







Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians

DECISION COP4/3 Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management Article 6 of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

- 1. Reiterates the importance of the implementation of the provisions of Article 6 of the Carpathian Convention on sustainable and integrated water/river basin management;
- 2. Calls for enhanced cooperation through the Secretariat with the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) in particular in the following areas: climate change adaptation, sustainable agriculture, promotion of the implementation of the "Guiding principles on sustainable hydropower development in the Danube Basin" in mountain areas, as well as on promotion of the Carpathian Wetland Initiative and cooperation with the Ramsar Convention, with a view to develop joint activities and projects with ICPDR in these area;
- 3. Encourages the final adoption of the Joint Declaration between the International Convention for the Protection of the Danube River and the Carpathian Convention supporting the sustainable development of the Carpathians and Tisza River Basin as declared in the Memorandum of Understanding adopted in Uzhgorod on 11 April 2011, and encourages enhanced joint programming with International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River;
- 4. *Recognizes* the need to increase activities to promote sustainable agricultural practices in the Carpathian region to protect ground and surface water resources and reduce eutrophication and pollution.