

## UNEP Vienna - Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention

### UNEP ROE Newsletter May 2012

Recently in the region		
10 May	Vienna, Austria	Alpine-Carpathian Exchange Meeting;
30 May – 01 June	Stara Lesná, Slovak Republic	Second Forum Carpaticum “From data to knowledge, from knowledge to action”.
<i>Do not miss</i>		
29 June	Bologna, Italy	European Union South East Europe Programme Annual Conference

### **Recent events**

#### **Alpine-Carpathian Exchange Meeting; Vienna, Austria; 10 May**

Project partners from the recently completed Alpine Space Econnect Project and the ongoing SEE BioREGIO Carpathians project have met for an exchange meeting in order to ensure a sustainable knowledge transfer between the Alps and the Carpathians. Both projects have a special focus on the enhancement of ecological connectivity across the two mountain regions. Participants discussed the relevance of the ECONNECT project results for the BioREGIO Carpathians project and the possibilities to integrate the project results in the future BioREGIO activities (WP5 – Continuity and connectivity as a basis for WP6+7).

The meeting was initiated - with the generous support of the German Government - by the Alpine Network of Protected Areas ALPARC as partner of the ECONNECT project in cooperation with the Platform Ecological Network of the Alpine Exchange Meeting and took place on 10th May in Vienna, Austria.

#### **Carpathian Convention signs MoU with the Science for the Carpathians Initiative at the Second Forum Carpaticum “From data to knowledge, from knowledge to action”.**

Representatives of UNEP Vienna – ISCC, the Slovak Ministry of Environment on behalf of the presidency of the Carpathian Convention as well as the Chair of the Science for the Carpathians Initiative (S4C) have signed a common MoU at the Second Forum Carpaticum. The MoU is aimed at providing a durable basis for the collaboration in the field of scientific research, project development and implementation, information,

exchange and knowledge transfer. The collaboration is aimed in the long term at strengthening the awareness of a Carpathian wide approach in scientific work that provides an important information basis for further strategic political decision making.

The S<sub>4</sub>C initiative is the organizer of the Forum Carpaticum; a biannual Carpathian-wide scientific platform which gathered a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines from both, the natural sciences and social sciences of the Carpathian region and beyond. The Conference was taken over under the auspices of HE Ivan Gašparovič, president of the Slovak Republic. Amongst others, UNEP Vienna ISCC has organized a Workshop on the role of Science in the Carpathian Convention with a special focus on the BIOREGIO Carpathians project, aimed at implementing the main provisions of the Carpathian Convention Biodiversity Protocol. In particular, the first results of the activities related to the elaboration of a Carpathian Red List of Species and Habitats have been presented and discussed with the participants.

More information: [www.forumcarpaticum.org](http://www.forumcarpaticum.org)

### **Upcoming meetings**

**The European Union South East Europe Programme Annual Conference 2012 “The future built on the present” to take place in Bologna, Italy; 29 June**

**Title: EU SEE Programme Annual Conference discusses the linkage of present and future territorial cooperation in SEE**

With 16 participating countries and an overall population of more than 200 million people, the South East Europe Programme, as part of the EU Regional Policy's Territorial Cooperation Objective, targets the most diverse and complex transnational area in Europe.

UNEP Vienna - ISCC as representative of the BioREGIO Carpathians project consortium along with numerous EU representatives, governmental representatives and more than 400 participants of recent and ongoing SEE co-funded projects will attend this programmatic conference to take place in Bologna, Italy, 29 June.

More information at [www.carpathianconvention.org](http://www.carpathianconvention.org)