



THE ADVANTAGES OF ADOPTION THE EU MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE CARPATHIAN REGION

WHY NOT JOIN THE DANUBE STRATEGY?

- ➔ Integrated use of **development potential** in a sustainable manner with the respect of the environmental and cultural heritage.
 - ➔ A tool for adaptation to **climate change**.
 - ➔ Building a **common regional brand** and economic promotion of the region.
 - ➔ Joint intense development and boosting an **investment attractiveness** and innovativeness of Carpathians.
 - ➔ Increasing the **quality of life** of the inhabitants.
 - ➔ New partnership, building **cooperation beyond the administrative borders** and integration of the inhabitants of the region.
 - ➔ Coordination of measures conducted in the region by the entities on different levels, regardless of national borders.
 - ➔ Better **access to financial resources**, to 2021-2027 EU Financial Perspective in particular.
 - ➔ Increasing the presence of Carpathians in the EU and highlighting the roll of mountainous areas.
- ➔ Because it occupies **huge area**, **not completely overlaps** with the Carpathians.
 - ➔ The opportunities and **challenges typical for mountainous** features of the Carpathians could not be full addressed.
 - ➔ The foundation of **common identity** that could be found in the Carpathians are the basis of cooperation and opportunity for quick and effective delivery of agreed goals.

The draft Macro-regional Strategy for the Carpathian Region was elaborated, December 2017.

In Krynica Zdrój, on the 5th of September 2017, the representatives of the Governments of **Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Ukraine** signed the **Carpathian Declaration** of Intent to Create the EU Macro-Regional Strategy for the Carpathian Region.

The Carpathian Declaration was delivered to **European Council, European Parliament** and **Committee of Region** with a call to support the process.

Currently the information and **promotion activities are conducted to add the initiative to the European agenda**. The European Council shall formally open the works towards the EU Macro-regional Strategy task its preparation the European Commission.

Further activities towards the adoption of the EU Macro-regional Strategy for the Carpathian Region

- ➔ **Reinforcing the efforts of signatories of the Carpathian Declaration** to involve Romania, Czech Republic, Serbia and Moldavia in the initiative.
- ➔ Common **choice of projects** aiming to implementation of the Strategy.
- ➔ Including the Strategy to priorities of Polish presidency in **Carpathian Convention 2020**.
- ➔ Promotion of the initiative during the thematically related events (f.e. COTER Group in CoR, ESPON Seminars, Expert Group TCUM, conference of TRANSGREEN project, bilateral meetings) – elaboration and realization of a **Carpathian Road Map**.
- ➔ Inclusion of funds for the Carpathian Region in the **Program INTERREG(2021-2027)**.