

### Vienna: WG on Biodiversity and CNPA SC meetings 6 – 8 March 2013

The Carpathian Convention Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity (WG on Biodiversity) and the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas Steering Committee (CNPA SC) meetings took place at Vienna International Center, Vienna, Austria from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2013, and have been organized within the ETC SEE BIOREGIO Carpathians project.

The main outcome of the WG on Biodiversity was the finalization of the Biodiversity Protocol Implementation Report Format, which will be the tool for the evaluation of the state of implementation of the Protocol On Conservation And Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Biodiversity Protocol). at national level of the seven Carpathian countries.

The CNPA SC meeting was mostly dedicated to organizational arrangements of the forthcoming Second CNPA Conference, which will be held together with the BIOREGIO Carpathians Mid Term Conference, on 23 – 26 of April 2013 in Tatranská Javorina, Slovakia, the elaboration of the CNPA Medium Term Work Plan and the provisional arrangements for the CNPA Management Unit.