C) Recommendations based on Forum Carpathicum 2023 relevant for the WG Biodiversity 7) Updates from the Carpathian Convention COP7 – mandate of the WG Biodiversity 8) Review of the progress in implementation of the WG Biodiversity Work Plan 2021 – 2023 and preparation of the WG Biodiversity Work Plan 2024 – 2026
11:00 – 13:15	Session II – Large carnivores conservation in the Carpathians – projects implementation and cooperation opportunities
11:00 – 11:30	<p>9) LECA project – Supporting the coexistence and conservation of Carpathian Large Carnivores – Mr. Martin Duľa, Mendel University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Updates on the project implementation and discussion
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:30	<p>10) LECA project – Supporting the coexistence and conservation of Carpathian Large Carnivores – Mr. Martin Duľa, Mendel University (continuation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation of draft thematic guidance on monitoring, poaching investigation, conflict prevention, followed by consultations with the meeting participants
12:30 -13:15	<p>11) Conservation of the Carpathian lynx in West and Central Europe – IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation of listing the Eurasian Lynx in Appendix II to the Convention of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and related Concerted Action for the Eurasian Lynx followed by consultations with the meeting participants
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch break

14:15 – 18:00	Session II – Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework at the regional level, with a focus on the Carpathians and the adopted Carpathian Biodiversity Framework
14:15 – 15:45	<p>12) Presentation of the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework by the Secretariat</p> <p>13) Streamlining the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework into the national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) of the Carpathian countries</p> <p>14) Global Biodiversity Framework – importance of the regional approaches for its implementation by the CBD Secretariat</p> <p>15) Examples from the Alps on GBF implementation by Austrian Ministry of Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (tbc), the Alpine Convention Presidency and the Alpine Biodiversity Board</p> <p>16) LIFE Carpathian Strategic Nature Project – project idea as a unique opportunity for the Carpathians</p> <p>17) General feedback and discussion</p>
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 17:45	<p>18) Moderated discussion on the implementation of the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensuring synergistic implementation of GBF and CBF at the national level ➤ Development of the LIFE Carpathian Strategic Nature Project ➤ Other opportunities and ideas for the CBF implementation, such project ideas, initiatives, to implement CBF at the local, national, cross-border or transnational level
17:45 – 18:00	19) Conclusions and closing of Day 1
19:00 – 21:00	Common dinner
Day 2 – 18 June 2024	
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9:00 – 10:00	<p>Session III – Cooperation with other organizations and bodies</p> <p>20) Carpathian Network of Protected Areas</p> <p>21) Carpathian Wetland Initiative</p> <p>22) EUSDR PA6 (tbc)</p> <p>23) Caucasus Network for Sustainable Development of Mountain Regions</p>
10:00 – 12:45	Session IV – Cooperation with other projects relevant for the WG Biodiversity
10:00 – 10:45	<p>24) ForestConnect project on climate-smart forest connectivity for large carnivores in the Balkan-Carpathian-Dinaric region - Carinthia University of Applied Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation of the new project relevant for the Carpathian region and discussion on project activities involving the WG Biodiversity <p>25) BioLine project on restoration of biodiversity and connectivity for ecological management of powerline corridors in Danube – Carpathian region – SOS/BirdLife Slovakia</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation of the project proposal relevant for the Carpathian region and discussion on project activities involving the WG Biodiversity <p>26) TRANSNATURE project on unveiling the dynamics of transboundary biodiversity governance in Europe to enhance biodiversity protection – Eurac Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation of the project and discussion on possible relevance for the WG Biodiversity activities <p>27) CentralMountains project on strengthening governance models for sustainable development of mountain areas in Central Europe – Eurac Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation of the Joint Strategy Report for community-led sustainable development of mountain areas in Central Europe with a special focus on participatory governance
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:45	<p>28) NaturaConnect project on Building a resilient ecological network of conserved areas across Europe for nature and people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation of the project updates and current outputs relevant for the WG Biodiversity activities, followed by a moderated discussion
12:45 – 13:00	<p>Session V – Closing of the meeting</p> <p>29) Preparation of the WG Biodiversity Work Plan 2024 – 2026 – considering inputs from the meeting</p> <p>30) AOB</p> <p>31) Conclusions, next steps and closing of the WG Biodiversity meeting</p>

NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS:

The WG Biodiversity meeting will be followed by a reception celebrating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Vienna Programme Office – Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention in Vienna. The reception will take place in the afternoon on June 18th, 2024, at 3 pm in Vienna, Austria (venue TBC). Further details regarding this event will be communicated in due course. If you want to join the celebrations, please confirm your participation while [registering for the WG Biodiversity meeting](#).