

DRAFT AGENDA

11th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Tourism

10-12 March 2026, Rzeszow, Poland (including the final conference of the Central Mountains project)

Venue: [District Centre for Geodetic and Cartographic Documentation in Rzeszów](#)

Address: Bernardyńska Street 7, 35-069 Rzeszów, Poland, Conference Room, 1st floor

DAY 1 10 March | 14:00 – 18:00 (CET)

14:00 – 15:00 Arrival and registration of participants, networking coffee

SESSION I INTRODUCTION

- 15:00 – 15:30
- 1) Opening of the meeting and introduction – *Klaudia Kuraś, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention*
 - 2) Welcome remarks by Poland – Chair of the WG Tourism – *Ireneusz Raś, Secretary of State, Ministry of Sports and Tourism of Poland*
 - 3) Adoption of the agenda – *Dominik Borek, Director of the Department of Tourism, Ministry of Sport and Tourism of Poland – Chair of the WG Tourism meeting*
 - 4) Inputs from the Science for the Carpathians (S4C): scientific recommendations relevant to sustainable tourism in the Carpathians – *S4C representative*

SESSION II IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOURISM PROTOCOL – UPDATES

- 15 :30 – 16:30
- 5) Updates from the Parties on the implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism (inputs from the official Members of the WG Tourism)¹

SESSION III INTENRATIONAL YEAR OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS- RELEVANCE FOR THE CARPATHIANS

- 16:30– 18:00
- 6) Carpathian Pastoralism within the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists – role and importance – presentations and discussion²
 - Carpathian Pastoralism – update on activities and synergies with tourism – *Tamara Mitrofanenko, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention*
 - Contributions by meeting participants

- 18 :00
- 7) End of the DAY 1

DAY 2 11 March | 09:30 – 17:30 (CET)

¹ Each Party shall report on activities relevant to the implementation of the Carpathian Convention Protocol on Sustainable Tourism and related strategic documents, in the form of a presentation or an oral intervention of up to 8 minutes.

² Contributions highlighting best practices, challenges, as well as related projects or events related to the pastoralism in the Carpathians are encouraged from all participants.

9:30 **OPENING OF THE DAY 2**

SESSION IV CARPATHIAN SUSTAINABLE TOURISM PLATFORM and CENTRAL MOUNTAINS PROJECT -- UPDATES

- 9 :30 -10:15
- 8) Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform (CSTP) – report and way forward – *Dawid Lasek, CSTP Poland – Coordinator, Association of the Carpathian Euroregion*
- 9) Key activities of the Central Mountains Project for the Carpathian Convention, focusing on the design and testing of a new cooperation model for the CSTP – presentation – *Sorina Boldeanu, Central Mountain Project representative, Brasov County*
- 10) Relevance of the Central Mountains Project deliverables for the activities of the WG Tourism – *Klaudia Kuraś, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention*

SESSION V PRIORITIES FOR THE WG TOURISM AND FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOURISM PROTOCOL

- 10:15 – 12:30
- 11) Priority activities for all the members of the WG Tourism, including actions deriving from the CSTP Work Plan 2026–2027 – presentation and discussions³ - *facilitated by Andrei Blumer, expert for Central Mountains Project) and Alina Dragan, CSTP Romania, Brasov County*
- Integration of CSTP activities (suggested coordinated action under the four thematic pillars: ecotourism destinations, long distance trails, local gastro venue, sustainable mountain tourism destinations) with national tourism and regional development strategies
 - Proposed milestones and deliverables for 2026–2027
 - Strengthening cooperation mechanisms among all the Parties, CSTP and the Secretariat
 - Funding and partnership opportunities for implementation
 - Governance of the WG Tourism

12:30 – 14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00 – 15:00 **CONTINUATION OF THE SESSION V (agenda item 11)**

SESSION VI TOURISMS PROJECT IN THE CARPATHIANS – UPDATES AND BREAINSTORIMING

- 15:00 – 17:00
- 12) Sharing of ongoing projects and good practices on sustainable tourism in the Carpathians⁴
- (incl. coffee break)
- 13) Discussion on potential new projects and initiatives for sustainable tourism development in the Carpathians

SESSION VII CLOSING OF THE MEETING

³ Members of the WG on Sustainable Tourism are kindly requested to complete the submitted questionnaire in order to support an analysis of the status quo on four topics relevant to tourism in the Carpathians: ecotourism destinations, long-distance trails, local gastronomy venues, and sustainable mountain tourism destinations, in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

⁴ All participants are encouraged to share information on ongoing or planned projects relevant to sustainable tourism in the Carpathians.

- 17:00 – 17:30
- 14) AOB
 - 15) Conclusions and closing of the meeting
- 19:00 – 22:00 Official dinner provided by the organizers of the Central Mountains Project Final Conference (venue: [Hotel Prezydencki](#), Podwisłocze Street 48, Rzeszów)

12 March | 10:00 – 15:00

Central Mountains Final Conference

12 March 2026 Conference: Prezydencki Hotel in Rzeszów

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| 9:30 - 10:00 | Registration of participants |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Opening of the conference |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | Project information |
| 10:30 - 11:30 | Panel 1: „Politics for mountains – decisions that transcend borders” |
| 11:30 - 11:45 | Coffee break |
| 11:45 - 12:45 | Panel 2: „Solutions for mountain areas – the Central Mountains project. Decisions that change regions – myth or reality?” |
| 12:45 - 13:00 | Coffee break |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Panel 3: „Cross-border Functional Areas – connecting regions, connecting potential, connecting people” |
| 14:00 - 14:15 | End of the conference |
| 14:15 - 15:00 | Lunch |