From Strategy to Action: Implementing the Carpathian Lynx Strategy

Carpathian Convention COP8

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Objective: Celebrate the development of the Strategy for the Conservation of the Carpathian Lynx (Lynx lynx carpathicus) 2027-2036, proposed for adoption at the Eighth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP8) to the Carpathian Convention, and facilitate discussion on its implementation, including the respective priorities, responsibilities, and contributions of governments, conservation practitioners, researchers, and other stakeholders for strengthened regional cooperation for Carpathian lynx conservation.

Description: The Carpathian lynx (*Lynx lynx carpathicus*), as a subspecies of the Eurasian lynx (*Lynx lynx*), represents one of the most significant lynx populations in Europe, and plays an important ecological role in maintaining healthy mountain ecosystems. However, the subspecies continues to face a range of pressures and is thus classified as Near Threatened under the IUCN Red List Assessment.

Recognizing the need for coordinated action across the species' range, experts and partner organizations have developed the Strategy for the Conservation of the Carpathian Lynx (*Lynx lynx carpathicus*) 2027-2036. The Strategy provides a long-term framework for conserving viable and connected lynx populations throughout the Carpathian region by setting priority objectives, actions, and indicators, and is proposed for adoption at the COP8.

This side event will showcase the key priority actions in the Strategy and highlight the collaborative process that led to its development. Participants will discuss concrete next steps for its implementation, including the role of the Carpathian Lynx Strategy Implementation Group, and exchange experiences and identify synergies with the Balkan Lynx Strategy Coordination Committee, range country authorities, and experts. The event will also explore opportunities for regional cooperation and stakeholder engagement to support the translation of regional conservation objectives into coordinated national and local action across the Carpathians.

Agenda:

1. Introduction / 5 min
Welcome remarks and introduction to the side event

2. Presentations / 20 min

- Conservation significance of the Carpathian lynx, including current conservation status, challenges, and opportunities
- Development of the Carpathian Lynx Strategy 2027-2036
- Overview of the Strategy's vision, objectives, and priority actions.

3. Interactive Dialogue / 30 min

- Experiences and lessons learned from the Balkan Lynx Regional Programme
- Perspectives from governments, experts, and stakeholders on the implementation of the Strategy.
- Opportunities for cooperation, resource mobilization, and stakeholder engagement.
- Next steps for advancing conservation action for the Carpathian lynx across the region.

4. Closing Remarks / 5 min

Summary of key messages and outlook for implementation of the Strategy