

PROJECT INFORMATION

Strategy for sustainable tourism development in the Carpathians



High Tatra mountains in winter

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Background

The seven Carpathian countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine) signed the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians in 2003 and have ratified it since then. The Convention aims at conserving fragile mountain regions in the Carpathians and promoting sustainable development in the region through joint efforts. In 2010, the seven Parties to the Convention adopted a Protocol on Sustainable Tourism, which sets a legally binding framework for tourism policy and provides for the adoption of a strategy on sustainable tourism development for its implementation.

Project details

A Strategy for Sustainable Tourism Development was developed and coordinated among the Carpathian countries with German support and jointly with the project partners CEEweb for Biodiversity, the WWF Danube-Carpathians Programme and the Carpathian Convention's Tourism Working Group and Secretariat, and adopted by the Parties to the Convention at their 4th conference, held in September 2014 in the Czech Republic. The broad participation of over 1200 actors in the development of the strategy has provided a good basis for the active participation of stakeholder groups in its implementation. The strategy, and the way it was developed and agreed can serve as a model for the protection of other transboundary destinations through sustainable tourism development. The technical and political foundations of the strategy were documented. A compilation of existing good-practice examples of sustainable tourism in the Carpathians was prepared as one of numerous actions carried out to achieve the project goal.

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Target country/region: Carpathian Mountains (7 countries)

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