

# Carpathian ESD Expert Network (CESDEN)

## Online Meeting

### Carpathian ESD Project Outcomes and Collaboration with UNECE

11 April 2024

## Agenda

- Carpathian ESD updates
- Introduction to the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD and ESD Strategy and Carpathian ESD Report Results - relevant priorities
  - Brief activity to explore potential collaborations in 2024 within the framework of CESDEN
- Carpathian Day as a Best practice from Romania - to be facilitated in other Carpathian Countries
  - Q&A
- Introduction of the Carpathian ESD Website and Resource Sharing platform
  - Q&A



# Carpathian ESD updates

- COP 7 Decisions
- Carpathian ESD Webpage
- Experts Report: Carpathian ESD Vision, Mission, Strategic Priorities, Recommendations on Activities and Research Questions.
  - *Boglárka Kurka Ivanegová, Spirala;*
  - *Joanna Zawiejska, SAC, University of the National Educational Commission in Krakow;*
- Closer collaboration with UNECE - Support received from Cyprus



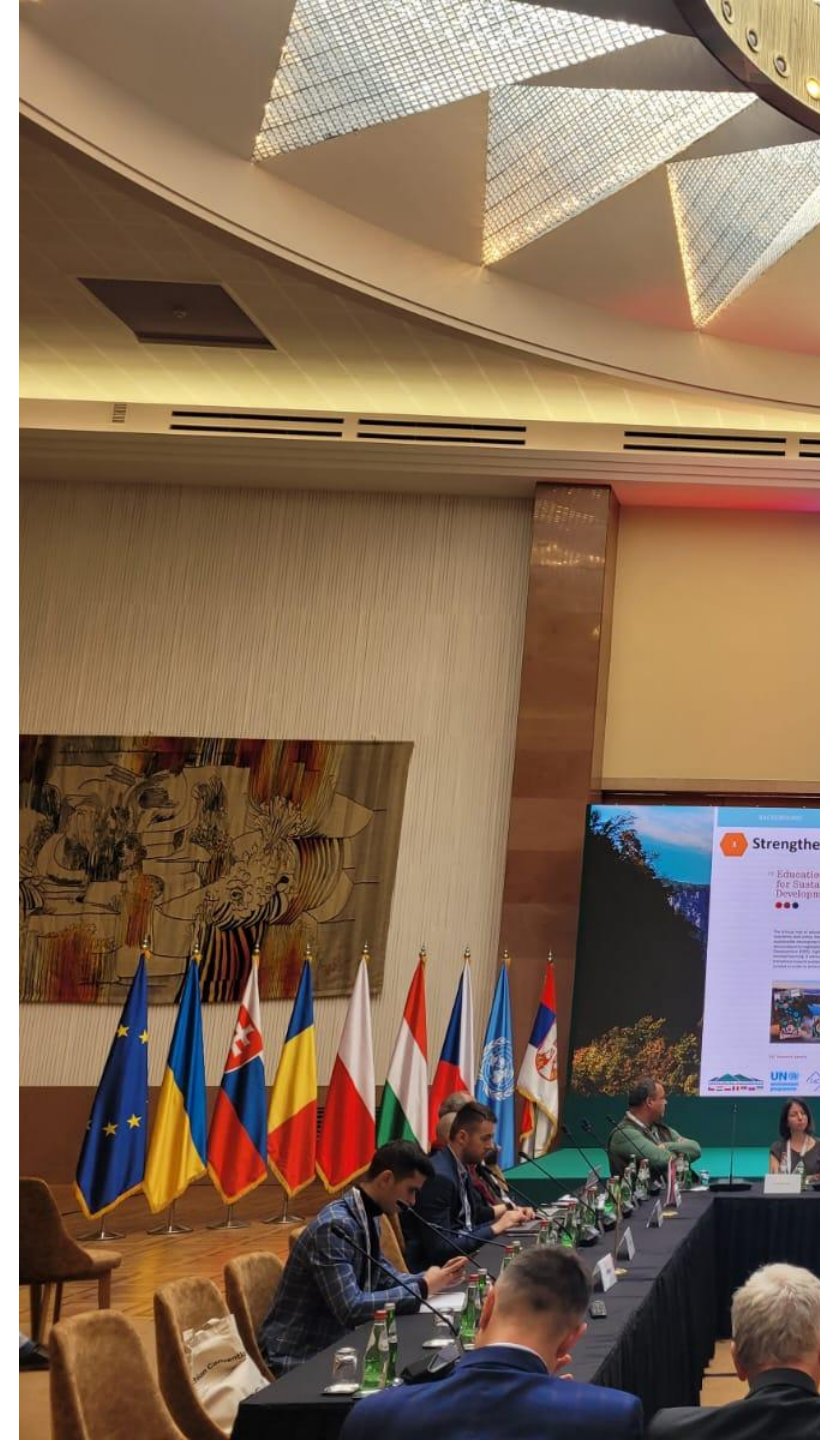
# COP7 Decisions related to Carpathian ESD

- **Welcomes the Carpathian Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Expert Network** as a cross-sectoral network of diverse actors
  - facilitating cross-thematic linkages, expanding and strengthening Convention networks, and communication within the Convention and awareness-raising about the Convention
  - *encourages* the Parties, who have not done so yet, **to nominate Carpathian ESD experts to the network**
- *Encourages* the **cooperation among the Focal Points and the ESD Experts**
- *Invites* the Parties to explore the possibility of **establishing "Carpathians Convention Youth Focal Point"** in order to increase the engagement of young people in this process.
- *Welcomes* the Side Event “ESD Expert Network in the Carpathian Region”, held within the **9th Environment for Europe (EfE) Conference** on 5th October 2022, Nicosia, Cyprus...



# COP7 Decisions related to Carpathian ESD

- *Welcomes* the process of **developing the Vision and Strategy for Carpathian ESD by the Carpathian ESD Experts...**
- *Welcomes* the Carpathian ESD Session and Workshop, organized ... during the 7th Forum Carpathicum ... *invites* the Parties to consider ... recommendations in cooperation with relevant stakeholders.
- *Requests* the Secretariat **to continue its liaison with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Steering Committee on ESD** and UNESCO as relevant, and to explore collaboration with the Global Education Network Europe (GENE).
- *Invites* the **Serbian Presidency** of the Carpathian **Convention to continue supporting ESD activities** as a necessary tool to enable long-term sustainable development in the Carpathians.



# COP7 Decisions related to Carpathian Day

- **Welcomes the idea of establishing the Carpathian Day** to further promote the protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians and the Carpathian Convention activities at various levels; **invites the Parties, relevant stakeholders, and the Secretariat to contribute to the process, as appropriate.**
- **Welcomes the outcomes of the second Carpathian ESD Seminar**, held in Zakopane, Poland, on 28-30 September 2022 ... and **requests** the Secretariat and **invites the Parties to consider the recommendations elaborated at the Seminar**, including providing support to the Carpathian ESD Experts in following up on the outputs and recommendations received at the Seminar, **particularly on organization of a Carpathian Day.** (DECISION COP7/19.6)



# Support provided by Cyprus to CESDEN

- Support provided by the Ministry of Education of Cyprus
- For a 3-year period of Serbian presidency of the Carpathian Convention
- Aimed at facilitating closer collaboration between CESDEN and UNECE SC ESD and at integrating expertise of Cyprus
  - Implemented by Spirala Network in 2024 - 2025
  - Looking for closer collaboration with Serbian experts and partners in 2025, in order to co-organize Carpathian ESD Seminar in Serbia (envisioned in Spring 2025) and follow up on its results



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## Meeting Agenda Overview

- Presentation about the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD and ESD Strategy
  - *Aravella Zachariou, UNECE SC ESD;*
  - *Boglárka Kurka Ivanegová, Spirala;*
  - *Potential inputs from: Science4Carpathians: Joanna Zawiejska, University of the National Educational Commission in Krakow;*
- Brief activity to explore potential collaborations in 2024 within the framework of CESDEN (e.g. best practice and resource sharing, event participation and networking...)
- Carpathian Day as a Best practice from Romania - to be facilitated in other Carpathian Countries
  - *Liliana Virtopeanu, CC NFP Romania;*
  - *Lucia Ursu Retezat National Park, Romania;*
- Introduction of the Carpathian ESD Website and Resource Sharing platform

