

15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee

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## Carpathian Convention meetings – Tentative Calendar 2025

Date	Meeting	Venue	Leading Party	Co-partners	Agenda
January (TBC)	<b>Online consultation on implementation of the TA-PP LIFE Carpathian SNAP project</b>	Online	N/A	Blue! advancing European projects	If the recently submitted Technical Assistance Project Preparation (TA-PP) for the LIFE Carpathian Strategic Nature Project (SNaP) is approved, initial consultations with the involved Parties and designated stakeholders will be organized. These consultations will present and discuss the plans for developing the <i>Carpathian Biodiversity Framework – Action Plan</i> , as well as the related concept note and full project proposal for the LIFE Carpathian SNaP project. Additionally, the schedule and modalities for further consultations will be proposed during the meeting.
March/April	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Carpathian ESD Seminar</b>	Serbia	Serbia	Carpathian ESD Špirála network, UNECE SC ESD / Cyprus	The 3rd Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Seminar will build on the outcomes of previous meetings and the progress made by the Carpathian ESD Expert Network. It will serve as a platform to further strengthen cooperation within the network and to initiate joint activities aimed at advancing ESD in the Carpathian region.
March/April	<b>WG Forest</b>	Slovakia	Slovakia		<p>The meeting will further implementation of the WG Forest Work Plan 2023-2026, with potential focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- further discussion on the definition and criteria of the natural forests in the Carpathians,</li> <li>- presentation of the assessment of the impacts of climate change on the Carpathian forests and their ecosystems services</li> <li>- discussion on the assessment recommendation and their implementation</li> <li>- discussion on project development</li> <li>- support to Ukraine in the framework of the Carpathian Convention</li> <li>- consultation on the development of CBF Action Plan and related LIFE Carpathian SNAP project</li> </ul>

May (TBC)	<b>WG Biodiversity with potential meeting of the Large Carnivores Expert Group organized back-to-back</b>	Czech Republic	Czech Republic	LECA project, NaturaConnect	<p>The meeting will further implementation of the WG Biodiversity Work Plan 2024- 2026 and allow for consultations, with potential focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support the implementation of the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework, including consultations on development of the CBF Action Plan and related LIFE Carpathian SNAP project</li> <li>- Implement the International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity</li> <li>- Cooperate with partner initiatives</li> </ul> <p>A meeting of the Large Carnivores Expert Group to be organized back-to-back to the WG Biodiversity meeting will be considered.</p>
June	<b>Workshop on development of the CBF Action Plan and related LIFE Carpathian Strategic Nature Project</b>	Poland		Blue! advancing European projects	<p>If the recently submitted Technical Assistance Project Preparation (TA-PP) for the LIFE Carpathian Strategic Nature Project (SNaP) is approved, an in-person workshop will be organized. This workshop will provide an opportunity for in-depth discussions and consultations among the involved Parties and stakeholders. The primary focus will be the development of the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework – Action Plan, as well as the related concept note and full project proposal for the LIFE Carpathian SNaP project.</p>
1Q/2Q	<b>WG SARD and WG Cultural Heritage with the focus on pastoralism (TBC)</b>	Online (TBC)	Romania, Slovakia		<p>Further discussions are anticipated on the extension process of the multinational file, "Transhumance – the Seasonal Droving of Livestock," which is under consideration for inclusion on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) List for Carpathian countries. These discussions will also encompass the associated tasks required to advance this process. Additionally, the meeting may explore opportunities for collaboration toward the potential submission of a Carpathian Pastoralism file to UNESCO ICH in the future.</p>
9-11 September	<b>Forum Carpaticum 2025</b>	Slovakia		Science for the Carpathians	<p>Programme will be announced in due course</p>
October (TBC)	<b>16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee</b>	Serbia	Serbia		<p>Reporting on the implementation of the PoW 2024-2026 and further consultation with the Focal Points.</p>