

16th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee
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16th Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC) Recommendations

DECISION COP7/1 Implementation of the Carpathian Convention

- The CCIC *welcomes* the submission of the concept note for the “CARPATHIAN LIFE” Strategic Nature Project (SNaP) and its successful evaluation followed by an invitation to submit a full application for the second stage and *supports* the development of the related Carpathian Biodiversity Framework (CBF) Implementation Plan, outlining the activities to be undertaken during the CARPATHIAN LIFE project implementation. Recognizing the project’s crucial role in advancing the substantive implementation of the CBF and its strategic importance for the Carpathian region, the CCIC *encourages* the Parties and relevant stakeholders to actively engage in the preparation of the full project proposal and support its successful evaluation and endorsement at all levels.
- Considering the LIFE SNaP Programme requirements, the CCIC *invites* Parties to consider an exceptional adoption procedure for the CBF Implementation Plan to ensure timely compliance; *requests* the Secretariat to proceed with the relevant procedural arrangements; and *invites* the COP Bureau to assist with the process.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the progress made in implementing the [Set of measures - support to Ukraine within the Carpathian Convention](#), especially the development of the project proposal for the GEF-8 project "Enhanced Protected Areas Network for Biodiversity Conservation and Development" in Ukraine, as well as the cooperation with UNIDO on the implementation of the project "Green Industrial Recovery through Municipality-Based Development in Ukraine" in the Carpathian region; in this regard, the CCIC *requests* the Secretariat and *invites* relevant stakeholders to further advance on undertaking relevant measures to support Ukraine.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the proposal of organizing the conference in 27-28 April 2026, Vienna, Austria, titled “Ukrainian Carpathians Nature Recovery Dialogue”, which aims at providing an overview of recovery needs in the Ukrainian Carpathians, presenting opportunities for donor engagement, and fostering strategic partnerships to advance both short and long-term sustainable development and resilience initiatives in the region, thereby contributing to the implementation of the *Ministerial Declaration of the Carpathian Convention on the impact of war on the environment in Ukraine* and the *Set of measures – support to Ukraine within the Carpathian Convention*; and *requests* the Secretariat and relevant partners to support the donor conference organization.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the regional Carpathian Day initiative, including the events that took place in 2025 throughout the Carpathians. Furthermore, the CCIC *invites* the Parties and relevant stakeholders to organize and/or participate in a local Carpathian Day event on or around 26 September, and *encourages* organizers to consider organizing an event around the theme related to International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.
- The CCIC *welcomes* efforts of Romanian partners and support provided by the Secretariat to include the “Carpathian Mountains Day” as an official national celebration in Romania in liaison with the Parliamentary Commission of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate responsible for relations with UNESCO and *invites* Parties to consider facilitating similar initiatives.

- The CCIC *welcomes* the initiative of the [International Carpathian School](#) and its celebration of the Carpathian Day in Ukraine, organized by the National Ecological Centre of Ukraine within the project “Shifting towards Ecotourism in Protected Areas through Heritage Interpretation”, and co-financed by the governments of Czechia, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia through the Visegrad Grants of the International Visegrad Fund; *requests* the Secretariat and relevant partners to continue actively engaging in these initiatives and their follow-up; and *invites* the Parties to support such efforts.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the International Award Corona Carpatica, which aims at promoting the cultural and natural values of the Carpathians as well as the principles of good international neighborliness, *acknowledges* the efforts of the Carpathian Biosphere Reserve in this regard, as well as its cooperation with the Secretariat. The CCIC *takes note* of the invitation of the Carpathian Biosphere Reserve to the Secretariat to join the International Award “Corona Carpatica” as a co-founding partner and *welcomes* the Secretariat’s decision to participate in this initiative.

DECISION COP7/2 Cooperation with regional and local authorities and all relevant stakeholders

- The CCIC *welcomes* the ongoing implementation of the Central Mountains project and *recommends* further consultations and possible consideration of its recent outcomes—including “Alpine - Carpathian Toolbox for Participation in Central European Mountain Areas”, “Toolbox for identifying, creating and developing Cross-Border Functional Areas in Central Europe” and “Strengthened framework for fostering collaboration among civil society organizations in the Carpathian region”—for integration into the implementation of the Carpathian Convention, as they can contribute to strengthening governance and enhancing stakeholder engagement in the Carpathian region.
- The CCIC *invites* the Secretariat to develop a draft Memorandum of Cooperation with the Carpathian Civil Society Platform to support greater integration of civil society organization perspectives and expertise into policymaking and implementation of the Carpathian Convention.

DECISION COP7/4 Cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme

- The CCIC *acknowledges* the ongoing consultations between the Secretariat and UNEP’s Corporate Services Division Legal Unit regarding the Secretariat’s potential participation in the CARPATHIAN LIFE project as a beneficiary, and, considering the formal and administrative requirements related to UNEP’s involvement in EU-funded programmes, the CCIC *requests* the Secretariat to continue liaising with UNEP to undertake all necessary measures to facilitate the Secretariat’s full participation as beneficiary in the project. The CCIC *emphasizes* that the active involvement of the Secretariat is essential to ensure effective coordination among the Carpathian Convention Parties, foster stakeholder cooperation, and guarantee full alignment of project activities with the objectives and provisions of the Carpathian Convention.
- The CCIC also *requests* the Secretariat to review and consult possible improvements of the Secretariat services arrangement within the United Nations organizational framework to allow for project implementation, e.g. CARPATHIAN LIFE project, and provide related options until COP8.

DECISION COP7/5 Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies

- Further to the COP14 of the Convention for the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and its adopted Concerted Action for the Eurasian Lynx, the CCIC *recalls* the proposal of developing a joint strategy for the conservation of the autochthonous lynx population in the Carpathian Mountains (Carpathian Lynx Strategy) under the auspices of the Carpathian Convention, the Convention on Migratory Species, and the Bern Convention. In this regard, the CCIC *encourages* the Parties, the Working Group on Biodiversity, the Large Carnivores Expert Group, relevant partners, and the Secretariats of the respective Conventions to undertake the necessary steps towards its development at the earliest convenience. Furthermore, the CCIC *invites* the Secretariats of the relevant Conventions to strengthen their cooperation for this purpose.
- The CCIC takes note of the Range-wide Strategy for the Rescue and Conservation of the Balkan Lynx (*Lynx lynx balcanicus*) 2026–2035 developed as a part of the Convention on Migratory Species COP 14 Concerted Action for the Eurasian Lynx, and invites Parties, Working Group on Biodiversity, the Large Carnivores Expert and other relevant stakeholders to consult and consider the Strategy with the view on strengthening cooperation for conservation of the Eurasian lynx and its subspecies in the region.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the cooperation between the Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and the Carpathian Convention and the identified initial areas of collaboration, including developing a pilot project and a joint initial assessment of plastic pollution in the Carpathian region, aiming at developing broader policy and technical collaboration. Furthermore, the CCIC *welcomes* the proposal to develop a Memorandum of Understanding or a similar document between the Conventions and *invites* the Secretariat to make necessary arrangements in this regard.
- The CICC *welcomes* the joint policy brief developed in cooperation with mountain-specific alliances and cooperation platforms, including its draft recommendations for operationalising the climate-biodiversity nexus in mountain ecosystems through both the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UNFCCC.
- The CCIC *takes note* of the XIV European Mountain Convention “From Pastures to Policies: ensuring the Future of extensive livestock farming in mountain territories”, to be held on 9–11 June 2026 in Sallanches, France, and welcomes Euromontana’s invitation to collaborate, including through a joint session, contributions from Carpathian Convention Parties and stakeholders and related outputs. Furthermore, the CCIC *invites* the Secretariat to actively engage in this cooperation and *encourages* Parties to support the process.

DECISION COP7/7 Cooperation with Eurac Research

- The CCIC *expresses* its profound appreciation for the longstanding and dynamic collaboration between the Secretariat and Eurac Research. Eurac Vienna Office’s indispensable contributions have been instrumental in driving forward key initiatives and projects. The CCIC *endorses* the continuation and deepening of this successful partnership, recognizing it as a strong added value to the ongoing and future work of the Secretariat and Convention.
- The CCIC *extends* its sincere thanks to Eurac Research for assuming the role of coordinator of the CARPATHIAN LIFE project proposal, in consultation with the Parties and the Secretariat, and for further developing the project proposal, and *reaffirms* the trust and confidence placed in Eurac’s expertise, professionalism, and longstanding commitment to the Carpathian region.
- CCIC *thanks* Eurac Research for taking the initiative to organize the upcoming workshop on governance within the Alpine and Carpathian Conventions, scheduled for 16 December 2025 in Vienna, with the support of the Secretariat. The CCIC *encourages* broad participation of Parties and partners in the workshop and supports the use of this platform to promote the uptake of outputs

from the Central Mountains project and to advance governance mechanism within the Carpathian Convention.

DECISION COP7/8 Strengthening science-policy-practice interface and cooperation with scientific networks

- The CCIC *welcomes* progress in strengthening the Science for the Carpathians (S4C) network and the active role of the Secretariat in supporting the S4C; *requests* the Secretariat to continue its close cooperation with the S4C; and *invites* the Parties to contribute to the process, as relevant.
- The CCIC *welcomes with appreciation* the results of the 8th Forum Carpaticum 2025 and the active engagement of the Secretariat in the Forum. It *welcomes of* the recommendations to the Carpathian Convention and proposals to update the S4C Research Agenda 2030; *invites* the Parties to take the recommendations into close consideration; and *requests* the Secretariat to continue close collaboration with the S4C in this respect.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the Memorandum of Cooperation with Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Slovakia and Roma Environmental Sustainability & Development Initiative – RESDI, signed during the Forum Carpaticum 2025 in Bratislava; *requests* the Secretariat to continue active collaboration with these partners; and *invites* the Parties to contribute to the joint activities, as relevant.
- The CCIC *welcomes with appreciation* activities of the Secretariat and partners related to strengthening the science-policy-practice interface and cooperation with scientific networks, including strengthening the participation of young and early career scientists, such as through the Student Conference on Conservation Science in Hungary (SCCS Europe) and ProBioTIC project; *takes note of* the resulting recommendations relevant for the Carpathian Convention; *requests* the Secretariat to continue these efforts; and *invites* the Parties to support the process.
- The CCIC *takes note of* the recommendation by S4C to address challenges of river and wetland restoration and water management specific to vulnerable mountain environments and communities in the Carpathian region, as well as the initiative of S4C to support this process, taking into account other relevant regional and international processes and frameworks. In this regard, the CCIC *requests* the Secretariat to consult with the Parties and stakeholders on the most suitable approach.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the recommendation of S4C, based on the Forum Carpaticum 2025 expert input, to explore intersectional vulnerabilities in the Carpathian region, *invites* the Secretariat to consider how vulnerable groups can be better included as active participants in the existing and future activities of the Working Groups and projects under the Carpathian Convention, in order to facilitate their meaningful participation, and *invites* the Parties to support this process.

DECISION COP7/9 Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity

Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention

- The CCIC *welcomes* the successful organization of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on Biodiversity held in Veselí nad Moravou, Czech Republic, on 13–14 May 2025 and *commends* the Czech Republic for hosting and chairing the meeting.

- The CCIC *welcomes* the ongoing implementation of the “LECA project: Supporting the coexistence and conservation of Carpathian LargE CArnivores” and *encourages* the Parties, the Working Group on Biodiversity, the Large Carnivores Expert Group, relevant stakeholders, and the Secretariat to actively contribute to the ongoing consultations and activities that are crucial for updating the International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians and its implementation
- The CCIC *welcomes* progress made in the implementation of the NaturaConnect project, including the factsheet series on financing options for the Trans-European Nature Network (TEN-N), and *invites* the Working Group on Biodiversity, its observers, and relevant stakeholders to use available project deliverables and participate in future NaturaConnect capacity-building events.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the ongoing implementation of the “ForestConnect: Towards a Climate-smart Forest Connectivity for Large Carnivores in the Balkan-Carpathian-Dinaric Region” project and *invites* the Working Group on Biodiversity, the Large Carnivores Expert Group, the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas, relevant stakeholders, and the Secretariat to contribute to consultations on guidelines on management of transnational mosaic habitats for large Carnivores along forest corridors and on preserving ecosystems and related services, as appropriate.

DECISION COP7/12 Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention

- The CCIC *welcomes* active collaboration of the Secretariat with the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists Coalition (IYRP 2026), *requests* the Secretariat to continue coordination and collaboration with IYRP 2026 on meetings and events, as relevant, and *invites* the Parties to actively contribute and participate in IYRP2026-related events and processes, as possible and relevant.

The CCIC *welcomes* the progress made in implementing the project “[Linking biodiversity, pastoralism and cultural heritage through education for sustainable development \(ESD\) in the Carpathian Region](#)” and *expresses* appreciation to the German Federal Environment Ministry’s Advisory Assistance Programme (AAP) for supporting the project.

- The CCIC *welcomes* Secretariat’s efforts in cooperating with partners to integrate and co-create knowledge in the field of pastoralism and addressing the needs of herders and shepherds in the Carpathian region and beyond, including:
 - Envisioned contribution to the chapter in a book: “Barriers and opportunities to inclusion and participation of vulnerable groups in the EU Green Deal”;
 - Planned collaborations with Eurac Research and Euromontana, including, but not limited to, addressing EU Common Agricultural Policy.
- The CCIC *requests* the Secretariat to continue its efforts in the field of pastoralism and *invites* the Parties to support the process, including the facilitation of engaging relevant experts in Carpathian Convention events related to pastoralism. Furthermore, the CCIC *invites* the Parties to consider recommendations resulting from these events and collaborations, such as the “[Traditional farming for better future: The Rzeszów Manifesto](#)” and disseminate them as appropriate.
- The CCIC *welcomes* with appreciation the active engagement of the Secretariat in developing the multinational extension of the file “Transhumance - the seasonal droving of livestock under UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List of Humanity;” *thanks* Romania for coordinating the process; and *takes note of* the references to the Carpathian Convention and its role in the application file, including the subsection on Carpathian collaboration within the Safeguarding Measures. In this respect, the CCIC *invites* the Parties who joined the multinational file to-date to maintain a coordinated and unified approach within the group to enhance their visibility and

influence and to actively engage in developing “shared, cross-sectoral solutions” and concrete collaborative initiatives, supported by cross-sectoral efforts to safeguard the natural and cultural heritage linked to mobile pastoralism, in order to further strengthen Carpathian Convention Parties’ collective position within the group of 16 countries, establishing them as key partners in future projects for implementing the Safeguarding Plan. The CCIC *requests* the Secretariat to actively participate in and facilitate the process.

- The CCIC *encourages* the Parties to take next steps, as appropriate, toward developing a joint nomination file: "Safeguarding Carpathian Pastoralism" to the third list of UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage: Register of Good Safeguarding Practices and identifying a coordinating party to lead the nomination, *takes note* of the envisioned further steps of the process, *thanks* the Romanian coordinator of the multinational Transhumance extension for providing guidance on the process, *invites* the parties to play an active role in the process and *requests* the Secretariat to facilitate these steps.

DECISION COP7/13 Sustainable Forest Management

Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention

- The CCIC *welcomes* the successful organization of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management held in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 28–29 April 2025 and *commends* Slovakia for hosting and co-chairing.
- The CCIC *supports* the Working Group on Forests’ invitation to the EEA to continue jointly working with the Secretariat and the Working Group in accordance with the renewed Work Plan 2026–2027 and to, among others, continue the development and expansion of the virgin and quasi-virgin forest inventory.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the recommendation of the Working Group on Forests to continue developing the Carpathian Forest Inventory, aligning national and EU definitions with Carpathian Convention criteria on virgin and quasi-virgin forests, and to initiate preparing the guidelines on collecting information on quasi-virgin forests in the Carpathian region; *invites* the Working Group on Forests and relevant stakeholders to contribute expertise, data, and resources to this effort; and *requests* the Secretariat to support the process in this regard.
- The CCIC *supports* the Working Group on Forests’ recommendation to initiate a dedicated workstream for forest-related support as a part of the broader Carpathian Convention support programme for Ukraine. In this regard, the CCIC *requests* the Secretariat and *invites* Parties, Working Group on Forests, and relevant stakeholders to support and contribute to this process.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the support of the Secretariat for the project implementation of the “ForestConnect: Towards a Climate-smart Forest Connectivity for Large Carnivores in the Balkan–Carpathian–Dinaric Region” and *invites* the relevant Working Groups and stakeholders to further contribute to the completion of the “Strategic Action Plan with Adaptation Actions and Resilience-Enhancing Forest Management Practices for Protected areas” and support its implementation, as appropriate, to accelerate climate adaptation and forest resilience efforts of the Carpathian countries.

DECISION COP7/14 Sustainable transport and infrastructure, industry, and energy

Article 8 of the Carpathian Convention, Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention

- The CCIC *welcomes* the strengthened cooperation of the Secretariat with UNIDO, *requests* the Secretariat to further explore how this collaboration can enhance the programme of work of the

Convention in the thematic area of industry and energy, and *invites* the Parties to actively contribute to this process.

DECISION COP7/15 Sustainable tourism

Article 9 of the Carpathian Convention

- The CCIC *appreciates* the contribution of the “Central Mountains” project toward strengthening governance of the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform and in this respect *welcomes* proposed instruments such as “Action Plan for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Carpathians” for Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, and Romania and related “CSTP Work Plan” and “Cross-Border Working Teams” to foster thematic in-depth pan-CSTP cooperation. In this regard, the CCIC *invites* the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Tourism to consider the proposed documents within the implementation of the Tourism Protocol and other Carpathian Convention provisions.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the proposal to organize the 11th Working Group on Sustainable Tourism meeting back-to-back with the final conference of the Central Mountains project, scheduled on 11–12 March 2026 in Rzeszów, Poland; *appreciates* the contribution of the Central Mountains project and support of relevant partners including the Association of the Carpathian Euroregion and the Brasov County Council; and in this respect, *requests* the Secretariat to support the process.
- The CCIC *welcomes with appreciation* the recent signature of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ministry of Economy, Digitalization, Entrepreneurship and Tourism of Romania and the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, formally recognising the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Centre in Brașov as part of the Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform.

DECISION COP7/16 Cultural Heritage and traditional knowledge

Article 9 of the Carpathian Convention

- The CCIC *welcomes* active collaboration of the Secretariat and the Carpathian Convention Focal Points with Focal Points of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention, including through joint meetings and events, *requests* the Secretariat and *invites* the Parties to continue strengthening this collaboration.
- The CCIC *welcomes* collaboration of the Secretariat with International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and active engagement of the Secretariat in the project “ICOMOS World Heritage Transhumance Initiative: Defining a Thematic Approach Towards Sustaining Transhumance Cultural Landscapes in a Changing Environment,” its meetings and events, as well as providing inputs into the Baku Declaration Adopted at the Transhumance Expert Conference “Transhumance Landscapes of Global Importance.” The CCIC *requests* the Secretariat to continue building on this collaboration and *invites* the Parties to support the process.
- The CCIC *appreciates* efforts of the Secretariat to promote the potential of the Carpathian Convention in bridging frameworks focused on the protection and safeguarding of cultural heritage and addressing cross-sectoral challenges, such as integrating cultural and natural heritage. Furthermore, the CCIC *requests* the Secretariat and *invites* the Parties to actively contribute to strengthening and fostering strategic partnerships, such as with the UNESCO conventions and UNESCO Global Geoparks, for understanding of cultural landscapes as dynamic social-ecological systems in the Carpathian region.

- The CCIC *welcomes* efforts of the Secretariat and its partners to organize a “Carpathian Fair” at the Forum Carpaticum 2025 and *invites* the Secretariat and the Parties to continue facilitating such events.

DECISION COP7/17 Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning

Article 12 of the Carpathian Convention

- The CCIC *expresses* its appreciation for the long-standing partnership between the European Environment Agency (EEA) and the Carpathian Convention, and the valuable support on forests and climate change related work and *encourages* the renewal of the joint Work Plan for 2026–2027 to continue this productive collaboration.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the active cooperation of the Secretariat with relevant stakeholders under the EU-funded projects contributing to the further development of CCIBIS and *recommends* that the Secretariat further strengthen the platform, in consultation with EEA and relevant experts.
- The CCIC *acknowledges* the ongoing efforts of the “ForestConnect: Towards a Climate-smart Forest Connectivity for Large Carnivores in the Balkan-Carpathian-Dinaric Region” for technological updates based on open-source solutions and upscaling the CCIBIS with new technological tools that will allow stakeholders to continue using the data.

DECISION COP7/19 Awareness raising, education and public participation

Article 13 of the Carpathian Convention

- The CCIC *welcomes* active collaboration of the Secretariat with the UNECE Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), including via the Carpathian ESD Expert Network, *invites* the Parties to actively build on this and other synergies between Carpathian Convention and ESD-related frameworks, including but not limited to, UNESCO ESD-net and Global Education Network Europe, and to strengthen the visibility of these synergies by linking them more closely with national education policies and frameworks of the Carpathian countries. The CCIC *requests* the Secretariat to continue facilitating this process.
- The CCIC *encourages* the Secretariat and the Parties to further promote a joint Carpathian approach to education for sustainable mountain development, and to consider developing a common framework for mountain ESD activities, potentially connected with the UNESCO ESD-Net and ESD for 2030 initiatives.
- The CCIC *welcomes with appreciation* continuous support of the Republic of Cyprus and its kind facilitation by the Chair of the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD for the Carpathian ESD Expert network and its activities since 2023; *requests* the Secretariat to continue collaborating with the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth of the Republic of Cyprus as relevant and coordinating the Carpathian ESD activities with Špirala and the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD; and *invites* the Parties to continue supporting this process.
- The CCIC *encourages* the Parties to facilitate up-to-date nominations, as necessary, of governmental ESD experts to the Carpathian ESD Expert Network and connect with relevant ESD experts and networks in their respective countries. The CCIC *supports* the continuation and expansion of the Carpathian ESD Expert Network and *encourages* closer collaboration among

schools, universities and protected areas to promote cross-border educational initiatives in the region.

- The CCIC *welcomes* the focus on youth and Secretariat's efforts in strengthening the participation of youth and young professionals in implementing the Carpathian Convention and in developing innovative educational initiatives that contribute to raising awareness and building capacities for sustainable mountain development across the Carpathian region, such as through collaboration with the "ProBioTIC Project: Promoting Biodiversity Through Transdisciplinary Learning in the Carpathians," active participation in the Student Conference on Conservation Science in Hungary (SCCS Europe) and in the International Carpathian School; *encourages* the continuation of such initiatives, particularly those fostering cooperation between educational institutions, local communities and protected areas; *requests* the Secretariat to continue efforts in this respect and *invites* the Parties to support these efforts.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the active engagement of youth and young professionals in activities related to the Carpathian Convention and contributions provided by them. It furthermore *requests* the Secretariat and *invites* the Parties to explore and provide opportunities for active participation and meaningful engagement of youth and young professionals in Carpathian Convention meetings and events, as relevant.
- The CCIC *welcomes* the Secretariat's participation in the Advisory Board of the EUKI project "Empowering Roma Communities in the Green Deal" and the aims of the project, including establishing an Aarhus Platform for Roma communities in the Carpathian region.
- The CCIC *welcomes* activities and events co-organized by the Secretariat and its partners, including Špirála - the Slovak Network of Environmental Education Providers, in the framework of the Carpathian ESD Expert Network, including, but not limited to, the ESD Session at the Forum Carpaticum 2025 Conference. The CCIC *requests* the Secretariat and *invites* the Parties to continue coordinating and supporting such activities, and to consider resulting recommendations.
- The CCIC *takes note of* the draft Carpathian ESD Roadmap, developed by Špirala with the aim to translate the policy recommendations gathered during the Session of the Carpathian ESD Expert Network at the Forum Carpaticum 2025 into a coherent set of actionable measures,
- The CCIC *welcomes* close collaboration between the Serbian Presidency and the Secretariat on the organization of the 3rd Carpathian ESD Seminar in Serbia in spring 2026, *invites* the Parties and *requests* the Secretariat to continue cooperation with Serbia on organizing the Seminar and to build upon the developments of the Carpathian ESD Expert Network and the UNECE SC ESD.

- The CCIC *takes note of* the Report on "Violations of Environmental and Urban Planning Legislation of Ukraine During the Construction of Wind Farms on The High Altitudes of Mountain Ranges of the Ukrainian Carpathians" by the NGO Ecosphere and of the call to support protection of the Ukrainian Carpathians, its flora, fauna and natural landscapes from the risks of being significantly damaged, *invites* the Secretariat to continue its efforts in sharing relevant information with the Convention Parties partners and stakeholders, *invites* Parties to consider it and to provide feedback, as they deem relevant.