

Carpathian Convention Secretariat – Activities and cooperation with support to Ukraine

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THE CARPATHIAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE MARKED A MILESTONE IN REGIONAL COOPERATION

21-22 November 2022 | Rzeszów, Poland

High-level representatives from the 7 Carpathian Convention Parties gathered to discuss the most pressing challenges of the region:

BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

Adopted Declaration: Carpathian Commitments for the new post 2020 global biodiversity framework implementation

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Adopted Declaration: Declaration on impact of the war on the environment in Ukraine and the need for cooperation and assistance



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THE DECLARATION ON IMPACT OF THE WAR ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN UKRAINE AND THE NEED FOR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

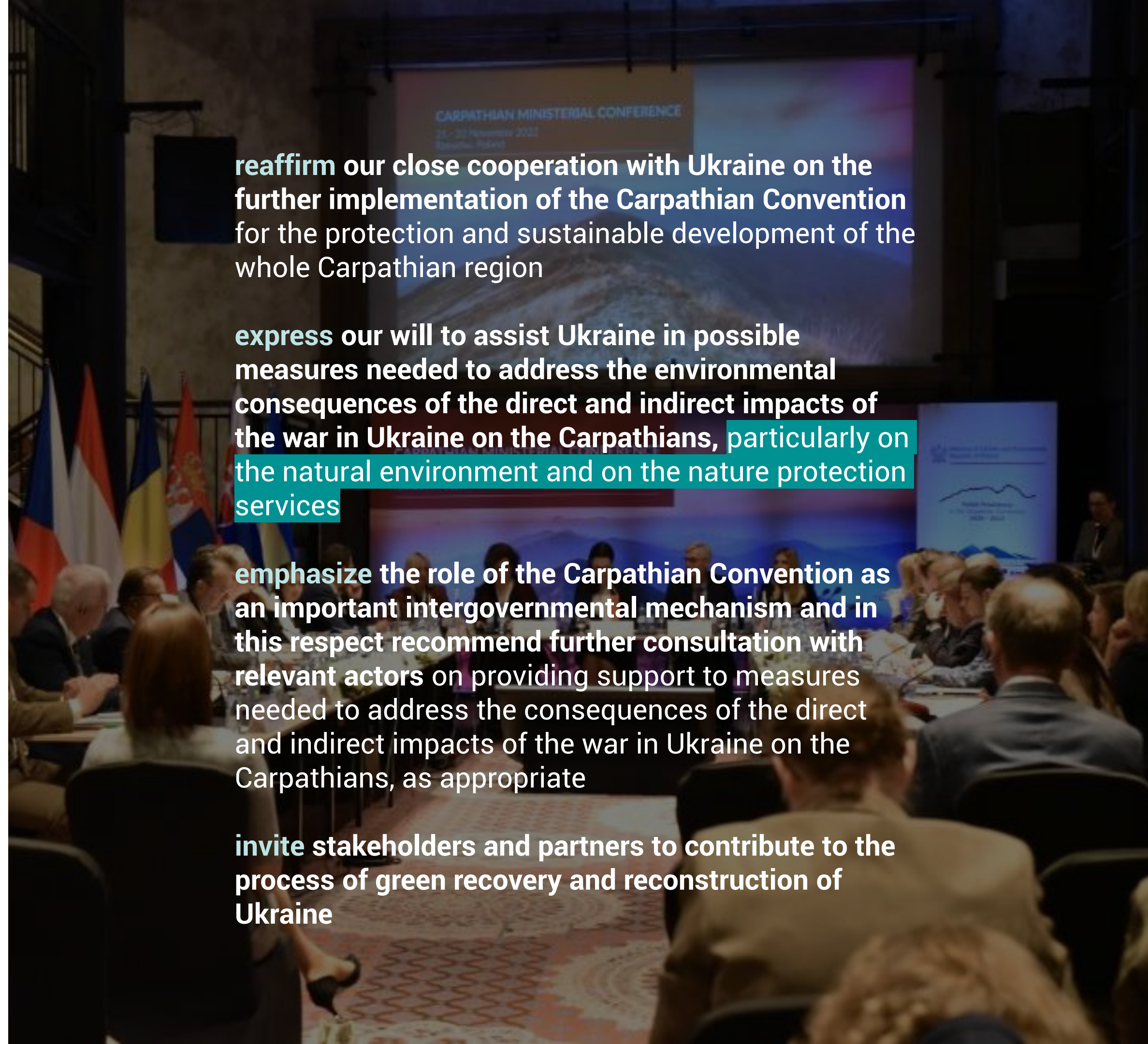
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reaffirm our close cooperation with Ukraine on the further implementation of the Carpathian Convention for the protection and sustainable development of the whole Carpathian region

express our will to assist Ukraine in possible measures needed to address the environmental consequences of the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians, particularly on the natural environment and on the nature protection services

emphasize the role of the Carpathian Convention as an important intergovernmental mechanism and in this respect recommend further consultation with relevant actors on providing support to measures needed to address the consequences of the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians, as appropriate

invite stakeholders and partners to contribute to the process of green recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine





COP7 MINISTERIAL DECLARATION - EMPOWERING THE CARPATHIAN VISION 2050

Urge for a unified and substantial effort to assist Ukraine to address the **environmental consequences** of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians

COP7 DECISIONS

Various provisions calling for support to Ukraine

SET OF MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT IMPACTS OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE ON THE CARPATHIANS

COP7 ADOPTED The Carpathian Biodiversity Framework (CBF)
CBF Strategic Objective 8

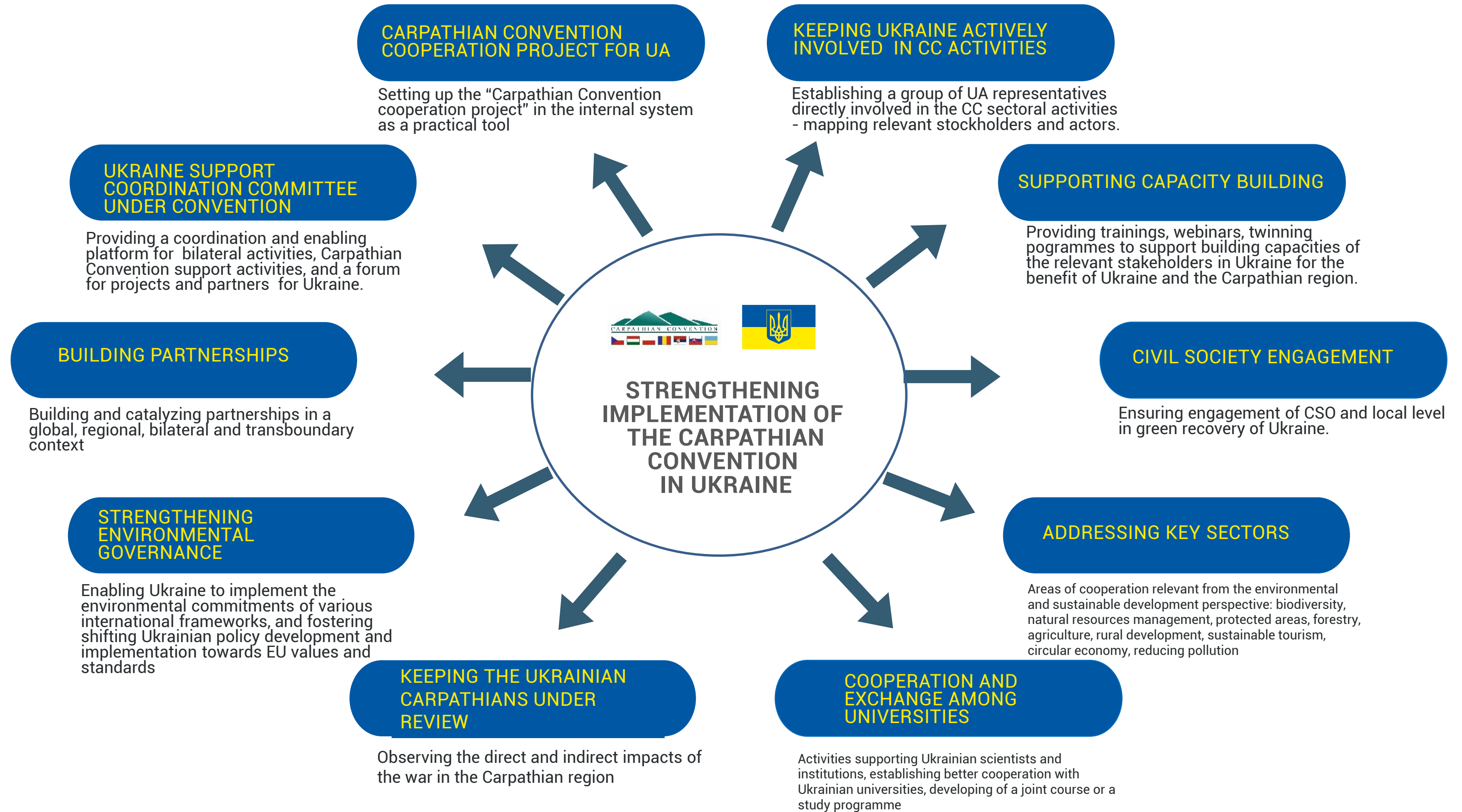
Cooperation with Ukraine on protecting and sustainably developing the whole Carpathian region is strengthened to better address the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians, particularly on the natural environment and nature protection services

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THE 7TH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP7) OF THE CARPATHIAN CONVENTION

11-13 October 2023 | Belgrade, Serbia

Set of measures to address the environmental consequences of the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians



Strategic projects supporting the Ukrainian Carpathians

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
(GEF) - Enhanced protected areas
network for biodiversity conservation
and development in Ukraine

Implementing Agency: UNEP

Executing Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine
- Supported by UNEP - Carpathian Convention Secretariat

THE PROJECT AIMS TO ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE BY:



**Strengthening a Protected
Areas network**



**Enhancing sustainable
forest management**



**Creating opportunities for
sustainable development,
particularly for vulnerable
mountain communities**



**Aligning with relevant articles
and protocols of the Carpathian
Convention ratified by Ukraine**



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OVERVIEW OF UKRANIAN PROTECTED AREAS TO BE INVOLVED:

	Protected Area	IUCN Category	Size	Administrative Region/Oblast
1	Cheremos'kyi National Nature Park	II	7, 117.5 ha	Chernivtsi
2	Vyzhnytskyi National Nature Park	II	11,238.0 ha	
3	Gorgany Nature Reserve	Ia	5,344.2 ha	Ivano-Frankivsk
4	Hutsulshchyna National Nature Park	II	32,271.0 ha	
5	Syniohora National Nature Park	II	10,866.0 ha	
6	Verhovynskyi National Nature Park	II	12,022.9 ha	
7	Carpathian National Nature Park	II	50,495.0 ha	Lviv
8	Boykivshchyna National Nature Park	II	12,240.0 ha	
9	Korolivski Beskydy National Nature Park	II	8,997.0 ha	
10	Skolivski Beskydy National Nature Park	II	32,684.0 ha	Zakarpattia
11	Carpathian Biosphere Reserve	II	66,417.4 ha	
12	Synevyr National Nature Park	II	40,777.0 ha	
13	Uzhanskyi National Nature Park	II	46,147.3 ha	
14	Zacharovanyi kray National Nature Park	II	6,101.0 ha	
Total			342,718.30 ha	



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EU LIFE PROGRAMME – Carpathian
LIFE Strategic Nature Project (SNAP)

PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR SUPPORTING TRANSBOUNDARY AND TRANSNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Possible source of **long-term (up to 10 years)**, **large-scale funding (up to 50 m EUR)**
- Aims at implementing some activities envisioned in the **Carpathian Biodiversity Framework (CBF) and EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030**:
 - extending the network of protected areas
 - enhancing the protected area network coherence by setting up ecological corridors
 - implementing EU nature restoration targets for species and habitats
 - restoring ecosystems
 - enhancing protection of the primary and old-growth forests
 - improving the health and resilience of managed forests
 - bringing nature back to agricultural land

BENEFITS FOR UKRAINE:

- Fully eligible for LIFE Programme
- Capacity-building opportunity in applying for LIFE and other EU funding
- Alignment with the EU acquis on environment



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UNIDO – Green industrial recovery
through municipality-based
development in Ukraine

PROJECT AIMS TO FACILITATE GREEN INDUSTRIAL RECOVERY THROUGH:

- municipality-based innovative partnerships in Ukraine and
- strengthening the capacity of public sector and government institutions at the national and municipality levels

CARPATHIAN CONVENTION SECRETARIAT ASSISTS UNIDO IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROJECT IN THE UKRAINIAN CARPATHIANS THROUGH:

- Coordinating with Carpathian Convention Working Groups and networks
- Engaging in joint events with Convention parties, partners, and stakeholders
- Strengthening cooperation between UA Carpathian municipalities and Alpine countries municipalities Promoting sustainable development efforts in Ukraine
- Social-economic innovation related to forest-products
- Capacity-building



UNITED NATIONS
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Progress by innovation



Transboundary cooperation activities supporting the Ukrainian Carpathians

**FACILITATING A "CARPATHIAN PEACE
PARK" BETWEEN UKRAINE AND
ROMANIA**

The park will aim to protect and preserve biodiversity, landscape and cultural heritage, offering the possibility to carry out scientific research, recreation and tourism activities

INITIAL CONSULTATION CONDUCTED

Conducted on both sides for establishing a transboundary natural park with the observance of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Carpathian Convention and the applicable national legal frameworks

IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS

Aims to strengthen relations between the two nations and its communities, which will create a platform for better common management of Carpathian natural resources, such as water, biomass and soil

Knowledge exchange for supporting the Ukrainian Carpathians

REGIONAL CARPATHIAN NETWORKS FOR SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

SCIENCE FOR THE CARPATHIANS (S4C)

- Ukraine Session at Forum Carpaticum 2025
 - Bratislava, Slovakia, 9-11 September

CARPATHIAN EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EXPERT NETWORK (CESDEN)

- Ukrainian CESDEN members representing universities and NGOs

S4C /CESDEN PROJECT: "Carpathians through the Future: Ecotourism through Heritage Interpretation"

- funded by the Visegrad Fund
 - Cooperation between academic institutions and initiatives in Ukraine, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary
 - One-year program with Ukrainian students with study tours to 4 countries and students' project development
 - Links with Carpathian School



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CARPATHIAN CONVENTION 10TH
MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

28-29 April 2025 | Bratislava, Slovakia



MEETING OUTCOMES

- Secretariat supported participation of 5 members of Ukraine delegation from the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine and the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine
- Discussions addressed urgent support for the Ukrainian forestry sector and the Carpathian forests
- Consideration of potential future plans under Ukrainian potential presidency
- Call for establishing a forestry support program for the Ukrainian Carpathians



Ministry of Environmental
Protection and Natural
Resources of Ukraine



State Forest Resources Agency of
Ukraine

Representatives of the Ministry of Environment participated
in the meeting of the Carpathian Convention

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From April 28 to 30, 2025 Edgar Tokar, Director of the Department of the Nature Reserve Fund of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, and the directors of the Ukrainian Carpathian national parks were on an official visit to Bratislava (Slovakia) at the invitation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) - the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and the Head of the Vienna Office of the United Nations Environment Programme, Harald Egerer.

Within the framework of the Carpathian
Convention, Ukrainian delegates joined
meeting of the Working Group on
Sustainable Forest Management in Bratislava,
Slovak Republic



Cooperation with other organizations

Forest Europe

FOREST EUROPE (FE) signatories and observers showed their solidarity with the Ukrainian people during the High-Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) 2022: Ministerial Decision "Supporting the recovery and sustainable management of Ukrainian forests and its forest sector" was endorsed

The Carpathian Convention contributed to the "Status quo report" describing the situation in the Ukrainian forest sector.



**Supporting the
Ukrainian forests**



Cooperation with other organizations

Environment Agency Austria - EU4Environment Water & Data Project

A project with a component on Land Monitoring in Ukraine, executed by UBA, ADA, OiEau, OECD, and UNECE.

PROJECT GOALS

Aim to improve environmental, climate, and socio-economic resilience, and human health, strengthen water resources management, and extend the environmental database for informed decision-making.

UKRAINE WORKSHOPS

Will be organized with thematic experts, stakeholders, decision-makers, and practitioners to provide insights into Earth Observation data, specifically focusing on vegetation health dynamics in forest ecosystems and the relationship between droughts and wildfires.

DATA EXTENSION

Ukrainian Corine Land Cover (CLC) data have been published on the EEA website:
<https://sdi.eea.europa.eu/catalogue/srv/eng/catalog.search#/metadata/95ea46c6-59ca-4c2c-9c9e-cd529035b914>

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