

# THE CARPATHIAN CONVENTION AND ITS PROJECTS

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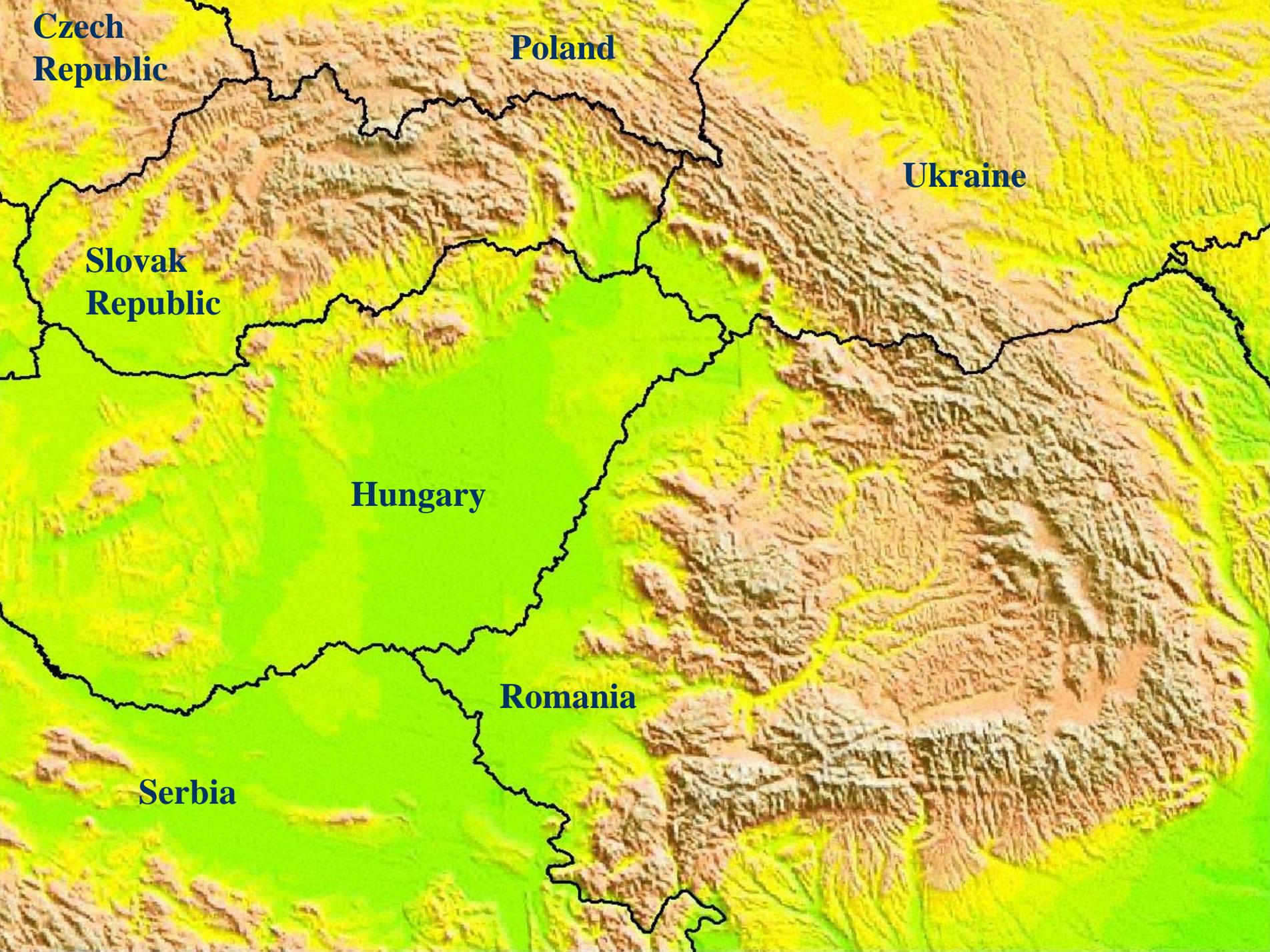


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# Carpathian Convention Introduction



**Czech  
Republic**

**Poland**

**Ukraine**

**Slovak  
Republic**

**Hungary**

**Romania**

**Serbia**



**Kyiv, Ukraine, November 2001**



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Ministry for the Environment  
and Territory  
Department for Global Environment, International  
and Regional Conventions

# “Sharing the Experience” – Bolzano, Italy, June 2002

- Hosted by Italy
- Alpine Convention “model”
- Recommendation for Framework Convention
- Protocols
- Programmatic measures and institutional cooperative arrangements





**Vaduz, Liechtenstein, October 2002**

**Geneva, December 2002**

**Vienna, February 2003**

**Bolzano II, March 2003**

# Seven countries

- **Europe's largest mountain range**
- Living environment for up to **18 million people**
- **Europe's greatest reserve** of pristine forest, refuge for brown bears, wolves, bison, lynx, eagles and some 200 unique plant species found nowhere else in the world
- **Continent's cleanest streams** and drinking water supplies
- **Unique** natural, historical and cultural heritage
- **Haven** for wildlife and ecological link within Europe



# Carpathian Convention

**Unique agreement addressing  
exclusively mountain ecosystems**

- **Signed in May 2003**
- **Entry into force - 4 January 2006**
- **COP1 - 11-13 December 2006, Kyiv, Ukraine**
- **COP2 – Romania 2008**



# **Carpathian Convention: Main Goals**

## **To preserve**

- Biological and landscape diversity
- Endangered flora and fauna species and their natural habitats
- Cultural, historical and aesthetic heritage
- Traditional knowledge

## **To sustainable develop**

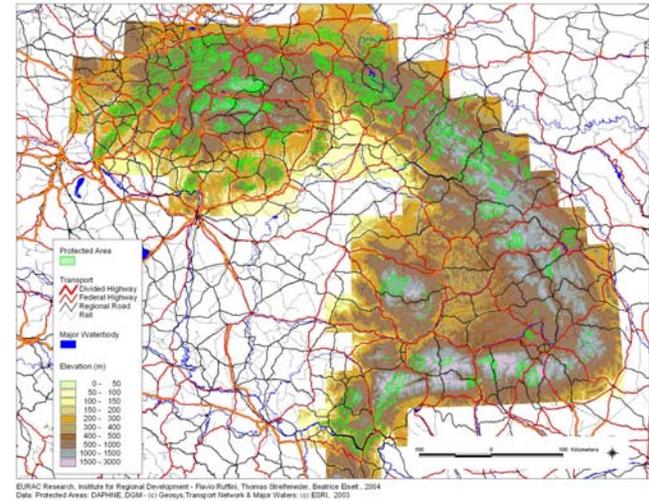
- Water/river basin management
- Agriculture/rural areas
- Forestry/forest management
- Transport/infrastructure
- Tourism
- Industry/energy



# Carpathian Convention

## Carpathian Convention provides:

- **trans-national framework for cooperation** and multi-sectoral policy coordination, including sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry
- **platform for joint strategies and policies** for sustainable development
- **forum for dialogue** and permanent communication between all stakeholders involved



# Carpathian Convention/COP1

**COP1, 11-13 December 2006, Kyiv, Ukraine**

- **200 participants, including 50 NGOs**
- **Carpathian Declaration:**  
**Achievements, Challenges, Cooperation  
and Partnerships**
- **19 COP1 Decisions**
- **Cooperation with the EU**



# Partners of the Carpathian Convention

- Ministries of Environment
- Ministries of Agriculture
- MoEs of Italy and Austria
- Alpine Convention
- ALPARC
- CEI
- CERI
- CEEWEB
- EURAC
- EUROMONTANA
- FAO Sub-Regional Office  
Budapest
- Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
- FAO SARD-M Project
- GRID-Budapest
- UNEP GRID Warsaw
- IUCN Belgrade
- SAVE Foundation
- UNDP Regional Center  
Bratislava
- UNEP
- WWF DCPO
- Mountain Partnership Secretariat
- Austrian Federal Environment  
Agency
- Others (NGOs, individuals,  
scientific institutions,  
donors...)

# Carpathian Project



- Lead Partner UNEP-Vienna ISCC
- €4.260.000 (2,4 ERDF, PHARE, TACIS, Nat.)
- 18 partners
- 10 countries
- 36 months (1 September 2005 – 31 August 2008)
- Basic Data Platform
- General Strategic Process
- Integrative Policies, Guidelines and Instruments
- Education and Awareness for the future
- Transfer of Experiences – SME's in the Mountainous Areas
- Coordination, Management and Progress Consolidation

# THE ALPINE SPACE

- The Alpine Convention is benefitting from the “Alpine Space Programme”
- 47/58 Projects are relevant for achieving the goals of the Alpine Convention

# THE CARPATHIAN SPACE

## COP 1 Underlined

- *“the important political support provided by the European Community and its Member States to the implementation of the Carpathian Convention through the EU INTERREG IIIB CADSES “Carpathian Project”*
- *that “cooperation with and support from the European Community and its Member States will be crucial to the development of the “Carpathian Space”*



**Thank you !**

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