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CARPATHIAN 8 SIDE EVENT · ON THE MARGINS OF COP8 OF THE CARPATHIAN CONVENTION

Unlocking Investment Opportunities in the Carpathian Macro-region



WHEN	WHERE	FORMAT	REGISTRATION
3 December 2026 15:30–18:30 sharp	**Vienna International Centre** Room CR1, C Building, 2nd floor	**Keynote and two panels** English · up to 60 participants	**indico.un.org/e/cop-8** Named registration via the UN system

This is **the next step after the C8 Summit in Bukovel**. It brings the Carpathian Investment Coalition, governments, the European Commission, financial partners and business together to discuss where joint action pays off: where private capital fits, and which EU and financial instruments the regions can combine for connectivity, energy and climate projects. In line with the Carpathian Convention, the focus is on sustainable investment that protects the region's biodiversity and natural heritage.

What we will present

Joint challenges
Border and freight bottlenecks, flood risk in shared basins, nature in infrastructure planning, energy for industry

C8 added value
One table for all eight Carpathian countries as equal partners, matching where regions trade and ship, with a direct line to investors

Possible steps forward
How cooperation can run through existing bodies and instruments; a draft joint action plan

Illustrative joint projects
Cross-border concepts built on existing assets and EU instruments

PATH TO EUSCARP

An EU macro-regional strategy for the Carpathian Region

3 Dec 2026 · Vienna
Agree a draft joint action plan

Dec 2026 – Jan 2027
Verify the project pipeline; map instrument synergies; indicative pipeline at URC, Tallinn (28–29 Jan)

2027
Priority projects and practical proposals, with consultations among countries and partners

End of 2027 (plan)
Launch of EUSCARP, complementing existing strategies

What it takes: C8 governments — national coordinators and priorities · Coalition institutions — verified, investor-ready projects · regions — cross-border projects · financiers — synergies and gaps in instruments · business — barriers and partnerships · EU institutions and programmes — dialogue on complementarity.

Programme

15:30–15:35	**Welcome:** Austria (ABA / BMEIA, to be confirmed)
15:35–15:40	**Opening remarks:** Harald Egerer, Head of the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention; Artem Husak, Deputy Minister for Communities, Territories and Internally Displaced Persons of Ukraine (to be confirmed)
15:40–15:52	**Keynote:** Oleksandr Kravchenko, Minister of Economy and Environment of Ukraine
15:52–16:02	**C8 as an investment platform:** the macro-region, the Coalition and next steps (investment institutions of the Carpathian Investment Coalition)
16:02–17:06	**Panel 1. Private Capital for the Carpathians:** Investment Niches in Manufacturing, Energy, Agri-food and Tourism **Where to invest.** What makes a cross-border project attractive to a strategic investor, and what holds it back? How can suppliers across the region join each other's value chains?
17:06–17:16	Break
17:16–18:20	**Panel 2. From Pipeline to Delivery:** Public Partnerships, Cross-border Connectivity and Risk Finance **How to deliver.** Which border and logistics bottlenecks cost business most? Which guarantees, insurance and blended finance work for investment in the border regions?
18:20–18:30	Wrap-up and next steps

Who will be in the room

- Investment institutions of the Carpathian Investment Coalition
- Governments, parliaments and ministries of the C8 countries
- The European Commission and Interreg programmes
- IFIs, banks, export credit agencies and business

What comes out of it

- Investment niches by sector
- Barriers named by business: logistics, borders, regulation, finance
- Input to the map of instrument synergies (January 2027)
- How C8 can support the goals of the Carpathian Convention
- Next: indicative pipeline at URC, Tallinn, 28–29 Jan 2027

Organisers: the investment promotion institutions of the Carpathian Investment Coalition, the Ministry of Economy and Environment of Ukraine and UkraineInvest, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention. Analytical support and moderation: Civitta. The programme is indicative.

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