

FINAL AGENDA

17th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity,
including the Large Carnivores Expert Group

24 February 2026, 9:00 – 12:40 CET – online

SESSION I	INTRODUCTION
9:00 – 9:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Opening of the 17th WG Biodiversity meeting – <i>Harald Egerer, Carpathian Convention Secretariat</i>2) Welcome remarks by the WG Biodiversity Chair – <i>Eliška Rolfová, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic</i>3) Adoption of the agenda – <i>Eliška Rolfová, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic</i>
SESSION II	DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARPATHIAN LYNX STRATEGY
9:15 – 9:45	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4) Presentation of the process and next step and discussion - <i>Jochen Krebs, Stiftung Nature und Umwelt RLP</i>
SESSION III	THEMATIC GUIDANCES ON MONITORING HARMONISATION, CONFLICT PREVENTION, AND POACHING INVESTIGATION
9:45 – 11:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5) Consultations on draft Thematic Guidances on monitoring harmonisation, conflict prevention, and poaching investigation deriving from the LECA project - <i>Martin Dul'a, Mendel University in Brno / Project Lead Partner, Mr. Dávid D. Sütő, WWF Hungary, Ms. Tereza Thompson, WWF Slovakia</i>
11:15 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK
SESSION IV	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PLAN ON THE CONSERVATION OF LARGE CARNIVORES AND ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY IN THE CARPATHIANS
11:30 – 12:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6) Preparation for the next report on the population status of large carnivores and monitoring in the Carpathians - <i>Eliška Rolfová, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic</i>7) Presentation of the way forward and next steps for the revision of the Action Plan – <i>Klaudia Kuraś, Carpathian Convention Secretariat</i>

8) Discussion

SESSION V COOPERATION WITH OTHER RELEVANT NETWORKS AND PROJECTS

- 12:00 – 12:30 9) Implementing the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework: Presentation of the Carpathian LIFE Strategic Nature Project (SNaP) - *Elena Fischer, Carpathian Convention Secretariat, Eurac Research*
- 10) NaturaConnect project: Building a resilient ecological network of conserved areas across Europe for nature and people – presentation of updates - *Hildegard Meyer, World Wildlife Fund Central and Eastern Europe*
- 11) ForestConnect project: Towards a Climate-smart Forest Connectivity for Large Carnivores in the Balkan-Carpathian-Dinaric Region – presentation of updates - Strategic Action Plan - Adaptation Actions and Climate Resilience-Enhancing Forest Management Practices for Protected Areas – *Polona Zakrajšek, Carinthia University of Applied Sciences*

SESSION VI CLOSING OF THE MEETING

- 12:30– 12:40 12) AOB
- 13) Conclusions and closing of the WG Biodiversity meeting