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Region: Carpathians

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RECROS Project development workshop

OVERVIEW

1) The Carpathian Convention and its field of work



2) Relevant activities

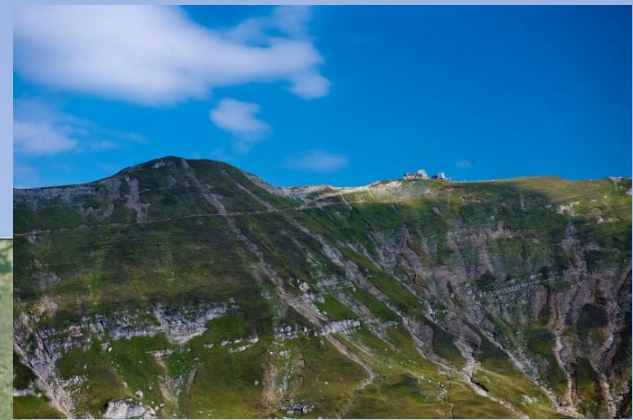
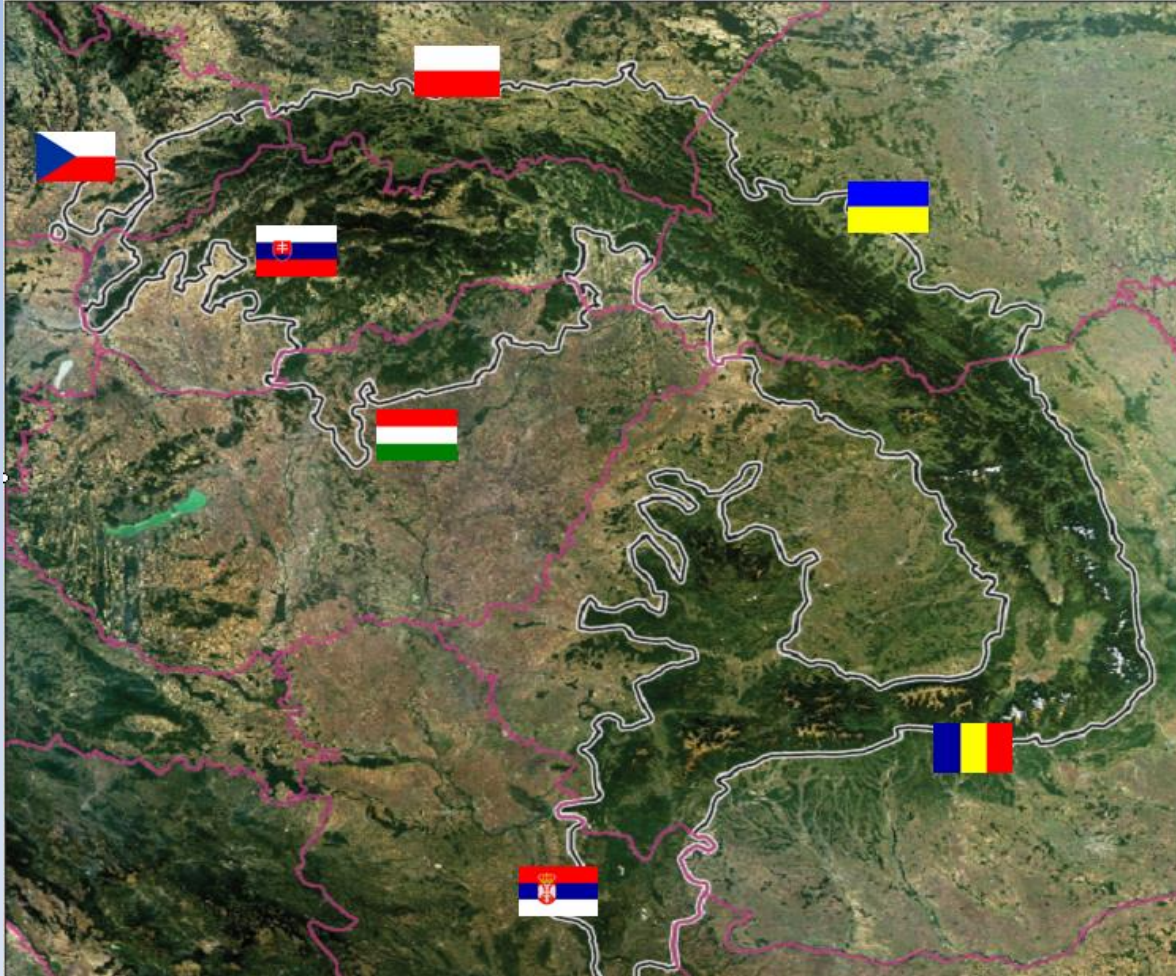


3) Possible contributions to the RECROS

project proposal



1) Carpathians at glance



1) Carpathian Convention at glance

7 State Parties

Adoption: 22 May 2003 in Kyiv, Ukraine

Entry into force: 4 January 2006

4 Meetings of the COP: 2006, 2008, 2011, 2014

Current presidency: Czech Republic



COP 2, Bucharest, 2008



COP 3, Bratislava, 2011

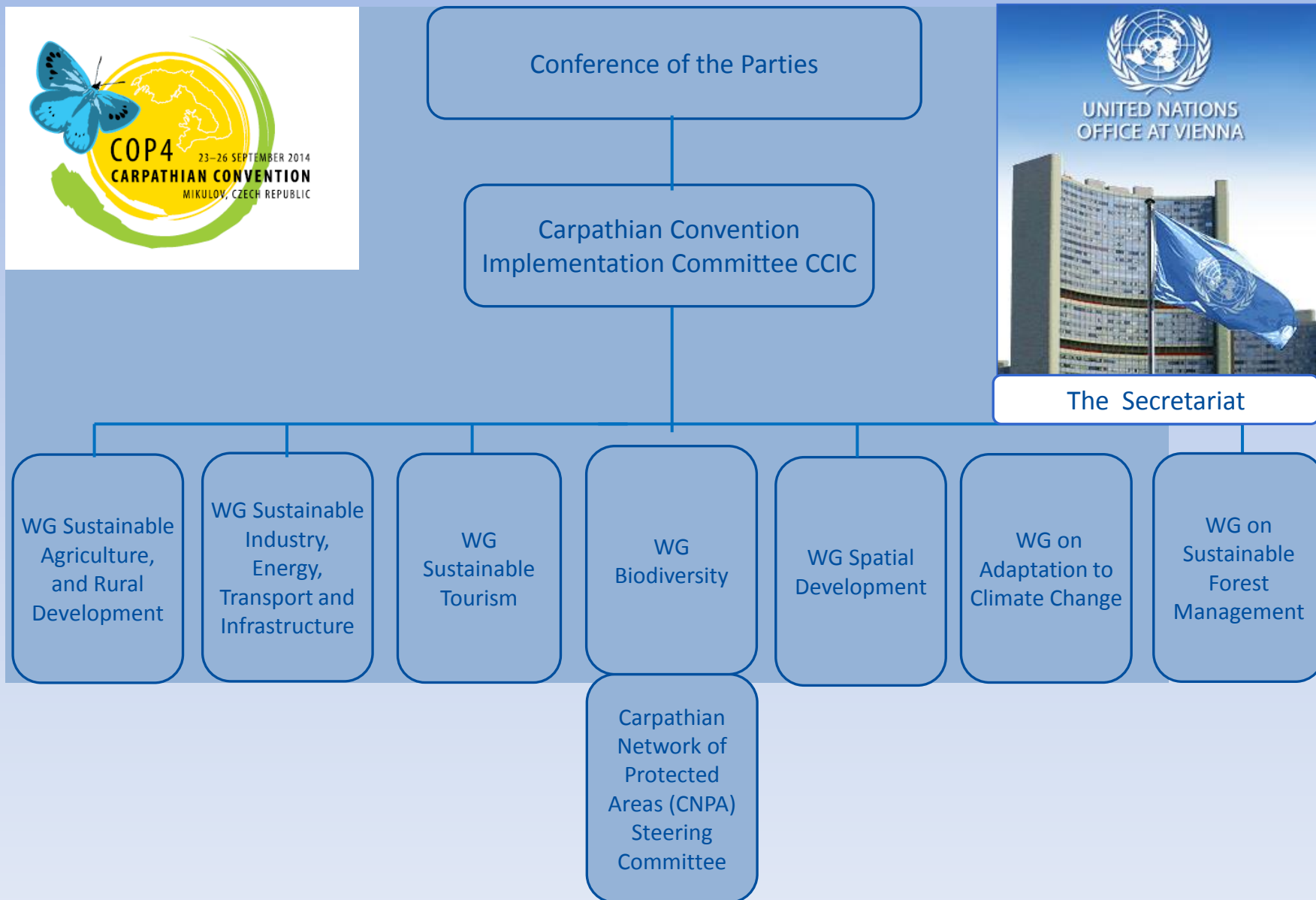


COP 4, Mikulov, 2014

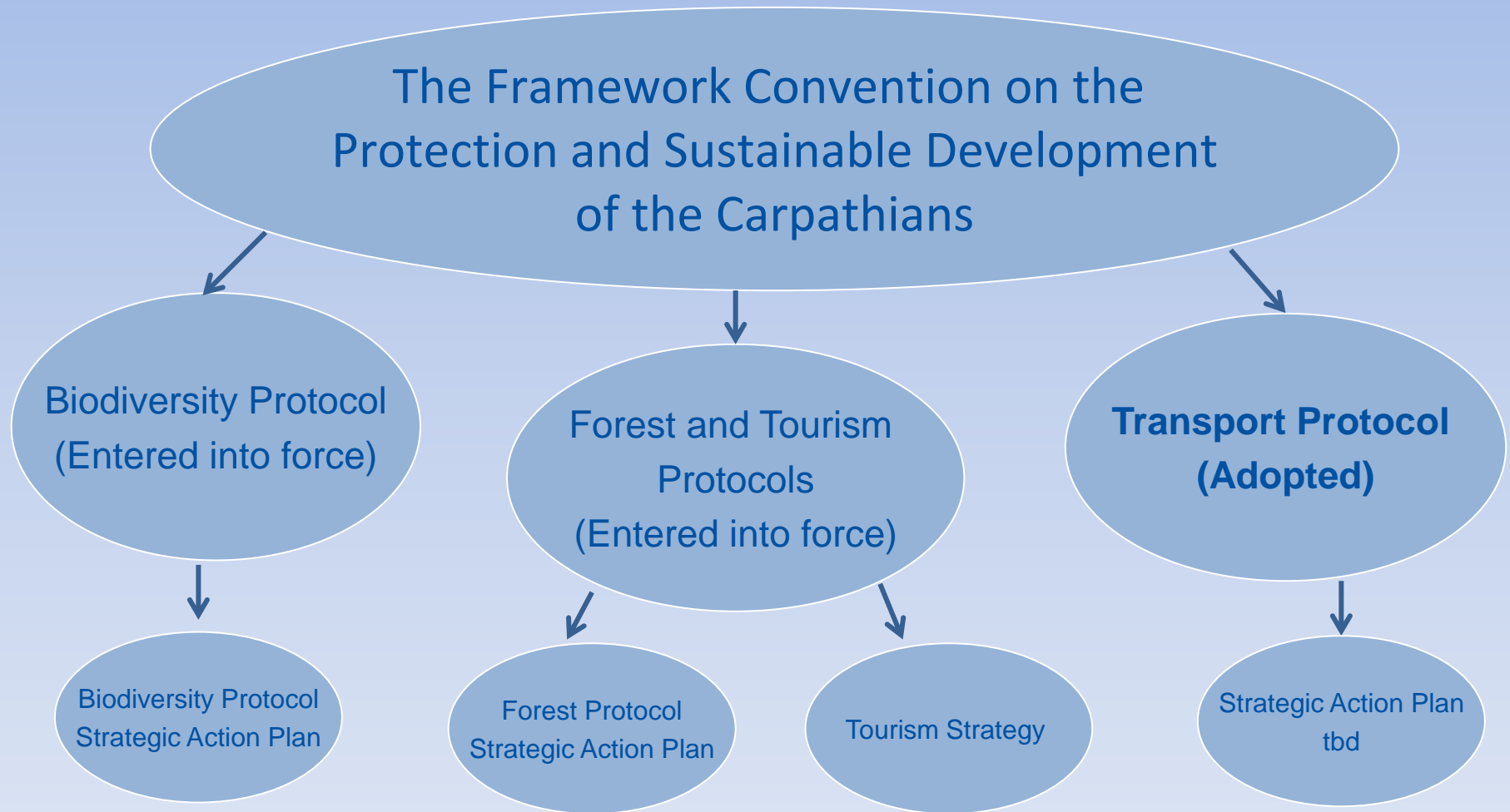
Main objective:

Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathian region

1) Carpathian Convention at glance



1) The Convention as a legal framework



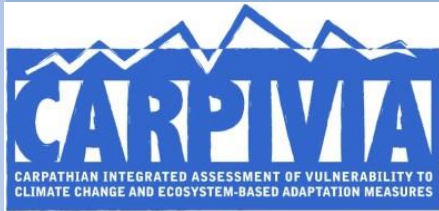
**New possible Protocols :
agriculture, cultural heritage**

1) The Convention as a Stakeholder Forum And Project Oriented Platform



2) Successful Projects in the Carpathians

➤ Climate Change





EUSDR ACTION PLAN

2) TO ENCOURAGE MORE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

- **Action - “To reinforce the Carpathian Convention to share best practices on using biomass for energy purposes”.** The Carpathian Convention includes a provision that Parties shall pursue policies aiming at introducing environmentally sound methods for the production, distribution and use of energy, which minimises adverse effects on biodiversity and landscapes, including wider use of renewable energy sources and energy-saving measures, as appropriate.
 - ⇒ *Example of project - “To create a network to exchange experiences (and to test pilot projects or replicate existing good practices) in the fields of refurbishments and modernisation of small hydropower plants²⁶”.* Practical experience has clearly demonstrated that refurbishment and modernisation of facilities in place may increase hydropower production while at the same time meeting modern environmental standards by being equipped with appropriate fish passes and residual water. (Lead: ICPDR and Austria, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Environment and Water Management; Deadline: December 2013)
 - ⇒ *Example of project - “To set-up a cooperation mechanism between the regions of the Alpine Convention and the regions of the Carpathian Convention for the transfer of best practices, best available technologies, environmental and social know-how”.*



EU Strategy for the Danube Region



- EU national boundaries
- Danube region strategy
- Karpatian area

Source: European Commission, as proposed on 18 December 2012
Geometrical basis: GFK MACON

3) Possible contributions to the DANUBIOM project proposal

- **Support to establishing data sources / data platform**
- **Support in identification of pilot areas**
- **Support to policy development and information exchange of good practices**
- **Alpine – Balkans – Carpathian experience sharing and bridge building**
- **Leading transnational platform for strategy development**
- **Communication and linkages to international and EU processes**

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DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

... one-third of all European vascular plant species can be found in the Carpathians? That means almost 4,000 plant species, and 481 of them are found only in the Carpathians!

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The Carpathians are one of Europe's largest mountain ranges, a unique natural treasure of great beauty and ecological value, and home of the headwaters of major rivers. They also constitute a major ecological, economic, cultural, recreational and living environment in the heart of Europe, shared by numerous people and countries.

The Carpathian Convention is a subregional treaty to foster the sustainable development and the protection of the Carpathian region. It has been signed in May 2003 by seven Carpathian States (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine). [Read more](#)

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