

CARPATHIAN DAY

Consultation Meeting

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Carpathian Convention - Supporting environmental protection
and sustainable development of the Carpathians



MEETING AGENDA

- 01 Description of Carpathian Day and objectives**
- 02 Examples of Carpathian Day activities throughout Romania**
- 03 Way forward towards celebrating Carpathian Day throughout the Carpathian region**
- 04 Discussion and Q&A**
- 05 Next steps and closing**

ABOUT CARPATHIAN DAY

Celebrating our natural and cultural heritage

The Carpathian region holds a wealth of traditions, cultural sites, biodiversity, and unique habitats and species.

Carpathian Day is a yearly celebration of our diverse and common identities, landscapes, heritage and love for the Carpathian region that takes places **on or around 26 September.**

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**Imagine a day when all
Carpathian Countries celebrate
a day dedicated to our
natural and cultural heritage**

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Objectives

Help cultivate a Carpathian identity, raise environmental and cultural awareness of mountain landscapes, and inspire further protection and sustainable development of local communities.

Unite to preserve, celebrate and promote our precious **natural and cultural heritage**.

Foster a sense of **pride and belonging** across the Carpathian Region.

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Themes

Each year, a focus topic for Carpathian Day will be selected to encourage actors to raise awareness of the related Carpathian socio-ecological issues and the Carpathian Convention.

Activities for local Carpathian Day events are decided upon and organized by the interested hosts; thus, they may vary according to the specific locale and target audience.

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Hosts

01

Carpathian Protected Areas - CNPA

02

Schools

03

NGOs

04

Carpathian Community Organizations and Administrations

05

Mountain hiking groups

06

Young entrepreneurs and youth resettling rural areas

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Romanian Showcase



26 of September

ROMANIAN CARPATHIANS

a sanctuary for biodiversity, a fountain of culture, and a treasury of history



The Carpathian Mountains have always been seen as **the cradle of the Romanian natural and cultural heritage** over the centuries, serving as a true pillar of support for our national unity.

Carpathian Day, celebrated in Romania on 26 September, can be regarded as a genuine national celebration, even though it is not officially declared by any entity.

Carpathian Day to promote our shared natural and cultural heritage



Romanians celebrate this day, marking it with a variety of events that highlight the significance of the Carpathian Mountains in our identity

Carpathian Day is an opportunity for Romanian communities from the mountain range to reaffirm their commitment to environmental stewardship and celebrate the common history, folklore, and natural splendor that the Carpathians represent.

Carpathian Day fosters a sense of community and national pride, bringing together individuals in a shared appreciation for the natural and cultural heritage of Romania. It's a day that transcends geographical boundaries, uniting people in their love for the Carpathians and what they symbolize for the mountain communities.



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Retezat National Park Events



26 of September 2023



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Partners

How to engage?



Contează pentru viitor!



partnerships for conservation, education and promotion of our heritage and for the future of the community.



Retezat National Park - Carpathian Day 2023

Morning educational outdoor activities





Retezat National Park - Carpathian Day 2023

Noon activities for open public





Retezat National Park - Carpathian Day 2023

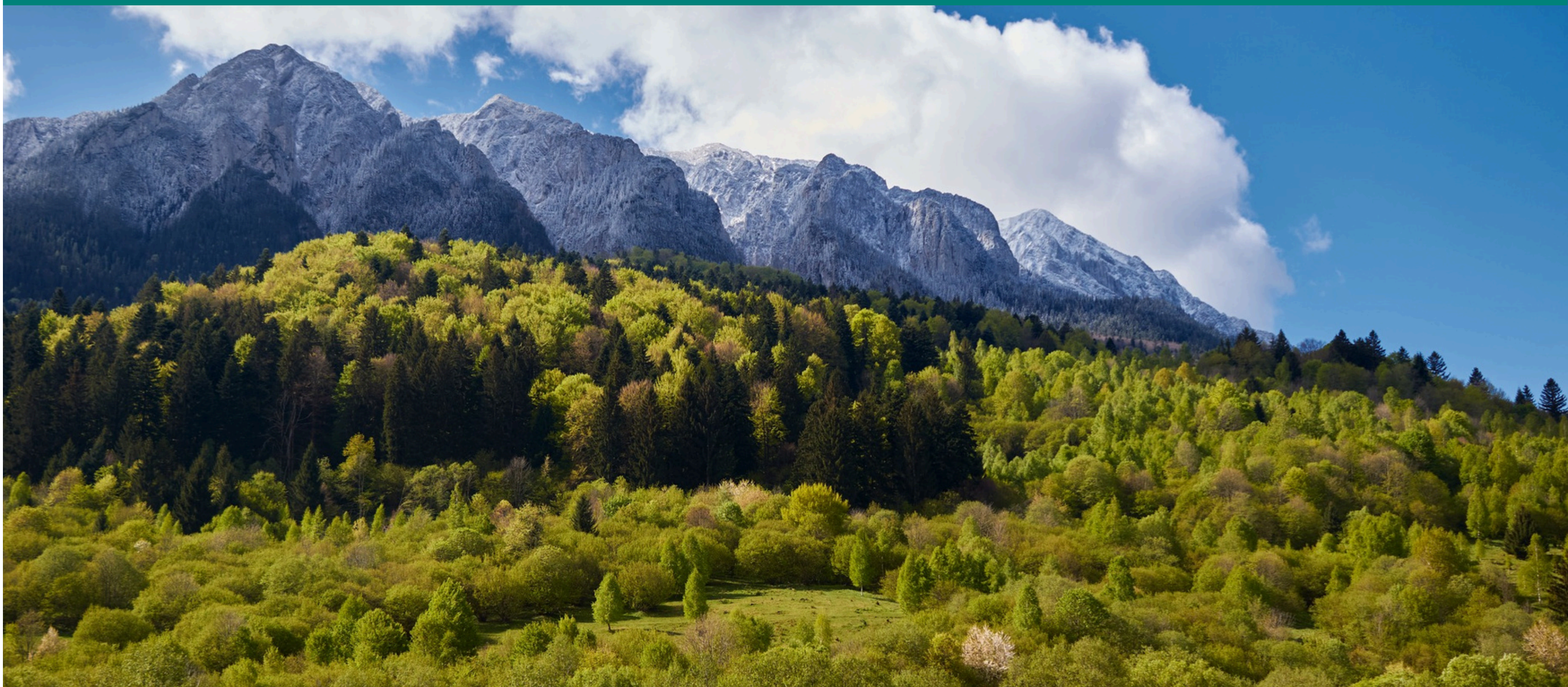
*Evening activities with Retezat National Park Youth
Junior Rangers*



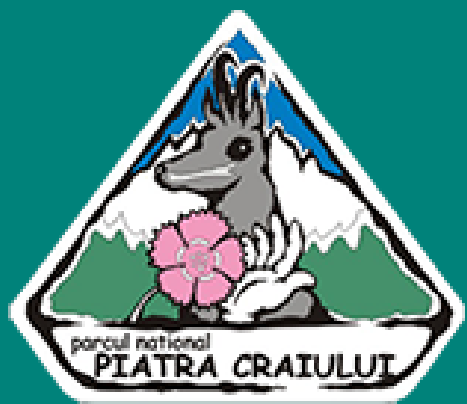


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Piatra Craiului National Park Events



26 of September 2023



Piatra Craiului National Park - Carpathian Day 2023

Thematic field activities with pupils from the communities of the park

Two field activities were organised, on the 26th and the 27th of September 2023. The first one with High School and the second one with Middle School pupils. For these activities interactive forms were prepared with relevant information on the Carpathians. During these thematic field trips the pupils were able to learn about the Carpathians, the importance of their protection and why this has to be a common effort. Also, they have learnt how to use a tourist map and how to behave in a protected area.





Piatra Craiului National Park - Carpathian Day 2023

Thematic field activities with pupils from the communities of the park





Piatra Craiului National Park - Carpathian Day

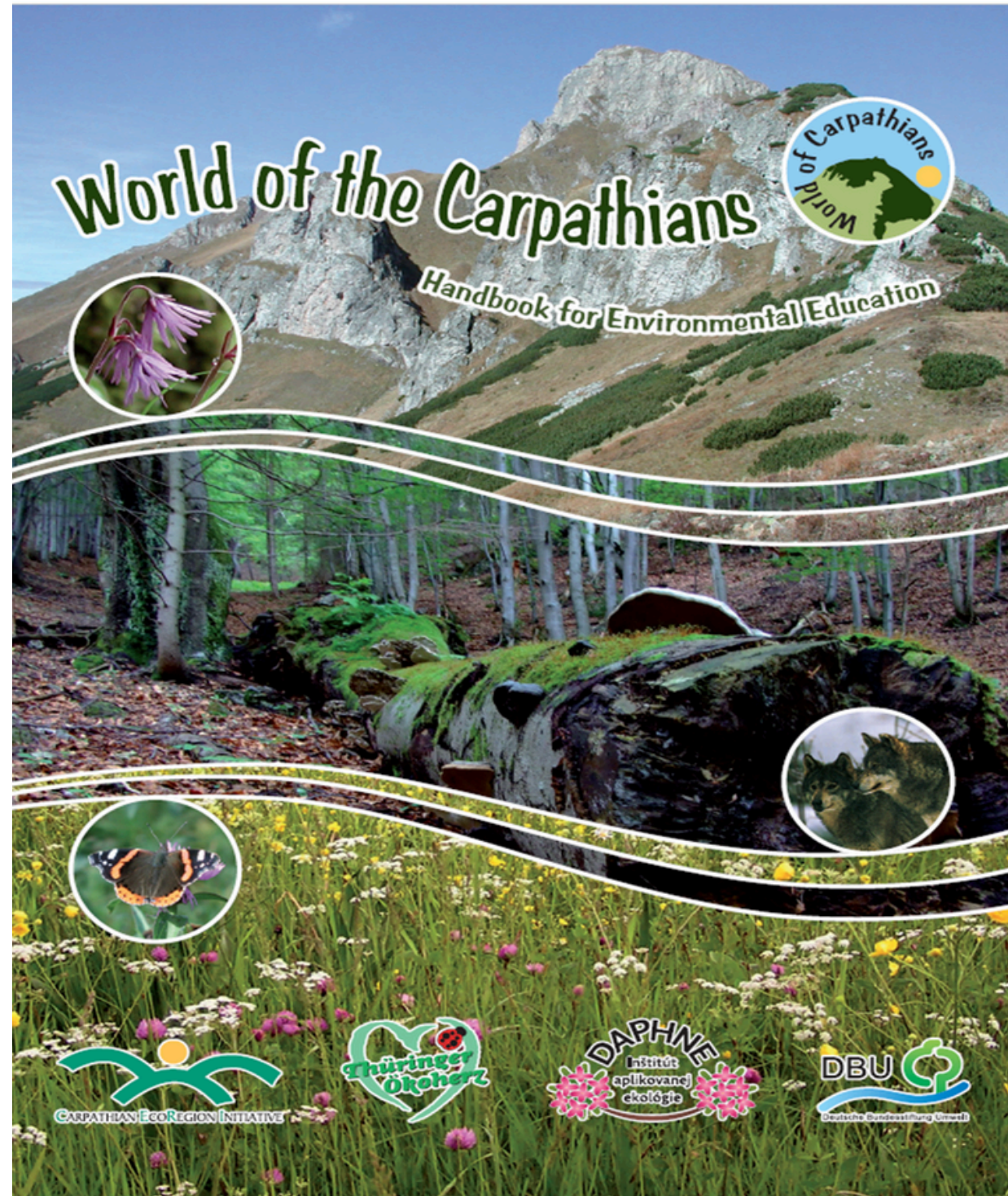
Indoor activities in 2022 concerning the Carpathians





Piatra Craiului National Park - Carpathian Day

Indoor activities in 2022 concerning the Carpathians



Activities

The Carpathian Countries

Topic: Abiotic conditions of the Carpathians
Goal: To become acquainted with the countries in which the Carpathians unfold, and to learn what is typical for this mountain in each particular country.
Content: In a map, the pupils assign names to the Carpathian countries, as well as their national flags and the characteristics of the Carpathians in each particular country.
Age: 9 – 14 years
Material: Worksheets 1– 3, scissors, crayons, and Internet or book resources; if needed, paper sheets of A3 format and glue are to be provided for each group
Room layout: To allow for working in groups
Subject: Geography

Procedure

1. Divide the children into groups. For each group, make a copy of worksheets 1 – 3. If possible, enlarge worksheet 1 to format A3. If this is not possible, give to each group a paper sheet of A3 format, on which the children will glue the worksheet 1.
2. Cut out worksheet 3 to cards.
3. From worksheet 2, the children cut out the names of countries and their national flags. They colour the flags according to models provided (it is suggested using an atlas, encyclopaedia or the Internet).
4. The task of the children is to identify correctly the Carpathian countries on the map (worksheet 1), and assign names, coloured flags and characteristics to them.
5. Check the results. By asking questions, find out what the children have learnt.

Solution

2 | Abiotic Conditions of the Carpathians 13

Worksheet 2

Find

	Poland		Serbia
	Czech Republic		Romania
	Austria		Ukraine
	Slovakia		Hungary

16 World of Carpathians



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Grădiștea Muncelului Cioclovina Nature Park Event



26 of September 2023



Grășitea Muncelului Cioclovina Nature Park

Noon activities





Grășitea Muncelului Cioclovina Nature Park

Mountain Day





Grășitea Muncelului Cioclovina Nature Park

Grășitea Muncelului Cioclovina Nature Park Event





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Retezat Tourism Association



26 of September 2023



Piatra Craiului National Park - Carpathian Day

Retezat Tourism Association



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OPERATIONALIZING CARPATHIAN DAY

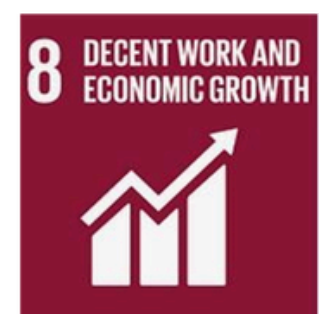
*ROADMAP FOR CELEBRATING CARPATHIAN DAY
THROUGHOUT THE REGION*



***enhancing implementation of global
and European policies through the
Carpathian Convention and promoting
them through Carpathian Day***



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



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***enhancing implementation of global
and European policies through the
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UNECE

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

1 Quality Education
& ESD



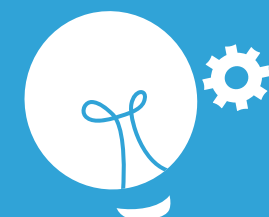
2 Whole Institution
Approach & ESD



3 Digital Education,
Communications
Technology & ESD



4 Entrepreneurship,
innovation & ESD



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SUGGESTED ROADMAP FOR OPERATIONALIZING CARPATHIAN DAY

01

BRANDING & PROMOTION

02

FUNDING

03

COALITION ORGANIZING

These suggestions integrate recommendations from Carpathian ESD Experts and are to be considered for future Carpathian Day celebrations.

SUGGESTED ROADMAP FOR OPERATIONALIZING CARPATHIAN DAY

01

BRANDING & PROMOTION

- **THEME:** selected each year
- **PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS:** website, poster & template, social media, logo
- **EDUCATIONAL KIT:** suggested activities for highlighting the year's thematic focus
- **GIVEAWAY MATERIALS:** national Carpathian Day coordinators disseminate to local hosts
- **MEDIA:** Involve local media and organize press conferences



SUGGESTED ROADMAP FOR OPERATIONALIZING CARPATHIAN DAY

02

FUNDING

- **DONORS:** Find partners to help fund local/national events
- **SPONSORS:** Local sponsors/organizing partners could contribute some giveaways

SUGGESTED ROADMAP FOR OPERATIONALIZING CARPATHIAN DAY

03

COALITION ORGANIZING

14-24 members with informal roles with 2 contacts from each Carpathian country

- **RECRUIT:** Encourage actors to host a local event and register their event on the website
- **LIASON:** Connect with and inform the Convention about local events, and share updates with hosts
- **DISSEMINATE:** Create (translate) and distribute materials with local contacts, including the Carpathian Day theme, slogan and educational kit



SUGGESTED ROADMAP FOR OPERATIONALIZING CARPATHIAN DAY

for 2024

01

**STOCKTAKE OF EXISTING
EVENTS**

02

**ASSESS INTEREST AMONG
STAKEHOLDERS AND
CONVENTION ACTORS**



CARPATHIAN DAY PILOT YEAR

for 2024

01

BRANDING & PROMOTION

- **THEME:** “Our identity lies in our heritage”
- **PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS:** website, poster & template, social media, logo
- **EDUCATIONAL KIT:** Provide some suggested activities (minimal)

03

COALITION ORGANIZING

- **RECRUIT:** Encourage actors to host and register their event
- **LIASON:** Connect between the Convention and local hosts
- **DISSEMINATE:** Distribute materials with local contacts

Guidelines for the Carpathian Countries

How to join the event?

Find your partners

Partner with local schools, public authorities or NGOs and organise an event or activity to promote Carpathian natural and cultural heritage.

Set the Date and Time

Find a time on or around the 26th of September for your event to take place. Promote it on social media and tag the Carpathian Convention.

Register your Event

Please provide us information about your Carpathian Day 2024 activities. We will be promote them across our network!



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Open Discussion

Questions for Romanian experts
Inputs on potential barriers to participation
Inputs on feasibility for 2024