

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

1. PARTIES

This Memorandum of Cooperation ("**Memorandum**") has been entered into by

- 1.1 **AGENT GREEN**, a Romanian non-governmental association, identified by CUI 25261826, headquartered in Bucharest, sector 1, str. Sg. Contantin Boghiu nr. 11, represented by Gabriel Paun, in capacity of President of the Board of Directors,
- 1.2 Community development center "**Idea, Action, Result**", a Ukrainian non-governmental association, represented by Halyna Yerema, in capacity of President of the Board of Directors,
- 1.3 **SCIENCE AND NATURE (SciNat)**, a Ukrainian non-governmental association, identified by ID11011141020000001197, Chernivtsi, Ukraine, represented by Dariia Kholiavchuk, in capacity of President of the Board of Directors,
- 1.4 **GEOCONCEPT ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED GEOGRAPHY**, a Romanian non-governmental association, identified by CUI 27813498, headquartered in Carlibaba, Suceava county, str. Tibau, nr. 30, represented by Marcel Mindrescu, in capacity of President of the Board of Directors,
- 1.5 **SECRETARIAT OF THE CARPATHIAN CONVENTION**, hosted by the UNEP Vienna Programme Office located in Vienna International Centre, PO Box 500, A 1400 Austria Vienna, Austria. represented by the Head of the Secretariat, Mr. Harald Egerer.

2. WHEREAS

- 2.1 Signatory initiators intend to undertake required steps for the establishment of a transboundary natural park ("**Carpathian Peace Park**") with the observance of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Carpathian Convention and the applicable national legal framework;
- 2.2 The park will aim to protect and preserve biodiversity and the landscape, offering the possibility to carry out scientific research, recreation and tourism activities.
- 2.3 The Parties agreed to conclude this Memorandum in order to mutually ensure a future collaboration regarding initiators efforts to establish the Carpathian Peace Park;

The Parties have agreed to conclude the following Memorandum under the following terms:

3 SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS MEMORANDUM

3.1 This Memorandum contains the intention of the Parties to collaborate and to express their mutual support for the initiative to establish the Carpathian Peace Park. The Parties mutually assure each other that they will cooperate in order to:

- (i) Identify and research potential projects that have an impact on the improvement and sustainability of the environment and identify proposals for their implementation;
- (ii) Plan opportunities and sharing information and knowledge to support the establishment of the Carpathian Peace Park;
- (iii) Participate in joint efforts to involve the community in the development of action plans and potential pilot projects that are prior to the establishment of the Carpathian Peace Park, including, but not limited to, working groups, coordination meetings, public initiatives;
- (iv) Support additional initiatives to improve the accessibility and management of the territories of the Carpathian Peace Park and the commitment to the sustainable development of local communities;
- (v) Effective coordination and communication for the purposes and objectives mentioned in this Memorandum.

3.2 This Memorandum does not impose to any of the Parties certain obligations to establish, constitute or authorize the Carpathian Peace Park or for any kind of representation for the purpose of establishing the Park. The Parties understand that the establishment of the Carpathian Peace Park will be the competence of the authorities authorized by the applicable law, and the authorization of any projects and plans proposed to be carried out on the territory of the Park will be subject to analysis and approval by the environmental authorities under the applicable national legislation.

3.3 Nothing in this document shall be construed as an undertaking by any of the Parties to allocate any funds for the purposes of this Memorandum, nor as imposing an obligation on any of the Parties to approve, allocate or discuss the allocation of funds for a particular project or approach in this Memorandum or in connection with the signatory initiators'.

4 DURATION OF THE MEMORANDUM

4.1 This Memorandum enters into force on the date of its signature by all the Parties, as such being considered as the date of entry into force the date of the last signature.

4.2 Unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of this Memorandum or by agreement of the Parties, this Memorandum shall be in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of entry into force.

5 USE OF LOGO

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

6 DISPUTES

Any dispute about the interpretation or application of this Memorandum will be resolved by consultations between the Signatories and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party for settlement. Nothing in this Memorandum shall be deemed to imply any legal or financial consequences for the Parties, but shall be understood as a declaration of mutual support and cooperation for the goals of the establishment of the Carpathian Peace Park.

7 MODIFICATION OR TERMINATION

7.1 Any change in the subject matter of the Memorandum, requested by either Party, shall be made only with the mutual consent of the Parties and recorded in writing, as an addendum to this Agreement. Such an addendum will reflect the agreed amendments.

7.2 Either Party may withdraw from this Memorandum for any reason, by written notice.

7.3 None of the Parties to this Memorandum acts on behalf of another Party, it is not an agent or representative of another signatory Party or of a public authority with competence in the authorization or establishment of the Carpathian Peace Park, private entity or public of certification, authorization or control, nor will it represent itself as such before any other third person. This Memorandum does not constitute a joint venture agreement and will not be interpreted as such.

7.4 This Memorandum shall terminate on the date set forth herein, unless the Parties have agreed to terminate it on another date. The Parties may agree to the extension of the Memorandum by concluding an addendum to it.

The Memorandum of Cooperation was concluded on _____, in (____) original copies, one copy for each signatory Party.

Signatures

AGENT GREEN

Represented by Gabriel PAUN

GEOCONCEPT

Represented by Marcel MINDRESCU

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Represented by Halyna YEREMA

SCIENCE AND NATURE

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