

FINAL AGENDA

10th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group

on Sustainable Forest Management

28-29 April 2025, Bratislava, Slovakia

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13:00 – 17:30	Day 1 – 28 April
13:00 – 14:30	Arrival and registration of participants
14:30 – 15:30	Session I – Introduction <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Opening of the meeting – Harald Egerer, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and Ing. Kamil Kyšľa, PhD, Director General of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic 2) Welcome remarks by the SK WG Sustainable Forestry Management – Co-Chairs: Zlatica Csontos Šimoňáková, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, and Boris Greguška, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic 3) Welcome remarks by the Serbian Presidency – Aleksandar Stanojević, National Focal Point of Serbia 4) Adoption of the agenda – Zlatica Csontos Šimoňáková, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic 5) Report on the Outcomes of the Carpathian Convention COP7 and the Mandate of the Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management, based on the Work Plan on Sustainable Forest Management (2023-2026) – Secretariat
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:30	Session II – Advancing Forest Conservation in the Carpathians <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Presentation and update of the Inventory of the virgin forest in the Carpathians – (Secretariat) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates from countries and observers

	<p>7) Presentation of the criteria and indicators for identifying quasi-virgin forests adopted at COP7 – Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and methodology for mapping and data collection for the inventory of quasi-virgin forests Moderated discussion with feedback from countries and observers <p>8) Presentation of the final report of the Assessment of climate change risks and impacts on the Carpathian forests and their ecosystem services – Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderated discussion on further actions on the recommendations proposed by the Assessment of climate change risks and impacts on the Carpathian forests and their ecosystem services <p>9) Conclusions and closing of Day 1 - Zlatica Csontos Šimoňáková, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic</p>
18:30 – 21:00	Common dinner (to be paid by the participants) (TBC)

9:00 – 16:15	Day 2 – 29 April
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Session III - Adoption and implementation of global and regional frameworks</p> <p>10) Presentation of National biodiversity and action plan and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) till 2030 – Eva Viestová, Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic</p> <p>11) Presentation with the new EU Nature Restoration Law – Jozef Dóczy, Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic</p> <p>12) Presentation of the EU Forest Strategy and EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 – Boris Greguška, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic</p> <p>13) Restoration of Close to Nature Forests in the Carpathians - experience exchange (feedback from all countries)</p> <p>14) Forest Europe Ministerial Conference Bonn 2024 and the establishment of the Forest Risk Facility (FoRISK) – Dr. Bernhard Wolfslehner, Forest Europe, FoRISK</p> <p>15) Presentation of the Carpathian LIFE Strategic Nature Project (SNaP) and Roadmap for the SNaP Proposal Preparation – Dorothea H. Palenberg, blue! advancing European projects and Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive session of gathering feedback and moderated discussion on SNaP from the participants.
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break

11:15 – 13:00	<p>Session IV – Support to Ukraine</p> <p>16) Overview of the Secretariat of Carpathian Convention activities in support to Ukraine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Secretariat of Carpathian Convention activities in support to Ukraine – Secretariat Presentation of the Peace Park – Gabriel Paun, Agent Green and Daria Kholiavchuk, Chernivtsi National University Official photo opportunity in honour of the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement with Peace Park <p>17) Status of Ukrainian forestry and its urgent needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “War and climate change are threatening Ukraine’s forests. Ukrainian foresters are calling for support to implement close-to-nature forestry in the Carpathians” – Mariana Ostrovska, the State Forest Resource Agency of Ukraine Corine Land Cover Carpathian land use mapping update – Sergiy Zibtsev, National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine (online) Review of the recommendations of the international roundtable “Ecological and Legal, Scientific-Educational and Cross-Border Aspects of Implementation of the Carpathian Convention and its Protocols” held in Rahiv, Ukraine, in October 2024 – Fedir Hamor and Iryna Jonash, Carpathian Biosphere Reserve Support Without Harm: Preventing Environmental Violations in Ukraine – Ganna Lobchenko, Senior Expert Forests, WWF-UA, WWF-CEE representative <p>18) Moderated discussion on support to Ukrainian forest sector within WG Sustainable Forest Management (Secretariat)</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Common lunch at the venue (TBC)
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Session V - Cooperation with projects relevant to the WG Forests</p> <p>19) ForestConnect project interactive session, updates from the Expert Meeting – Kostadin Valchev, Senior Forest Expert, WWF Bulgaria</p> <p>20) NaturaConnect project updates – Marek Giergiczny, University of Warsaw, Department of Microeconomics, Warsaw Centre of Ecological Economics (online)</p>
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 15:45	Session VI – Cooperation with other organizations and bodies

	<p>21) Alpine Convention Cooperation – presentation of the activities of the Working Group on Mountain Agriculture and Mountain Forestry (WG MAMF) – Giorgio Matteucci, Institute of BioEconomy (IBE) (online)</p> <p>22) Permanent Secretariat of "Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe", – Jana Baumgartner, E.C.O Institute of Ecology</p> <p>23) Forum Carpaticum 2025 overview – Jakub Csabay, Comenius University</p>
15:45 – 16:15	<p>Session VII – Conclusions</p> <p>24) Conclusions, next steps, and closing of the 10th WG Sustainable Forestry Management meeting</p>