

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Establishing an Education for Sustainable Development network in the Carpathian region



The 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the Carpathian Convention welcomed the Carpathian ESD Expert Network.

Source: Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention

#### Background

The Carpathians are a mountain range of major ecological and cultural importance on the territory of seven Central and Eastern European countries. The sustainable development of this region is the focus of the Carpathian Convention – a regional treaty which addresses aspects such as biodiversity protection, rural development, regional planning and public participation. Education for sustainable development (ESD) is indispensable for sustainability processes. Because it was not addressed consistently by the Convention Parties in the past, ESD experts proposed to establish a network of ESD experts in the Carpathian region.

#### Project details

The project facilitated the establishment of a network of ESD experts in the framework of the Carpathian Convention. The 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the Carpathian Convention in 2023 welcomed the Carpathian ESD Expert Network and recognised it as a cross-sectoral network in which officially nominated governmental experts as well as NGO practitioners, teachers and academic experts cooperate. It would thus facilitate cross-thematic linkages in the work of the Convention, expand its current networks and strengthen communication within the Convention and awareness-raising about the Convention (DECISION COP7/19). Furthermore, the project strengthened regional and cross-regional science-policy-practice collaborations, i. a. to enable transdisciplinary research and to promote learning for sustainability transformations in the Carpathian region. The project partners co-created recommendations for research, policy and practice and facilitated their integration into activities of the Convention. ESD and science-policy-practice interface have become priority topics of the Carpathian Convention. Education has been integrated among the objectives of the Carpathian Biodiversity Strategy.

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**Project countries:** Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Ukraine

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**Beneficiaries:** Carpathian Convention Parties and partners working in the field of Education for Sustainable Development

**Implementing organisations:** Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention at the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), Science for the Carpathians (S4C) network, UNEP/GRID-Warsaw Centre (Poland), Ministry of Climate and Environment (Poland), Leuphana University Lüneburg (Germany)

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