

## Back to Office Report

<b>Places</b>	<b>Szolnok, Hungary</b>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>1 October 2015</b>
<b>Participants</b>	<b>Sabina Bokal</b>
<b>Issue: Fourth Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change</b>	
<p><b>Purpose of the trip</b> GWP CEE was invited by the Carpathian Convention to present our activities, projects and filed of working in order to find some common interest and joint initiatives.</p> <p><b>GWP CEE participation</b> Presentation of our activities and discussion on potential cooperation with Carpathian Convention.</p> <p><b>Program of the conference</b> In the first part of the programme they were presenting their past projects and listing all the ideas they have for future implementation. In the second part of the meeting different organizations (in Carpathian area) presented their activities and possible cooperation with Carpathian Convention was discussed.</p> <p><u>1. Presentation of the three EU projects:</u> CARPATHCLIM, CARPIVIA, CarpathCC where Carpathian partners have been involved. Led by Hungarian Meteorological Services. There was a discussion on what are the appropriate funding programmes for climate change (maybe LIFE) because climate change topics are not covered sufficiently in EU programmes. In all these projects they produced list with a lot of recommendations – lessons learned or potential projects (some of them):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• integrate climate change knowledge into river basin management planning – contribute to Tisza management plan;</li> <li>• climate proofing of infrastructure investments – to make sure that infrastructure is fit for expected climate predictions;</li> <li>• develop flood &amp; drought measures.</li> </ul> <p><u>2. CLIMA-ADAPT platform (Kati Mattern, EU environmental agency):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State of the Environment report is their main outcome published in the beginning of this year.</li> <li>• EU Climate Change Adaptation strategy launched in 2013-2017 (three priority areas – promoting actions which should be taken by the Member states; better informed decision-making; ....).</li> <li>• Their main activities: overview of the policy development; thematic reports on different sectors; National adaptation policy processes in Europe (issued last year).</li> <li>• There is a new report available: monitoring and evaluation climate change adaptation policies at the nation level (exchange of experiences) – issued by the end of the year 2015.</li> <li>• Report on Disaster Risk Reduction related to CC in Europe</li> </ul> <p><u>Climate-ADAPT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Platform owned by DG Clima (EC)</li> <li>• Hosted by EEA server</li> <li>• Support decision makers on adaptation to climate change</li> <li>• Platform also include:</li> <li>• information on appropriate EU funding (fact sheet for different funding for adaptation ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- adaptation support tool – which steps you should take to implement adaptation action</li> <li>- Information what are other countries doing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- Case studies and how to upload them

Other presentations:

- Alpine Convention
- PA4 Danube Strategy – Tisza Group presentation of the project proposal submitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> call of the DTP (flood management into RBMP)
- DMCSEE
- EU funding available for Carpathian Convention

Discussion

- WWF – brochure on EU financing for flood restoration projects (which fund gives funding to stakeholder involvement, ...)

**Main conclusions/thoughts:**

Possibilities for cooperation with GWP CEE:

- partners in one of the future project proposals (EU funds) or developing together a new project proposal;
- to add GWP CEE (IDMP CEE) products/case studies to the Climate-ADAPT platform; to special section which will be devoted to Carpathian area



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