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## DRAFT AGENDA

### 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD)

26-27 April 2023

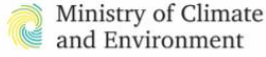
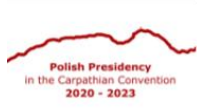
Vatra Dornei, Romania

09:00 – 17:30 26 April 2023

Field Trip linked with local herders/pastrolarist traditions in Romania is considered as an integral part of the WG SARD meeting, setting the scene for the discussion on the Carpathian pastoralism.

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09:30 – 11:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) <b>Supporting and promoting Carpathian pastoralism, towards the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP), 2026</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Brief introduction of the Background Note and ideas for potential activities under Carpathian Convention and WG SARD towards IYRP</li> <li>b. Presentation with inputs for discussion by Zsolt Molnár, Centre for Ecological Research and Ibolya Sáfián, leader of the Hungarian Woman Herder group</li> <li>c. National inputs on activities related to supporting and promoting Carpathian pastoralism, respective plans for IYRP</li> <li>d. Inscription of the Carpathian Transhumance in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity – Veronica Țaran Baciu Georgescu – General director - National Agency of the Mountain Areas Romania, Lucian David &amp; Sabina Ispas – Romanian Academy</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffe Break
11:30 – 13:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Presentation by Euromontana on ongoing and planned activites related to pastoralizim</li> <li>f. Pastoralism in the South-Eastern Carpathians (&amp; Romania). Past, present and future – Prof. (ass) Senior researcher Dr. Eng. Teodor Marusca - The Research-Development Institute for Grasslands Brasov, Romania</li> <li>g. Moderated participatory discussion, with inputs and suggestions by experts, on prioritising and planning activities by Carpathian Convention, WG Sard, other WGs and partners, towards IYRP</li> </ol>
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 – 16:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7) <b>Towards implementation of the SARD Protocol:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Presentation of the Science for the Carpathians (S4C) recommendations relevant for WG SARD</li> <li>b. Update on topics for cooperation under the WG SARD by the Chair – Romania:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Best practices models: Short food supply chains – Farm to fork</li> <li>ii. Quality schemes and certification of „Mountain Products”</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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	<p>iii. Associations for farmers and food producers in the mountain area - benefits and best practice models</p> <p>c. Presentation of relevant projects and updates on SARD Protocol implementation by the Parties (based on expressed interest)</p>
16:15 – 16:45	Coffe Break
16:45 – 17:00	8) <b>Presentation of the funding by the The German Federal Foundation for the Environment (DBU) for Citizen Energy initiatives in the Carpathian Contries - Secretariat</b>
17:15 – 17:30	9) <b>Reflections from the Carpathian ESD Exerts – relevant links between ESD and SARD activities (TBC)</b>
17:30 – 17:45	10) <b>Support to Ukraine in the framework of the Carpathian Convention</b>
17:45 – 18:00	<p>11) <b>Any other business</b></p> <p>12) <b>Conclusions and next steps</b></p> <p>13) <b>Closing of the meeting</b></p>