

DRAFT AGENDA (rev1)

17th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee

7-8 September 2026, Vienna, Austria

Meeting Venue: Vienna International Center

Building C | Room: CR2 (second floor)

DAY 1 | 7 SEPTEMBER 2026

9:00 – 10:15	Meeting of the Carpathian Convention National Focal Points – closed meeting
10:15 – 10:30	Welcome coffee
Session I 10:30 – 12:30	1) Opening of the DAY 1 - 17th CCIC meeting – Secretariat and Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia 2) Adoption on the Agenda – Chair of the CCIC meeting / Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia 3) Report on status of ratification of the Protocols to the Carpathian Convention and the Article 12bis – Secretariat 4) Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – Secretariat presentation of relevant updates and discussion on ongoing activities relevant for: 4.1) DECISION COP7/1 Implementation of the Carpathian Convention, including: • Presentation of the progress in the implementation of the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework • CARPATHIAN LIFE Strategic Nature Project – resubmission • Support to Ukraine in accordance with the Rzeszow Ministerial Declaration 4.2) DECISION COP7/2 - Cooperation with regional and local authorities and relevant stakeholders, including: • Presentation and approval of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariat and the Carpathian Foundation 4.3) DECISION COP7/3 Cooperation with the European Union 4.4) DECISION COP7/4 Cooperation with United Nations Environment Programme 4.5) DECISION COP7/5 Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies, including: • Inputs from UNIDO on cooperation with the Carpathian Convention • Inputs from BRS Conventions Secretariat on cooperation with the Carpathian Convention 4.6) DECISION COP7/6 Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework • Updates on CBD COP17 and possible involvement of the Carpathian Convention 4.7) DECISION COP7/7 Cooperation with Eurac Research
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
Session II 13:30 – 15:30	4) Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – Secretariat presentation of relevant updates and discussion on ongoing activities relevant for (continued):

4.8) DECISION COP7/8 -Strengthening science-policy-practice interface and cooperation with scientific networks, including:

- Updates from the Science for the Carpathians – *S4C representative*
- Updates on cooperation with the Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Slovakia and Roma Environmental Sustainability and Development Initiative – RESDI

4.9) DECISION COP7/9 - Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity, including:

- Presentation and discussion on the Joint strategy for the conservation of the autochthonous lynx population in the Carpathian Mountains, including shot overview on the "Range wide Strategy for the Rescue and Conservation of the Balkan Lynx (*Lynx lynx balcanicus*) 2026–2035
- Presentation and discussion on the revised International Action Plan on Conservation of Large Carnivores and Ensuring Ecological Connectivity in the Carpathians 2027 – 2035
- Presentation and approval of the WG Biodiversity Work Plan 2027-2029
- Updates from the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) –*CNPA SC Chair (tbc)*
- NaturaConnect project: Building a resilient ecological network of conserved areas across Europe for nature and people - presentation of final results – *WWF CEE*

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

Session III
16:00 – 18:00 **4) Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – Secretariat presentation of relevant updates and discussion on ongoing activities relevant for (continued):**

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

- Inputs from the Chair of the WG SARD on communication with UNESCO regarding Documentation Note on Potential risk to transhumance in Romania, an element inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity
- Discussion on possible declaration on the Carpathian pastoralism

4.11) DECISION COP7/13 - Sustainable Forest Management

4.12) DECISION COP7/14 Sustainable transport and infrastructure, industry, and energy, including

- Presentation and approval of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariat and the Infrastructure and Ecology Network Europe (IENE)

4.13) DECISION COP7/15 - Sustainable tourism, including:

- Presentation of the WG Tourism Recommendations from the 11th WG Tourism meeting

19:00 Joint dinner in the city centre (organized by the Secretariat)

DAY 2 | 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

Session IV
9:30 – 11:00

Opening of the DAY 2

- 4) Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: Progress Report – Secretariat presentation of relevant updates and discussion on ongoing activities relevant for (continued):**
- 4.14) DECISION COP7/17 Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning
- Review and approval of Work Plan 2027-2029 between the Secretariat, Convention bodies and the EEA
- 4.15) DECISION COP7/18 Climate Change
- Inputs by the Chair of the WG Climate Change on possible future activities - *Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia*
- 4.16) DECISION COP7/19 Awareness raising, education and public participation
- 3rd Carpathian ESD Seminar in Serbia – *Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia and the Secretariat*
 - Presentation and approval of the Memorandum of Cooperation with Špirála
- 5) Reports by Observers**

11:00– 11:30 **Coffee break**

Session V

11:30 – 13:00

6) Discussion on Compliance Mechanisms under the Carpathian Convention – session

- 6.1) Presentation of the policy recommendations to support transnational and cross-border cooperation in mountain regions developed under the Central Mountains project¹
- 6.2) Presentation of the Comparative analysis of the current legal framework to monitor compliance with the provisions of the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention²
- 6.3) Moderated discussion on options and possible way forward toward a possible Compliance Mechanism under the Carpathian Convention

13:00 – 14:00 **Joint lunch**

Session VI

14:00 – 16:00

7) Presentation of the new format of the CC COP8 Decisions and update on the consultations process – Secretariat

8) Review of the draft CC COP8 decisions:

- 8.1) DECISION COP8/1 - Implementation of the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework
- 8.2) DECISION COP8/2 - Support for the Implementation of the Carpathian Convention in Ukraine
- 8.3) DECISION COP8/3 - Programme of work and strategic priorities for the implementation period 2027–2029
- 8.4) DECISION COP8/4 - Cooperation with the European Union
- 8.5) DECISION COP8/5 - Cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme and other multilateral environmental agreements and international bodies

¹ [Policy recommendations supporting transnational and cross-border cooperation in mountain regions](#)

² [Comparative analysis of the current legal framework to monitor compliance with the provisions of the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention](#)

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- 8.6) DECISION COP8/6 - Cooperation with Eurac Research
- 8.7) DECISION COP8/7 - Strengthening the science–policy–practice interface
- 8.8) DECISION COP8/8 - Stakeholder engagement, education, awareness raising and public participation
- 8.9) DECISION COP8/9 - Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity
(Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention, Biodiversity Protocol)
- 8.10) DECISION COP8/10 - Spatial planning (Article 5 of the Carpathian Convention)
- 8.11) DECISION COP8/11- Sustainable and integrated water and river basin management
(Article 6 of the Carpathian Convention)
- 8.12) DECISION COP8/12 - Sustainable agriculture and rural development (Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention, SARD Protocol)
- 8.13) DECISION COP8/13 - Sustainable forest management (Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention, Forest Protocol)
- 8.14) DECISION COP8/14 - Sustainable transport, infrastructure, industry and energy (Articles 8 and 10 of the Carpathian Convention, Transport Protocol)
- 8.15) DECISION COP8/15 - Sustainable tourism (Article 9 of the Carpathian Convention, Tourism Protocol)
- 8.16) DECISION COP8/16 - Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge (Article 11 of the Carpathian Convention)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

Session VII 8) Review of the draft CC COP8 decisions (continued):

- 16:30 – 17:30** 8.17) DECISION COP8/17 - Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning (Article 12 of the Carpathian Convention)
- 8.18) DECISION COP8/18 - Climate change (Article 12bis of the Carpathian Convention)
- 8.19) DECISION COP8/19 - Implementation, reporting, compliance and institutional arrangements under the Carpathian Convention
- 8.20) DECISION COP8/22 - Presidency of the Carpathian Convention
- 8.21) DECISION COP8/23 - Date and venue of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

9) Updates on preparations for the CC COP8

10) Any Other Business

11) Conclusions and next steps

12) Closing of the 17th CCIC meeting
