

# CARPATHIANS STATES SHALL ENDEAVOR TO ADOPT THE EU MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGY

are a **unique area** with beautiful distinguishing features, virginal nature and high cultural values, that makes it a perfect place for tourism, sport and recreation.

are hindered by **low transport accessibility** whereas its location on external border of the EU impairs its internal cohesion.

are the region facing **unemployment, poverty and low productivity** which cause emigration – the inhabitants leave the region seeking a better place to live.

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states

190 tys. km<sup>2</sup>  
area

50 mln  
inhabitants

**The Carpathians** share many common potentials and challenges which cross the administrative borders – national, regional and local ones.

## The answer is the fifth EU Macro-regional Strategy!

The goal of which could be strengthening the competitiveness and attractiveness of the Region and creating competitive advantages to increase the level and quality of life of the inhabitants of the Carpathian Region.

The areas characterized by common challenges and development opportunities require a shared **vision, idea and delivery by all partners**. To coordinate various actions, securing financing, enable implementation of common goals the agreed framework, tools and cooperative institutions are needed. The initiative will contribute to implementation of the **Carpathian Convention**.

### The goals of the Strategy and proposed common projects.

#### COMPETITIVE

Strengthening economic cooperation

Carpathian Innovation Support Centre

Carpathian incubator of „green industries”

Carpathian Platform for Technology Transfer

#### GREEN

High quality of natural environment

Common early warning system for all natural hazards

Development of new technologies for energy generation

#### COHESIVE

Increasing the functional accessibility of the Carpathians

The Via Carpathia Corridor

Intermodality - effective integration of cross-border railway connections with public communication in the Carpathian countries

#### Horizontal activities

Strengthening cooperation between carpathian cities and countryside

Joint management coordination of spatial planning

Strengthening cross-border cooperation