

UNEP Vienna – Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention

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BIOREGIO Carpathians Kick-off Conference

27 – 29 July 2011;

Piatra Craiului National Park, Romania



Pictures: A. Czaderna, A. & D. Nowak, Pieniny National Park





UNEP Vienna - ISCC

- Official opening - 15 July 2004
- Outposted office of UNEP ROE
- Specialized on mountain issues within UNEP
- Located at UN Headquarters in Vienna International Centre, Austria
- Three staff members, three consultants
- Since November 2009 – support by EURAC expert team



UNEP Vienna – ISCC Regional Portfolio

Carpathian Convention - Interim Secretariat
of the Carpathian Convention

Mountain Partnership - Environmental
Reference Centre of the Mountain
Partnership Secretariat

ENVSEC - UNEP Focal Point for the
Environment and Security Initiative in
South Eastern Europe



The Carpathian Convention at a glance



Adoption of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians at the 5th Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” on 22 May 2003 in Kyiv, Ukraine

Entry into force on 4 January 2006

7 State Parties



The CC at a glance – Legal framework

The Framework Convention
on the Protection and
Sustainable Development of
the Carpathians

Protocol on
Conservation and
Sustainable Use of
Biological and
Landscape Diversity

NEW:
Protocol on
Sustainable Forest
Management

NEW:
Protocol on
Sustainable Tourism



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Priority - BIODIVERSITY

Political mandate:

- Carpathian Convention, Article 4
- Biodiversity Protocol

Recent developments:

- Side event on mountains at CBD COP10 in Nagoya
- Entry into force of Biodiversity Protocol
- Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan
- CNPA Medium Term Strategy
- Support to Carpathian Network of Protected Areas – WWF / Mava Foundation / ALPARC / Dutch Government / UNEP
- Recognition of the achievements of COP3 by CBD secretariat



Pictures: A. & D. Novak, Plieniny National Park, Archiv Schko, Beskydy



Priority – SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FORESTRY



- Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management

Picture: A. Nowak



Priority – SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



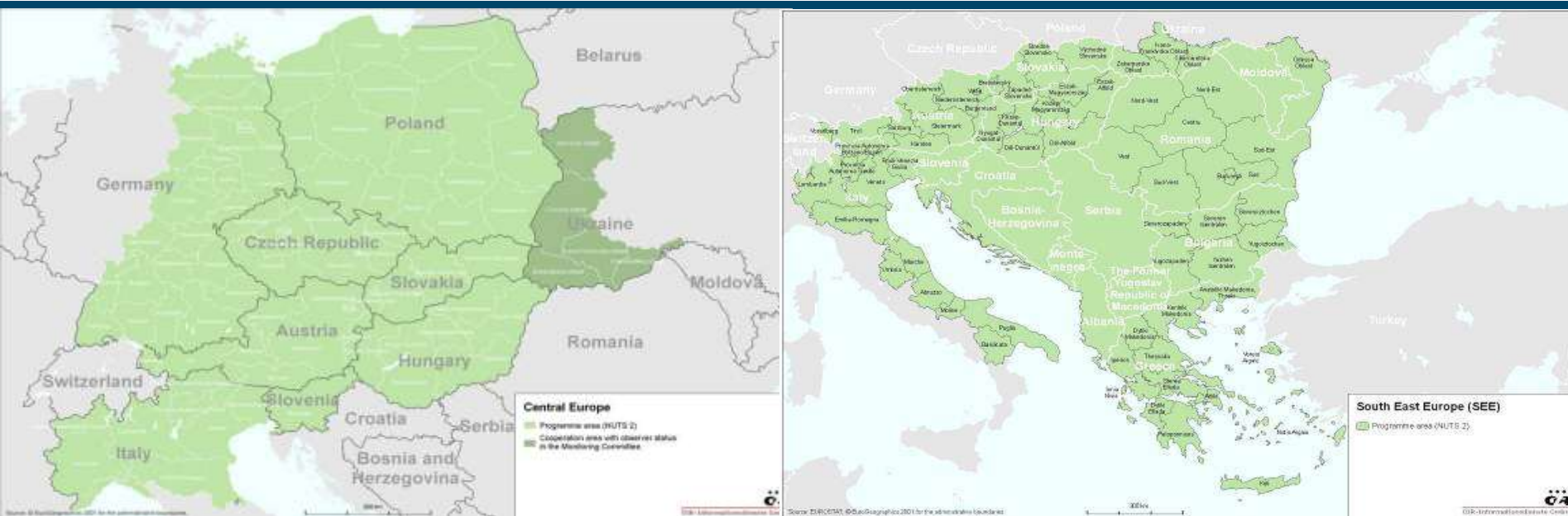
- Protocol on Sustainable Tourism



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Priority – CARPATHIAN SPACE



Enhance effectiveness and coordination of EU and national financing for the sustainable regional development in the Carpathians

➔ CALL FOR CARPATHIAN SPACE



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Political mandate:

- Renewed mandate – COP3 decision 3/2 on spatial development
- Adoption of the Strategic Action Plan for the Carpathian Area

Recent developments:

- Consultative Workshop ‘ Moving towards a Carpathian Strategy’
25 January 2011, Brussels
- Carpathians integrated in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and the accompanying Action Plan
- BIOREGIO Carpathians as one flagship project within the EUSDR
- EC Calls for Tenders:
Preparatory action on climate in the Carpathian region
- EU DG Regio represented at COP3
- Europe of the Carpathians Conference, part of the 21st Economic Forum
Krynica, Poland, 7 – 8 September 2011



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Impact of BIOREGIO Carpathians project

- **Realisation** of the Convention's main objective: Protection and sustainable development of the whole Carpathian region;
- **Implementation** of the Convention and its Protocols, especially the Biodiversity Protocol;
- **Strengthen** the regional network due to the involvement of different stakeholders;
- **Development of recommendations** for further policy action;
- **Raise the local awareness** on the Carpathian region and the need for sustainable development;
- **Raise the (European) attention** on the Carpathian region and its needs;



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The role of UNEP Vienna - ISCC

Working Package Leader:

- WP0 – Preparation activities
- WP2 – Communication activities
- WP7 – Intergovernmental platform and stakeholder involvement



The role of the Consortium

- PROACTIVE involvement and contribution of ALL PPS!
- Efficient communication among the PPs
- Act in concert and communicate the project to our stakeholders



THANK YOU



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