



Climate change adaptation activities in the frame of Carpathian Convention

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Carpathian Convention was adopted on 22 May 2003, and entered into force on 4 January 2006. It was established by seven countries Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine. Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change was established during the 3rd COP in 2011. The Carpathian Convention's action on climate change was enhanced by considering adoption of the new Article Climate Change during the 5th COP in 2017.

Starting point of common actions were the EU supported projects: CarpatClim, CARPIVIA and CarpathCC. Based on the results of these projects, climate change connected activities were developed in wide range of topics. WG on Adaptation prepared and the COP4 accepted the Strategic Agenda summarizing the situation in the region according to climate change and collecting the main tasks to be solved in the future.

Outputs of these actions and connected research were published in the UN Environment mountain outlook series 'Outlook on the climate change adaptation in the Carpathian Convention'. The special geographical situation of the Carpathians determines the diversity of climates and the different climate change tendencies in the region.

The horizontal cooperation among the working groups has been strengthened. The Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development, Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity, the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management and the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism deal with the climate change issue and suggest to adapt to the climate change on different ways appropriate to the actual topics. Carpathians are on the territory of two macroregions, requesting the international cooperations. Other main partners are European mountainous areas.