

DRAFT AGENDA rev2

8th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Groups on Sustainable Forest Management 10-12 October 2022, Levice, Slovakia

DAY 1 10 October	ADENDA ITEM
11:00 - 13:00 -13:30	Departure of the shuttle bus from Bratislava main bus/trains station to Levice Arrival to Levice and short lunch
13:30 – 15:30	<p>Session I</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting - by the Secretariat and welcome remarks by the WG Forest Chair - Slovakia 2. Adoption of the Agenda – Chair of the WG Forest 3. Short introduction round 4. Ukrainian forest and forestry – status and urgent needs for development – intervention by Liubov Poliakova, Ukrainian Research Institute for Mountain Forestry 5. Report on status of ratification of the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management 6. Review of the COP6 Decision related to the Protocol on sustainable forest management (DECISION COP6/13) and the Strategic Action Plan – presentation by the Secretariat 7. Updates from the Parties on the implementation of the Forest Protocol to the Carpathian Convention and its Strategic Action Plan – presentations by the Parties 8. Presentation of the S4C Research Agenda 2022 – 2030 and the S4C recommendations for the WG Forest – presentation by William Keeton, Vermont University, Science for the Carpathians
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00- 18:00	<p>Session II</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Natural disturbance regimes as a guide for sustainable forest management in Europe & workshop on science communication in forests sector – presentation by William Keeton, Vermont University, Science for the Carpathians 10. Innovation to Address Problems and Opportunities in Carpathian Forest Ecosystems – presentation by Linda Hnatová , Climate Goals Inc, USA, Worldview Impacts s.r.o., Slovakia 11. Wild game effects: a major obstacle to transition from even-aged forestry to nature-based forest management – presentation by Tibor Standovár, Eötvös Loránd University 12. Upscaling forest restoration, SUBERB project – presentation of the project by Martin Mikoláš, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague 13. Discussion and reflections on the presented topics <p style="text-align: center;">End of the Day 1</p>
18:00	Dinner
DAY 2 11 October	14.

9:00 – 10:30	<p>Opening of the Day 2</p> <p>Session III</p> <p>14. Finalization of the Inventory of the virgin forest in the Carpathians</p> <p>14.1 Presentation on the current statuses of the Inventory and the results of national consultation by Ana Marin Guerrero, EEA/ETC/DI - UMA</p> <p>14.2 Discussion with the WG Forest on finalization of the official layer</p> <p>14.3 Discussion on generating an additional layer of the inventory on primary forests</p> <p>14.4 Next steps to finalize the Inventory, including its recognition at the COP7</p>	11.
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break	
10:45 – 12:45	<p>Session IV</p> <p>15 Development of the Assessment of climate change risks and impacts on the Carpathian forests and their ecosystem services</p> <p>15.1 Presentation of the draft Assessment – William Keeton, Vermont University, Science for the Carpathians</p> <p>15.2 Discussion on open issues and gaps</p> <p>15.3 Agreeing on next steps for finalizing the Assessment</p> <p>16 Assessing forest connectivity and prioritization for conservation – presentation by Annemarie Bastrup-Birk, European Environment Agency and Ana Marin Guerrero, EEA/ETC/DI - UMA</p> <p>17 Climate-Smart Forest Management for Central and Eastern Europe – presentation of the project by Milan Huncaga, WWF Slovakia</p>	
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:00	18 Visit to the Forest School in Slovakia - Foresters for raising public environmental awareness	
15:30 – 17:30	<p>19 Ongoing activities within the Forest Europe – presentation by Boris Greguska, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic</p> <p>20 Students' research presentation (tbc)</p> <p>21 Review and adoption of the updated Terms of Reference for the WG Forest – Secretariat</p> <p>22 Discussion and recommendations by the WG Forest on the future Work Plan</p> <p>23 AOB</p> <p>24 Conclusions, next steps and closing of the meeting</p>	
17:30	Dinner	25
DAY 3 12 October		
9:00 - 10:00 - 12:00 12:00 – 14:00	<p>Departure from Levice</p> <p>Field trip to Pro Silva sites</p> <p>Return to Bratislava</p>	