

**17th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention
Implementation Committee**

Cooperation between the BRS Conventions and the Carpathian Convention

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At a glance

- ❑ **Basel Convention** on the Control of Transboundary Movements of hazardous wastes and their Disposal
 - ❑ 1989 / 191 Parties
- ❑ **Rotterdam Convention** on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
 - ❑ 1998 / 168 Parties
- ❑ **Stockholm Convention** on Persistent Organic Pollutants
 - ❑ 2001 / 186 Parties





Coverage



- **Basel** covers:
 - Annex I - **wastes listed** in Annex I, as further elaborated in Annexes VIII and IX (Annex III - **hazardous characteristics**)
 - Annex II – categories of waste requiring special consideration: **Other wastes**
 - Wastes defined as hazardous under **national legislation**
 - **Rotterdam** covers **pesticides and industrial chemicals**:
 - Annex III - **57 chemicals** (pesticides, industrial chemicals and **SHPFs**)
 - Other chemicals that have been **banned or severely restricted** for health or environmental reasons by Parties
 - **Stockholm** covers **persistent organic pollutants**:
 - **37 POPs**: pesticides, industrial chemicals and by-products
- **Common objective**: **Protect human health and the environment from hazardous chemicals and wastes**

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- Legal basis
 - COP decisions
 - BRS: Decisions BC-17/23, RC-12/10, SC-12/28
 - Carpathian Convention: Decision CC/COP7/5, para 1
- Goal: Support Parties to the respective Conventions in enhancing the convention's implementation at the national level
- Specific objectives:
 - Improving mutual understanding of the conventions' provisions and processes;
 - Sharing information, experiences, expertise and materials with respect to the implementation, compliance and enforcement of the conventions;
 - Informing each other of the work programme activities of mutual interest;
 - Enhancing the understanding on the interconnections between ecosystems management, waste and pollutants.
- Reported at CCIC-16 which welcomed it and the identified initial areas of collaboration



Ongoing cooperation activities

- **Scientific and technical collaboration**

- A joint initial assessment study of plastic pollution in the Carpathian region to establish a baseline and identify key challenges
 - Findings to be presented at COP-8 in December
- Technical collaboration in various fields:
 - Share information on relevant activities on ESM of waste and chemicals for prevention/control of pollution in the tourism sector and other sectors: sustainable agriculture, forestry, industry and energy and ecosystem management, incl. practices with cooperating with the private sector, where relevant.

- **Technical assistance**

- A joint pilot activity on environmentally sound management of plastic waste (incl. prevention and minimization) in the Carpathian Mountains in Ukraine.



Ongoing cooperation activities (cont.)

- **Awareness and education**
 - Sharing and disseminating educational and awareness-raising materials, e.g. BRS materials on plastic waste in remote and mountainous areas
- **Governance and synergies**
 - Joint participation in or contributions to other global /regional or national events, as relevant;
 - Mutual participation in the conventions' bodies meetings and other events;
 - Meetings between secretariats
 - Cross-fertilization & synergies between pollution and ecosystem MEAs
- Development of **Programme of Collaborative Work (PCW) for 2026–2027**

Thank you!