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26 – 27 March	Banska Bystrica, Slovakia	CC WG on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity

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Sixth meeting of the Carpathian Convention WG on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity

The Carpathians are one of the most diverse eco-regions in Europe, put on the WWF 'Global 2000' list of major eco-regions in need of biodiversity and habitat conservation. 1/3 of all European vascular plant species can be found in the region (almost 4,000 plant species); 481 of them are found only in the Carpathians. Consistently, one of the main measures of the Carpathian Convention's Biodiversity Protocol is the development and adoption of Carpathian wide Red Lists of Habitats and Species.

The meeting set a first important step towards the establishment of the Red Lists of Species and of Habitats and of a List of invasive alien species elaborated within the EU BIOREGIO Carpathians project. Participants discussed the draft methodologies for the elaboration of the Red Lists and further work on the Carpathian Convention Biodiversity Protocol Implementation Report.

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