

An aerial photograph of a vast mountainous landscape. In the background, a range of jagged mountains is partially covered in snow, with white clouds drifting around their peaks. The middle ground shows rolling green hills and valleys, some with patches of forest. A winding road is visible in the lower part of the image. The foreground is dominated by a dense, dark green forest.

Lessons from the Carpathian Region

Synergies across Multilateral Environmental Agreements

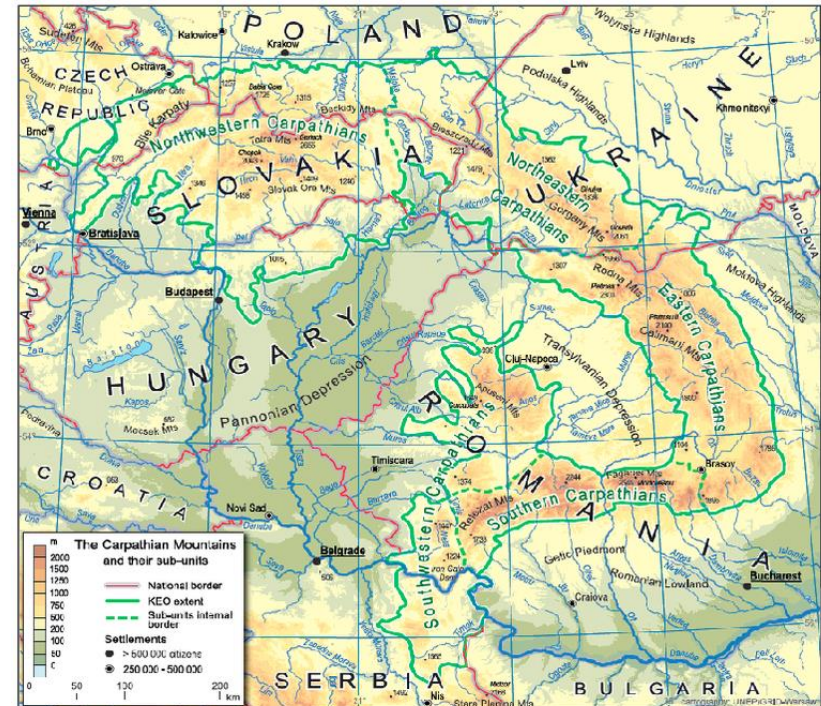
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Carpathian Convention



Ecological connectivity is important part of the work of the regional convention in Central and SE Europe – the Carpathian Convention (the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians, Kyiv, 2003).

Supporting implementation of other MEAs, including CBD, CMS, Ramsar Convention, WH Convention, etc.



The Carpathians

Carpathians still well connected and less fragmented.
That is the reason why wildlife is still to be found there.

Rapid infrastructure development going on in the area

- Landscape fragmentation
- Land use change
- Wildlife barriers

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Carpathian wildlife

One third of populations of European large mammals occur here



Protocols of the Carpathian Convention



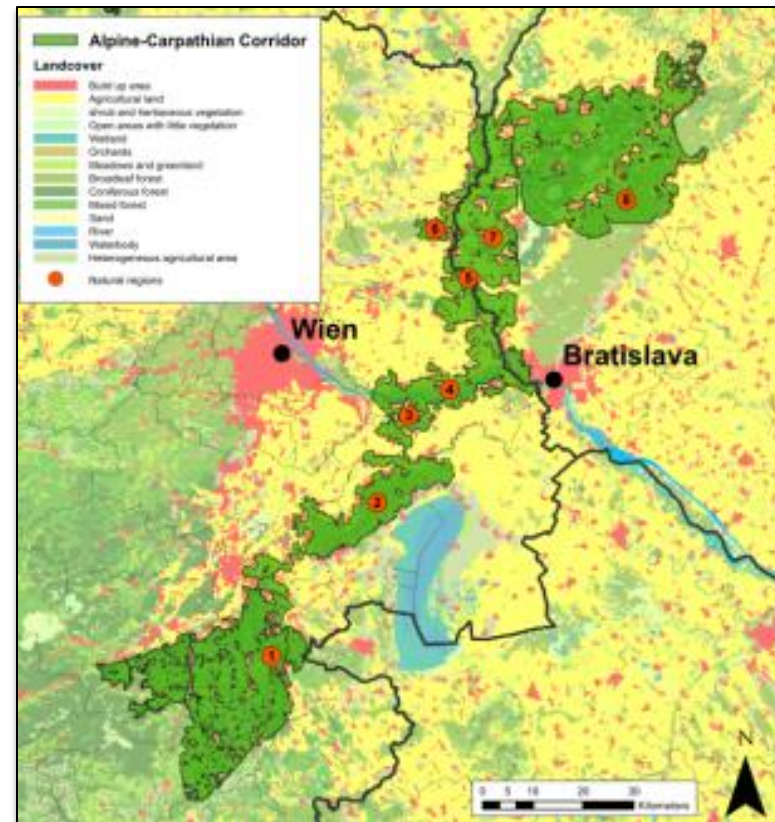
Continuity and connectivity of natural and semi-natural habitats and development of ecological network is included in several articles and Protocols for implementation of the Convention

- Conservation and Sustainable use of Biological and Landscape Diversity
- Sustainable Transport and Infrastructure
- Spatial Planning, etc.



Several **projects** implemented since adoption of the Carpathian Convention to support or to re-establish ecological connectivity and corridors within the region funded by EU regional funds

- **Alpine-Carpathian Corridor** (Austria and Slovakia Cross-border Cooperation Programme, 2009-2012)
- **TRANSGREEN** - Integrated Transport and Green Infrastructure Planning in the Danube-Carpathian Region for the benefit of People and Nature (INTERREG DTP, 2017-2019)
- **ConnectGREEN** - Restoring and managing ecological corridors in mountains as the green infrastructure in the Danube basin (INTERREG DTP, 2018-2021)
- **DANUBEparksCONNECTED** - Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor (INTERREG DTP, 2017-2019)



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