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# CARPATHIAN CONVENTION

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# Carpathian Convention to prevent transboundary water pollution

The Convention promotes prevention, polluter pays at transboundary level, and integrated planning/management of land and water resources

WG1: Biodiversity

WG2: Spatial Development

WG3: Agriculture & RD

WG4: Forests

WG5: Industry, Energy, Transport, Infrastructure

WG6: Tourism

WG7: Cultural Heritage

WG8: Climate Adaptation

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
CARPATHIANS



# Cooperation with EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

- Priority Area 4 WATER QUALITY

[The Memorandum of Cooperation between the Carpathian Convention and EUSDR PA 04 “Water Quality”, 30 August 2016](#)





# Cooperation with ICPDR and the Tisza Group

- Mutual observership status between ISCC and ICPDR since 2010
- Joint Declaration between ICPDR and Carpathian Convention on cooperation in the Tisza Basin in 2015
- Close cooperation with ICPDR on the EUSDR in the Danube area
- CC as an Associates Partner in the JoinTisza Project
- **CC COP6** „encourages the further strengthening of this cooperation in the areas of common interest, including development and implementation of **joint, coordinated and complementary activities and projects**, exchange of information, and awareness raising of the local communities in the Tisza River Basin”



# Other UNEP initiatives to address transboundary water pollution

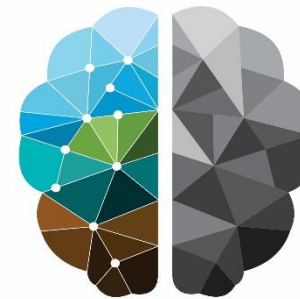
## Environment and Security Initiative



OSCE, UNDP, UNEP, UNECE initiative.

Main objective: to address environment and security risks through promoting environmental co-operation among and within the countries of Eastern Europe, South-Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia.

UNEP - The “South East European Sub-Regional Platform to Beat Pollution” established to foster sub-regional cooperation in the fields of environmental protection and sustainable development, with a specific focus on pollution prevention, reduction and monitoring in the Western Balkans



**INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO POLLUTION IN SOUTH EAST & SOUTHERN EUROPE**



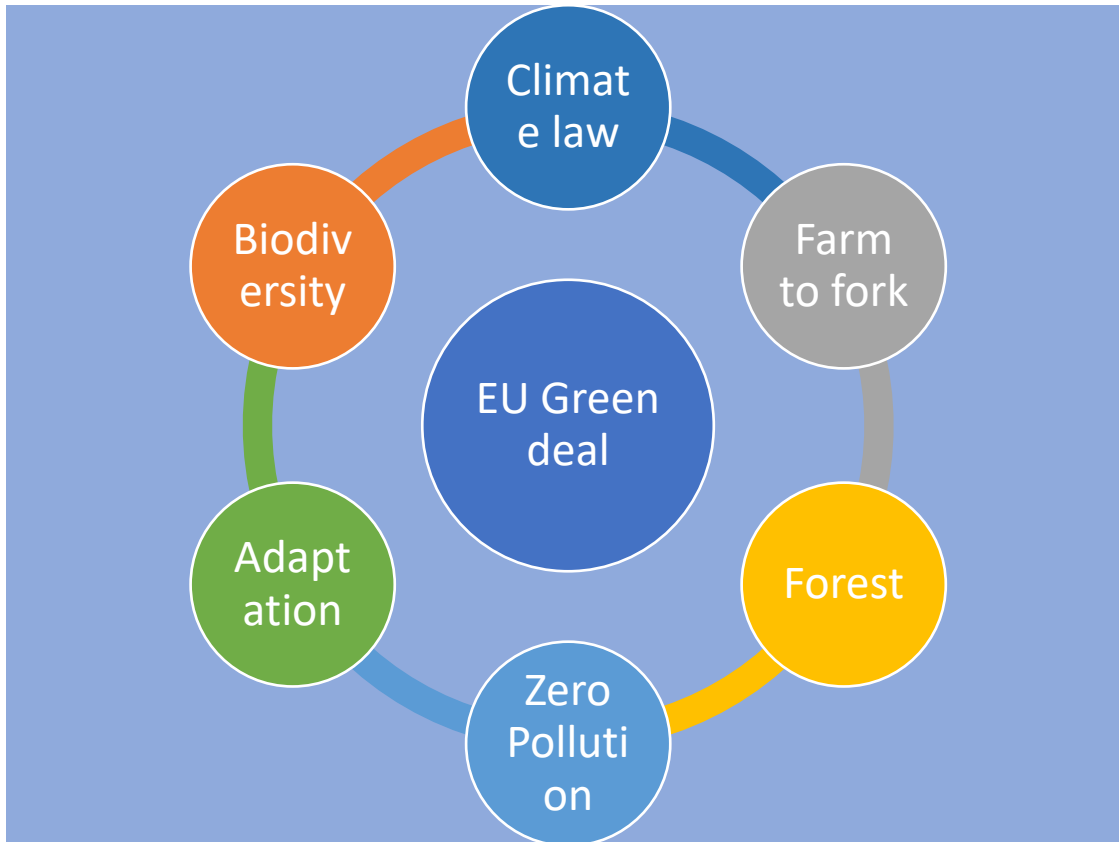
# Cyanides in the Bečva River in 2020 in Moravia

At the end of September 2020, the cyanide leak poisoned almost 40 km of the Bečva River. Toxins that got into the water damaged the entire aquatic habitat and the conditions for all water-bound organisms along a 40-kilometer stretch of river. Fishermen took out 40 tons of dead fish. The polluter has not been identified yet.



Source: <https://english.radio.cz/illegally-dumped-waste-leaves-40-km-stretch-becva-river-effectively-dead-8693203>


# Carpathian Convention and EU Green Deal



The European Green Deal sets several ambitious targets and provides a roadmap with actions to boost the efficient use of resources by moving to a clean, circular economy and stop climate change, revert biodiversity loss and cut pollution...

Multilateral and transboundary cooperative actions in the Danube–Carpathian region is essential and it should be expanded as much as possible to support the member states / national authorities in the achievement of environmental objectives.





# Thank you for your attention!

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