



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

Annex 1 (DECISION COP4/14)

DRAFT Programme of work of the Carpathian Convention, 1 January 2015 - 31 December 2017

No	Month of start	Month of end	Title	Description of activities, components, means	Expected output / deliverables	Partners
1	01/2015	12/2017	Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC)	2-3 meetings and continuous online consultations. Preparation of comprehensive information and documentation for the 5th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention – COP 5, guidance and overview of the implementation and work conducted under thematic Working Groups, review of MoUs, agreements and other relevant initiatives under the Convention	- documentation on sectoral issues, integrated reports, strategies/ strategic action plans/protocols for priority issues, - WGs Terms of Reference, - meeting reports and recommendations	EURAC GRID Arendal
2	01/2015	12/2017	Thematic Meetings /Sub Working Groups / workshops under the CCIC	<i>Background documentation, meetings of the transnational experts working group and continuous online consultations</i>	<i>Background documentation, meetings, reports, recommendations</i>	



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a. Working Group on conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity	2-3 meetings Working Group meetings and continuous online consultations and propose new priorities Meeting of the Carpathian Wetland Initiative; Joint meeting with the WG on Spatial Development to develop activities on landscape, ecological connectivity and green infrastructure	- support the development of follow-up projects and relevant activities in the area of biological and landscape diversity, landscapes, ecological connectivity and green infrastructure, work on the red list of species	UNEP, CERI, WWF-DCP, EURAC, ALPARC
b. Steering Committee Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)	2-3 meetings of the CNPA SC, where appropriate jointly with the Biodiversity WG, including continuous online consultations	-organization of CNPA conference, support in the development of projects related to the CNPA activities, implementation of the Mid Term Strategy	CNPA Unit, WWF - DCP, EURAC CWI, CERI, ALPARC
h. Working Group on Spatial Development	1-2 meetings. Working Group meetings and continuous online consultations. Information-sharing and coordination of projects developed for application to European programmes. Promotion of the Carpathian Convention as strategic tool complementary to the already existing EU macro-regional strategies. Possible joint meeting(s) with other WGs. Connection with landscapes and ecological connectivity.	-support in the development and implementation of transnational projects aiming at implementing the Carpathian Convention	EURAC



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c. Working Group on Sustainable agriculture and rural development in mountains (SARD-M)

2-3 meetings Working Group meetings and continuous online consultations. Promotion of sustainable agricultural practices in the Carpathian region. Preparation of background documentation leading to the elaboration of a possible protocol or other instrument on sustainable agriculture and rural development. Possible joint meeting(s) with other WGs.

-possible protocol or other instrument on sustainable agriculture and rural development in mountains;

EURAC, FAO

d. Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management

1-2 meetings Working Group meetings and continuous online consultations. Cooperation with EEA to implement the Partnership Agreement with the Carpathian Convention; Background documentation for the elaboration of the Carpathian Inventory on Virgin and Natural Forests. Possible joint meeting(s) with other WGs

-inputs for proposals for follow-up activities and projects with the view of implementing the provisions of the Protocol on SFM and its Strategic Action Plan; Carpathian Inventory on Virgin Forests, possible development of an report format on the implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism and its Strategy

EURAC, EEA Forest Europe, University of Padova, GRID Warsaw

e. Working Group on sustainable

1-3 meetings Working Group meetings and continuous online consultations. Background

-Strategic Action Plan to the Protocol on Sustainable Transport;

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industry, energy, transport and infrastructure

documentation for development of the Strategic Action Plan to the Protocol on Sustainable Transport. As well as of the application of "Guiding principles on sustainable hydropower development in the Danube Basin". Elaboration of guidelines for sustainable use of biomass
WG meetings on specific topics covered by the WG. Possible joint meeting(s) with other WGs. Connection with green infrastructure, landscapes and ecological connectivity

application of ICPDR "Guiding principles on sustainable hydropower development in the Danube Basin"; for sustainable use of biomass; inputs for proposals for follow-up activities and projects

g. Working Group on Sustainable tourism

3 - 4 meetings Working Group meetings and continuous online consultations. Guidance and coordination of the Implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism and its Strategy. Possible joint meeting(s) with other WGs.

- inputs for proposals for follow-up activities and projects with the view of implementing the provisions of the Sustainable Tourism Protocol and its Strategy; possible development of an report format on the implementation of the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism and its Strategy;
-common online Carpathian platform on sustainable tourism developed, maintained and kept up to date

UNEP, EURAC, ETE CEEWEB EURAC



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i. Working Group on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge

1-3 meetings. Working Group meetings and continuous online consultations. Coordination and guidance for implementation of the Road Map to achieve the Article 11 of the Carpathian Convention Elaboration of the Protocol on the Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge, the Strategic Action Plan to the Protocol; Cooperation with Alpine Convention Possible joint meeting(s) with other WGs.

proposal for the Protocol on the Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge and its Strategic Action Plan; List of project ideas, List of Institution dealing with the cultural issues; Common criteria for definition of items to be included into a possible Carpathian Cultural Heritage Inventory defined; The Road Map implemented.

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j. Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change

1-2 meetings. Working Group meetings. Possible activities with ICPDR. Coordination of the implementation of the Strategic Agenda on adaptation to climate change in the Carpathian Region, Possible joint meeting(s) with other WGs.

-inputs for proposals for follow-up activities and projects, in particular with ICPDR; joint activities with the Alpine Convention regarding adaptation at the local level

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