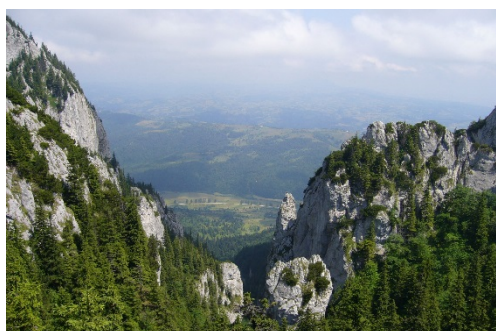


## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Supporting the implementation of the Strategy for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Carpathian region



National Park of Piatra Craiului  
(Romania), Carpathians

Source: Ökologischer  
Tourismus in Europa e.V.

## Background

In 2003 the seven Carpathian countries signed the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians, and in 2010 they signed the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism to the Convention. For implementation of the Protocol, the Parties adopted in autumn 2014 their common strategy on sustainable tourism in the region. The strategy was drawn up with German support in a broad consultation process (see: <https://bit.ly/2SbK8ec>). This follow-up project supported the implementation of the tourism strategy for the continuation and validation of the agreed process.

## Project details

In order to further promote sustainable tourism in the Carpathian region, it was necessary to underpin the adopted strategy with concrete measures and to initiate a stable and irreversible process. Therefore, the structures and coordination processes for the successful implementation of the strategy have been strengthened through regional cooperation and a participatory process involving stakeholders from nature and environmental protection as well as from the tourism sector. The 51 measures outlined in the country-specific and joint action plans were elaborated in detail and further specified through a consultation process. Extensive indicators as measuring instruments for a successful implementation of the strategy complemented this. In Romania, Ukraine and Poland special coordination platforms have been set up to create continuous processes for better communication and information exchange on sustainable tourism development in the Carpathians. The 5th Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention in September 2017 adopted the results developed with all relevant stakeholders and bodies.

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**Target region:** Carpathian Mountains  
(Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia,  
Czech Republic, Ukraine, Hungary)

**Duration:** 08/2015 - 03/2018

**Beneficiaries:** The governments of  
the seven member states of the Car-  
pathian Convention and resident  
stakeholders (civil society, science,  
tourism sector, local and regional au-  
thorities)

**Implementing organisation:**  
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