

Memorandum of Cooperation
between
Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland
and
Secretariat of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians

Recalling that the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Carpathian Convention), which was adopted and signed by the seven Parties (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine) and entered into force in January 2006, unites parties with a shared vision of ensuring the protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians;

Acknowledging that 2026 marks the 20th anniversary of the Carpathian Convention's entry into force;

Noting the relevant Decisions of the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (CC COP7), particularly DECISION COP7/8 on strengthening science-policy-practice interface and cooperation with scientific networks in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 8, expressing that the CC COP7:

1. Welcomes the continuous efforts of the Secretariat to strengthen science – policy – practice interface in order to enhance the implementation of the Carpathian Convention [...] and requests further actions by the Secretariat in this respect.
2. Welcomes stronger involvement of the Science for the Carpathians Network (S4C) in the implementation of the Convention[...] and requests the Secretariat to pursue closer collaboration with the S4C.
3. Welcomes the outcomes of [...], the 7th Forum Carpaticum “Carpathian Futures – Critical Transitions”, held on 25-29 September 2023, Kraków, Poland [organized by Jagiellonian University] [...], invites the S4C to further support the Carpathian Convention with its sound scientific knowledge and expertise[...].
8. Encourages further collaboration with the S4C on strengthening the Carpathian Convention's networks, coordination and collaboration within and between them and requests the Secretariat to support this process.

Acknowledging that the United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 2024 to 2033 as the "International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDSSD);"

The Jagiellonian University in Krakow (hereinafter “Jagiellonian University”), established as a public university located in Krakow, Gołębia 24, 31-007, Poland. Duly represented by its legal representative, Vice-rector for Research, Prof. dr hab. Piotr Kuśtrowski,

and

Secretariat of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (hereinafter "Convention Secretariat"), hosted by the UNEP Vienna Programme Office located in Vienna International Centre, PO Box 500, A 1400 Austria Vienna, Austria. Duly represented by the Head of the Office, Mr. Harald Egerer,

hereinafter referred to as the "Signatories," mutually agree to establish a working relationship to promote close cooperation through cultural and educational ties and exchanging ideas and information between the two Signatories. The collaboration will be carried out on a basis of equality and mutual advantage.

1. OBJECTIVE

This Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) expresses the Signatories' intent to facilitate a progressively closer working relationship between the **Jagiellonian University** and the **Convention Secretariat** in order to contribute to enhancing the implementation of the Carpathian Convention by:

- developing cooperative activities, projects and publications in the field of science-policy-practice interface, scientific research and education for sustainable development that are relevant for the Carpathian region;
- strengthening close collaboration in the framework of activities and coordination of the Science for the Carpathians Network.

2. ACTIVITIES, ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONTACTS

2.1 All activities taking place under this MoC must conform to the policies and procedures in place at each institution.

2.2 Nothing in this MoC shall create or imply a financial obligation by either Signatory. Financial arrangements related to the activities will be regulated in separate written implementation agreements.

2.3 Each Signatory shall designate a person to serve as a liaison for implementing this MoC.

For the **Jagiellonian University**, the implementation is entrusted to the Human-Environmental Systems Research Center, Faculty of Geography and Geology, the contact person will be Agnieszka Wypych, 7 Gronostajowa St., 30-387 Krakow, Poland, +48126645325, agnieszka.wypych@uj.edu.pl.

For the **Convention Secretariat**, the contact person will be Klaudia Kuraś, Wagramerstrasse 5, 1400, Vienna, Austria, +43-1-26060-5620, klaudia.kuras@un.org.

2.4 The Signatories agree jointly:

- a. to identify and implement, as appropriate, relevant activities for cooperation in the framework of the Science for the Carpathians network, including but not limited to:
 - o development of joint research projects of mutual interest;
 - o development of scientific and policy publications, publication of scientific papers and textbooks, resulting from cooperative projects;
 - o organisation of conferences, seminars, symposia, working group meetings and

(international) courses of mutual interest to the Signatories;

- b. to develop relevant activities for cooperation in scientific research, education for sustainable development, and the field of science-policy-practice interface within the framework of the Carpathian Convention, including but not limited to:
 - o promoting the exchange of data and information relevant for science-policy-practice interface
 - o promoting the participation of scientific experts in Carpathian Convention activities;
 - o strengthening close collaboration with the Science for the Carpathians Network.

3. USE OF LOGO

The Signatories will not use in any press release, memo, report, website, or other published disclosure related to this MoC any of the other Signatories' name and logo without prior written consent by the Signatory concerned.

4. DISPUTES

Any dispute about the interpretation or application of this MoC will be resolved by consultations between the Signatories, and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party for settlement.

5. AMENDMENT

The provisions of this MoC may be fully or partially modified in writing, with the mutual consent of the Signatories.

6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

6.1 It is anticipated that any intellectual property currently owned by either Signatory will remain the property of such Signatory.

6.2 All intellectual property developed individually by a Signatory in the course of the collaboration shall be the property of the developing Signatory. All intellectual property developed jointly by the Signatories in the course of the collaboration will be negotiated between the Signatories in order to establish their respective rights. If the Signatories do not reach an agreement on the ownership rights of the intellectual property developed jointly, the intellectual property will be jointly owned by the Signatories, with an equitable distribution of the costs related thereto.

6.3 Nothing in this MoC shall be construed as a transfer of rights and/or licenses to any intellectual property of either Signatory. None of the information that may be sent or exchanged by the respective Signatories shall constitute a representation, guarantee, assurance or inducement by either Signatory to the other with respect to the infringement of trademarks, patents, copyrights or any right of privacy, or other rights of third parties.

7. DURATION AND TERMINATION

7.1 Either Signatory may terminate this MoC with six (6) months prior written notice to the other Signatory.

7.2 The termination of the duration of this MoC, unless otherwise agreed, will not affect the conclusion or extinguish the rights and obligations arising from any of the specific works and/or projects that may have been formalized during its term.

7.3 This MoC becomes effective upon completion of signatures. It is valid for an initial period of five (5) years from the date of signature, which will be extended automatically and successively for the same period of time, provided that neither Signatory is interested in its termination.


8. FINAL PROVISIONS

Nothing in this MoC will bind any of the Signatories either jointly or severally.

In witness whereof, the Signatories, each acting through its duly authorized representative, have signed this MoC in two (2) original copies in English.

By the Jagiellonian University in Krakow

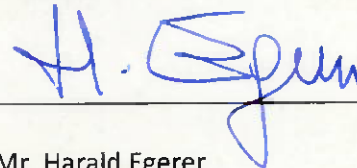
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Date: 12 MAR. 2024 Place: Kraków

By the Secretariat of the Carpathian
Convention



Mr. Harald Egerer
Head of the Secretariat of the Carpathian
Convention

Date: 20.2.24 Place: Vienne.