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# Invitation to event



**You are invited to participate in a special WWF event May 22, right after the signing ceremony of the Carpathian Convention. Please come by sometime between 13:00-14:30.**

Our furry Carpathian friends will be there to guide you to the event which will be held at the UNEP-EEA booth in the Exhibition Area.

At the event, we will be celebrating the Carpathian Convention with music, drinks, food and a large participant-driven Carpathian banner.

Please sign Eco-Card 2 inside this Eco-Pocket and bring it with you to the event to show your support for protecting Europe's natural treasure – the Carpathian Mountains.



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# Useful tips for your stay in Kyiv

## **CURRENCY EXCHANGE (AS OF MAY 7)**

1 EUR = 5.8 Hryvnia (UHR)      1 USD = 5.3 Hryvnia (UHR)

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Metro/subway is efficient, inexpensive and covers almost entire city.  
To pay, buy tokens at the stations and insert before entering.

## **TAXI**

Best to negotiate price before entering vehicle. Best to use marked taxis at night.  
Taxi to airport no more than \$30.  
Local taxi companies: Grand Taxi 237-3676; Leader Taxi 237-5050

## **INTERNATIONAL MOBILE PHONE CALLS**

For long-distance calls with your mobile phone, start with "+" not "00".

## **USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS**

Conference Secretariat: +380-44-290-4157  
Hotel Bratislava: +380-44-559-7788

## **RESTAURANT TIPS**

Restaurant bills often include 5% service charge but a 10% tip is suggested.  
Great local food: borsh, dumplings, pike-perch, pickles, chicken Kiev, shashlyk.

## **KIEV SITES ON UNESCO "100 OUTSTANDING LANDMARKS OF EUROPE" LIST**

St. Sophia Cathedral (11th C.)  
Kyiv-Pecherska Lavra Monastery and caves (12th C.)  
National Archaeological Nature Preserve "Chersoneses Tauric" (5th C.)

## **ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS**

Kyiv Post: Usually free with restaurant and entertainment guides  
([www.kyivpost.com](http://www.kyivpost.com))



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# Priorities for Convention Implementation



## WWF/CEI PRIORITIES for IMPLEMENTATION of the CARPATHIAN CONVENTION

To ensure that long-term sustainable development of the Carpathians mainly benefits local people and communities, and stops the ongoing trends of increasing poverty, unemployment, rural depopulation and loss of traditional practices, we propose that Carpathian governments:

- 1. Explicitly integrate conservation and the sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity into national sector policies** such as agriculture, forestry, river basin (and flood) management, tourism, transport and energy, industry and mining.
- 2. Establish a Carpathian Network of Protected Areas**, including the 30 Carpathian Priority Areas identified by the Carpathian Ecoregion Initiative (CEI), each with an effective, participatory management system.
- 3. Ensure the preservation of endangered species** listed in the CEI's List of Endangered Carpathian Species, especially through the maintenance of their habitats, with assurance that populations of large carnivores are maintained at viable levels.
- 4. Promote FSC certification of forests** with implementation in all state forests; develop and implement the High Conservation Value Forest concept as part of sustainable forestry management schemes; and strengthen enforcement measures against illegal logging.
- 5. Implement programmes enabling local populations to derive economic benefit** from traditional and sustainable land-use and tourism practices that protect the high biological diversity of the Carpathian Mountains.
- 6. Strengthen the capacities of countries** to effectively use Environmental Assessments and ensure that new transportation, energy and mining activities do not negatively impact endangered species or fragment priority natural areas.

*(Priorities continued on back)*





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## Priorities continued

We call on the signatories to ensure that the Convention moves towards swift implementation, with adequate annual funding contributions and a concrete work-plan agreed within two years of signing.

This list has been developed by WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) and CEI (Carpathian Ecoregion Initiative) as their key priorities for implementation of the Carpathian Convention. It was released on May 22, 2003 with the official signing of the Carpathian Convention during the 5<sup>th</sup> Environment for Europe Conference held in Kyiv, Ukraine.

## TRY SAYING IT IN UKRAINIAN!

My name is...	<b>Mehneh zvuht...</b>
Thank you	<b>Dyakuyuh</b>
What country are you from?	<b>Z yakoi vy krainy?</b>
Have you seen the bear?	<b>Tchy vy bachily vedmidya?</b>
Where, when, who...?	<b>Deh, koly, khtoh...?</b>
Carpathian Convention	<b>Karpat'ska Konvenciya</b>
The Danube Delta is fantastic!	<b>Delta Dunaju tse fantastychne misce!</b>
Great conference!	<b>Chudova Konferencia!</b>
How much does it cost?	<b>Skeelky tseh Koshtuyeh?</b>
Men's/women's washroom?	<b>Choloveechy/zheenochoy tualet?</b>
What hotel are you staying at?	<b>Z yakomy gotelu vy zupynylys?</b>
Cheers!	<b>Nazdrovya!</b>
See you again!	<b>Dasvidanya!</b>



# Save Europe's only living delta!



The Danube Delta, where the Danube River meets the Black Sea in Ukraine and Romania, is the only "living delta" in Europe. With natural processes constantly reshaping its geography, the Danube Delta is truly a natural wonder. It is also the largest reedbed in the world and home to a fantastic array of species including sturgeon and Europe's largest colonies of pelicans.

In 1976, the USSR declared part of the Ukraine Delta a Ramsar site, reconfirmed by Ukraine in 1995. In August 1998, UNESCO created a Biosphere Reserve in the Ukraine Delta to protect this natural treasure. Now the delta is threatened.

Some people want a canal for ships from the Danube to the Black Sea in Ukraine. Some people want it to go through a core zone of the Delta at a place called Bystroye. This could ecologically devastate the Delta. But other options exist.

**WWF and others have asked the Ukraine government to ensure that all options are properly assessed and publicly reviewed to select the one that is the least ecologically destructive. You can ask them too (see back).**



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believe that the Danube Delta is one of Europe's natural treasures in need of long-term protection.

I kindly ask the Ukraine government that, if they plan to build a shipping canal from the Danube to the Black Sea, they first carry out a proper environmental assessment of all alternatives, with public review, to select the one that is ecologically the least destructive.

**Mr. Georgy Kirpa**  
**Minister of Transport**  
**Ministry of Transport**

**Shorsa Str. 7/9**  
**Kyiv-150 03680**  
**Ukraine**



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# Save Europe's beautiful Drava!



The Drava River in Croatia is home to a magnificent array of natural wonders including the Danube Basin's second largest floodplain, the biggest natural spawning grounds for fish in Central Europe and a resting stop for endangered species such as black storks and white-tailed eagles.

The Croatian government both helps and hurts the Drava. They are especially helping, with World Bank support, the beautiful Kopacki Rit Park where the Drava meets the Danube. And Croatia's Prime Minister has made promotion of the Drava's natural values a priority. But further upstream, they have been changing the Drava into concrete. Large amounts of gravel are extracted directly from the river, much to help build a new highway. Also, the government continues its construction of small and large dams, literally choking life from the river. This is not helping their recent application to join the EU.

**WWF and others  
have asked the  
Croatian government  
to protect the entire  
Drava in Croatia,  
not just part of it.  
You can ask them  
too (see back).**



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(your organization here)

believe the Drava River in Croatia to be one of Europe's natural treasures in need of long-term protection. I kindly ask the Croatian government to protect the entire river in their country and not just part of it, for all Croatians and all Europeans.

**Jaksa Marasovic**  
**Generalni Direktor**  
**Hrvatske vode**

**Ulica grada Vukovara 220**  
**10000 Zagreb**  
**Croatia**



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