



Carpathian Convention Secretariat – Activities and cooperation with support to Ukraine



Ukraine's strong record of successful ratifications of the Carpathian Convention and its Protocols

	SIGNED	NATIONALLY RATIFIED/APPROVED
CARPATHIAN CONVENTION	2003	2004
PROTOCOL ON CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL AND LANDSCAPE DIVERSITY	2008	2009
PROTOCOL ON SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT	2011	2012
PROTOCOL ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM		2017
PROTOCOL ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT	2015	2016
PROTOCOL ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2017	2020
NEW ARTICLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE 12BIS	2017	completed

Carpathian Ministerial Conference

21-22 November 2022 Rzeszów, Poland

The Carpathian Ministerial Conference marked a milestone in the regional cooperation!

High-level representatives of the 7 Carpathian Convention Parties gathered to discuss the most pressing challenges of the region – biodiversity protection and the crisis in Ukraine.

Declaration adopted at the Conference:

- **Declaration on impact of the war on the environment in Ukraine and the need for cooperation and assistance**
- **Carpathian Commitments for the new post 2020 global biodiversity framework implementation**





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

- *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.**

7th Conference of the Parties (COP7) of the Carpathian Convention

11-13 October 2023 in Belgrade, Serbia

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



CARPATHIAN CONVENTION SUPPORTS THE UKRAINE GREEN RECOVERY PLATFORM

OUR IMPACT THROUGH "ECOSYSTEMS BASED RECOVERY"



1

Strengthen the Carpathian Natural Park's capacities, sustainable tourism and well-being of people

2

Promotion of Close-to-Nature Forest Management in Carpathians – Forest Trust Fund

3

Contribute to green recovery of economies at the municipal level in rural areas

4

Promotion of Education for Sustainable Development, creation of green jobs, and cross-sectoral cooperation

5

Maintain Traditional Knowledge of traditionally cultivated land and sustainable agriculture practices

6

Strengthen regional resilience through climate change mitigation and adaptation

7

Promotion and protection of Carpathian biodiversity as a capital for Sustainable Recovery

8

Cooperation to address the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the region

The unique role of the Carpathian Convention in Ukraine Recovery

PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTIVITIES

- REGIONAL PROJECTS FACILITATION ADDRESSING KEY SECTORS IN NATURE PROTECTION
- KEEPING THE UKRAINIAN CARPATHIANS UNDER REVIEW
- COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO UKRAINIAN CARPATHIANS

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

- SUPPORTING CAPACITY BUILDING ON ALL LEVELS
- BUILDING LASTING PARTNERSHIPS
- HUB - OPEN FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND EXCHANGE FOR ALL

INTERNATIONAL AND TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

- KEEPING UKRAINE AS ONE OF THE PRIORITIES OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE REGION
- UNIQUE CROSS-BORDER AND TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION
- INTERSECTORAL COOPERATION UNDER THE CONVENTION
- DEEPING EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OF UKRAINE - REGIONAL INSTRUMENT FOR ENHANCING GLOBAL AND EU POLICIES
- **TRANSFER SOLUTIONS FROM EU TO CARPATHIANS AND FURTHER TO ALL UKRAINE**

Strategic projects supporting the Ukrainian Carpathians. GEF

**Global Environment Facility (GEF) -
Enhanced protected areas network for
biodiversity conservation and
development in Ukraine**

The project aims at:

- biodiversity conservation through a strengthened Protected Areas network and the sustainable management of key forest ecosystems
 - increasing resilience to climate change
 - creating opportunities for sustainable development in the region, in particular, for vulnerable communities of mountain settlements
 - project's objectives and expected results are also aligned with the relevant articles and protocols of the Carpathian Convention ratified by Ukraine
- UNEP is the implementing agency for this project. Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine will be the executing agency, where UNEP through its Secretariat of Carpathian Convention will support the national executing entity within the project.



Strategic projects supporting the Ukrainian Carpathians

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Overview of Ukrainian Protected Areas for the information:

	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	
8	Boykivshchyna National Nature Park	II	12,240.0 ha	Lviv
9	Korolivski Beskydy National Nature Park	II	8,997.0 ha	
10	Skolivski Beskydy National Nature Park	II	32,684.0 ha	
11	Carpathian Biosphere Reserve	II	66,417.4 ha	Zakarpattia
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	



Other Examples of strategic projects supporting the Ukrainian Carpathians

UNIDO “Green industrial recovery through municipality-based development in Ukraine” project

Goal of the project is to contribute to green industrial recovery through municipality-based innovative partnerships in Ukraine and strengthen the capacity of public sector and government institutions at the national and municipality levels to facilitate green industrial recovery.

Carpathian Convention Secretariat will assist UNIDO in implementation of the “Green industrial recovery through municipality-based development in Ukraine” at Carpathian region of Ukraine through:

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



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



Progress by innovation



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

Facilitating a “Carpathian Peace Park” between Ukraine and Romania



-  *Carpathian National Nature Park*
-  *Cheremoskyi National Nature Park*
-  *Hutsulshchyna National Nature Park*
-  *Verkhovynskyi National Nature Park*
-  *Vyzhnytskyi National Nature Park*

Science for the Carpathians (S4C) and Carpathian ESD Expert Network

Integration of Ukrainian experts into the networks

- S4C Executive Board member from Ukraine: Mariana Melnykovich

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

2025 S4C Project: Carpathian School 2025 - "Carpathians through the Future: Ecotourism through Heritage Interpretation":

- Cooperation between academia 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

Carpathian networks in the fields of science and education for sustainable development (ESD)



LIFE Strategic Nature Project for the Carpathians

- strategic importance

Specific relevance for Ukraine:

- Possible source for the long-term funding
- Ukraine is fully eligible for LIFE Programme
- Great opportunity for Ukraine in terms of capacity building in applying for LIFE project and other EU funding opportunities
- Great opportunity for Ukraine's alignment with the EU acquis on environment

LIFE SNaP Project general specifics:

- Possible source of long-term (up to 10 years) large-scale funding (up to 50 m EUR) for some activities planned in the Carpathian region as envisioned in the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework (CBF)
- SNaP project would be particularly important for **transboundary and transnational activities**, which for different formal and/or legal reasons, cannot be financed from the national/ in-country funding sources of the involved Parties

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 situation in 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:** The project plans to extend the Corine Land Cover dataset for the Carpathian region.



Thank you!

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