

CC/CCIC16/FINAL

FINAL AGENDA

16th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee

2-3 December 2025, Belgrade, Serbia

Meeting Venue: Hotel ZiJin (former Falkensteiner Hotel)

Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 10k, Belgrade, Serbia

8:30 – 9:30 Closed meeting of the Carpathian Convention National Focal Points

DAY 1 2 December 2025 | 9:30 – 18:00

Session I

9:30 – 11:00

- 1) **Opening of the 16th CCIC meeting by the Secretariat and the Serbian Presidency – Secretariat and Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia**
- 2) **Welcome remarks by the Minister – Sara Pavkov, Minister of Environmental Protection, Serbia**
- 3) **Adoption on the Agenda – Chair of the CCIC meeting / Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia**
- 4) **Report on status of ratification of the Protocols to the Carpathian Convention and the Article 12bis – Secretariat**
- 5) **Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – presentation and discussion about ongoing and planned activities of all relevant COP7 Decisions:**
 - 5.1) **DECISION COP7/1 Implementation of the Carpathian Convention**
 - Report on relevant activities – *Secretariat*
 - CARPATHIAN LIFE project – *Secretariat*
 - Support to Ukraine presentation on recent activities – *Secretariat*
 - Presentation of the CCIC recommendations – *Secretariat*
 - Discussion

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

Session II

11:15 – 12:30

- 5.2) **DECISION COP7/3 Cooperation with the European Union**
 - Report on relevant activities – *Secretariat*
 - Discussion
- 5.3) **DECISION COP7/4 Cooperation with United Nations Environment Programme**
 - Report on relevant activities – *Secretariat*
 - Multi-Country Mountain Flagship under the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration – Serbia – *Ivan Svetozarevic, UNEP Consultant*
 - Presentation of the CCIC recommendations – *Secretariat*
 - Discussion
- 5.4) **DECISION COP7/5 Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies and DECISION COP7/6 Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**
 - Report on relevant activities – *Secretariat*
 - Presentation of the CCIC recommendations – *Secretariat*
 - Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Joint lunch

Session III
13:30 – 15:30

Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – presentation and discussion about ongoing and planned activities of all relevant COP7 Decisions (continued):

5.5) DECISION COP7/7 Cooperation with Eurac Research

- Report on relevant activities – *Secretariat*
- Presentation of the CCIC recommendations – *Secretariat*
- Discussion

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

- Report on relevant activities – *Secretariat*
- Forum Carpathicum 2025 and related recommendations for the Carpathian Convention – *Jakub Csabay, Comenius University Bratislava; Secretariat*
- Presentation of the CCIC recommendations – *Secretariat*
- Discussion

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

- Report on Working Group Biodiversity activities, including updates from the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) – *Eliška Rolfová, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic*
- LECA project: Supporting the coexistence and conservation of Carpathian Large Carnivores – *Martin Duľa, Mendel University in Brno / LECA Project Lead Partner (online)*
- NaturaConnect project: Building a resilient ecological network of conserved areas across Europe for nature and people – *Hildegard Meyer, WWF CEE (online)*
- Carpathian Wetland Initiative (CWI) – *Natália Kubicová, CWI Coordinator (online)*
- Presentation of the CCIC recommendations – *Secretariat*
- Discussion

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break

Session IV
16:00 – 17:45

Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – presentation and discussion about ongoing and planned activities of all relevant COP7 Decisions (continued):

5.8) DECISION COP7/13 - Sustainable Forest Management

- Report on WG Forest activities – *Zlatica Šimoňáková, Ministry of Environment of Slovakia*
- ForestConnect project: Towards a climate-smart forest connectivity for large carnivores in the Balkan-Carpathian-Dinaric region – *Tanya Georgieva-Schnell, WWF Bulgaria; Elisabeth Wiegeler, CUAS The Carinthia University of Applied Sciences*
- Presentation of the CCIC recommendations – *Secretariat*
- Discussion

5.9) DECISION COP7/12 - Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development and DECISION COP7/16 Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge

- Report on relevant activities – *Secretariat*
- Linking biodiversity, pastoralism, and cultural heritage through education for sustainable development project – *Secretariat*
- Multifunctional farming conference – *Stephen Bramwell, Professor at the Washington State University (online)*
- “Transhumance - the seasonal droving of livestock” file submission to the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List of Humanity – *Ioana Baskerville, Romanian Academy - Iasi Branch (online)*
- Presentation of the CCIC recommendations – *Secretariat*

- Discussion

Closing of the CCIC DAY 1

18:00 Joint dinner

DAY 2 3 December 2025 | 9:30 – 16:00

Session V

9:30 – 11:15

Opening of the CCIC DAY 2

Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – presentation and discussion about ongoing and planned activities of all relevant COP7 Decisions (continued):

5.10) DECISION COP7/2 - Cooperation with regional and local authorities and all relevant stakeholders and COP7/15 - Sustainable tourism

- Strengthening Governance and Stakeholder Participation under the Carpathian Convention through the Central Mountains project – session
- Presentation of the CCIC recommendations – *Secretariat*
- Discussion

11:15– 11:30 Coffee break

Session VI

11:30 – 13:00

Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – presentation and discussion about ongoing and planned activities (continued):

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

- Report on relevant activities – *Secretariat*
- Presentation of the CCIC recommendations – *Secretariat*
- Discussion

5.12) DECISION COP7/18 Climate Change

- Announcement by the Presidency and the Chair of the Working Group on Climate Change – *Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia*
- Sharing experiences on decarbonization and just transition - LIFE IP North-HU-Trans – *Zsuzsa Piskóti, Head of the Coal Commission Secretariat (online)*

5.13) DECISION COP7/19 Awareness raising, education and public participation

- Report on relevant activities – *Secretariat*
- 3rd Carpathian ESD Seminar in Serbia – *Ministry of Environmental Protection; Secretariat*
- Presentation of the CCIC recommendations – *Secretariat*
- Discussion

6) Report by Observers

- *Report by Natalya Voloshyna, representative of the NGO Ecosphere*

7) CC COP8 - Updates and discussion

8) Any Other Business

9) Conclusions and closure of the 16th CCIC meeting

13:00 – 14:00 Joint lunch

14:00 – 16:30 Meeting on the CARPATHIAN LIFE SNaP project development for relevant project partners and stakeholders

