



## **Minutes of the CERI General Assembly 22-24 November 2006 Poprad, Slovakia**

### **Objective:**

CERI Work Plan 2006, 2007  
Update on BBI-Matra Project  
Carpathian Projects and Initiatives  
National CERI networks  
Preparation of the CERI side event at the COP 1 to the Carpathian Convention  
Working Groups Meetings

**Participants:** 40-45 people. Chair: JS; Minutes: HM; Coordinator: MC; Logistics: VC.

Please note AG=Anna Guttova; AK=Andras Krolopp; JS=Jan Seffer; MB=Mike Baltzer; MC=Monika Chrenkova; NR=Nenad Robajac; IA=Ioan Abrudan; HM=Hildegard Meyer; TM=Tamara Malkova; TR=Tomas Ruzicka; YD=Yaroslav Dovhanych.

For contact information on the participants, please see [Annex 37](#).

### **Main outputs:**

#### **Adoption of decisions including the following:**

Approval of new members  
Agreement on workplan for 2007  
Communications strategy  
Approval of Rules of Procedure of National Focal Points and Working Groups  
Approval of Terms of References and Work Plans for 2007 of Working Groups  
Agreement on date and venue for the next General Assembly in 2007

## **DAY 1 – November 22**

**12:30 – 17:00 Excursion to Vysoke Tatry Mountains** led by Tomas Vancura and Juraj Svajda

**18:00 – 20:00 Interactive training session on the CERI Communications Strategy** (Tamara Malkova)

## DAY 2 – November 23

### 9:10 Welcome and Opening

IA, the Romanian National Focal Point, opens the meeting. Vice major of Poprad, Mr Gustav Dobak, welcomes the audience.

Juraj Svajda, National Park Vysoke Tatry Administration, gives an informative presentation (**Annex 1**) on the national park.

A short round of introduction of the members follows.

### 9:40 The CERI Work Plan 2006

MC summarizes the **CERI Work Plan of 2006**.

1. **Ecoregion Action Plan (EAP)**: The approach and the methodologies have been identified. The EAP will be promoted at the 1<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Carpathian Convention in Kyiv, 11-13 December 2006.
2. **Carpathian Convention Biodiversity Protocol**: NGO and research institutes are not satisfied with the protocol; comments are being prepared and will be presented to the ministries.
3. Contribute to the **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** implementation in the Carpathians: CERI helped to prepare the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (CBD PoW PAs) project '2012 Protected Areas Programme – The Carpathian Mountain Ecoregion'. The project has been recently approved and will be supported by the MAVA Foundation.
4. **CERI Secretariat**: It is clarified that the secretariat would have some help by Danube Environmental Forum (DEF), Daphne and EPCE Czech Republic through pre-financing of the last payment of € 35,000 for CERI activities for the first half of the year 2007.
5. **3 Board Meetings** were organized and held during the year 2006.
6. The **General Assembly** was organized.

### CERI roles

7. **Conservation broker**: CERI gained the observer status at the Carpathian Convention, got involved in the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA), and will organize a side event at the COP 1 in Kyiv, 11-13 December 2006.
8. **Carpathian Clearinghouse**: Steps towards the Carpathian Clearinghouse have been done through the creation of the Carpathian Biological Information System Working Group (CBIS WG) that is identifying the methodology of data gathering and is developing a database structure for the species and habitats. Moreover, data providers have been identified.
9. **Communicator**: The role of a communicator has certainly to be strengthened in the next year. A draft communications strategy has been developed by Tamara Malkova and has been circulated. CERI published its first issues of newsletters in English and national languages. The CERI website has a new domain [www.carpates.org](http://www.carpates.org). Changes and updates on the website were carried out.
10. To support reform and strengthening of **environmental legislation associated with biodiversity conservation (N-2000)**: CERI contributes to this with comments on the Biodiversity Protocol prepared by the Ukrainians.

To **assist the ISCC** to obtain endorsement of the CC by the EU: This task is not realistic to carry out. It was a mistake of the board, but lessons were learnt. It is not favourable to put tasks in the Work Plan that are difficult to achieve.

11. **CERI Working Groups:** Biodiversity WG, Biodiversity Information System WG, Communications WG, Environmental Policy and Rural Development WG, Environmental and Sustainable Development Education WG, Management Planning WG, Tourism WG. MC encourages the CERI member to actively take part in these groups.
12. **CERI National Focal Points (NFPs):** Funds were given to the NFPs to mobilize the national networks, to improve communication with the members, to get active in CERI issues/projects and to participate in board responsibilities.

### **Fundraising**

1. **DBU Foundation 1:** The full proposal '**World of the Carpathians' manual** was submitted together with Thüringen Ökoherz in November 2006. The budget is € 88,000 with 50% co-financing. The project will run from March 2007 to February 2009.
2. **DBU Foundation 2:** The focus of the project is the **Carpathian ecological network for the Western Carpathian countries**. For this project there is still a German partner needed. The full proposal is in development. The budget is proposed for € 90,000 plus 30% co-financing. The project would run from June 2007 to May 2009. Discussion: CERI should not directly apply for this fund, but could co-finance via BBI-Matra. A German partner was contacted, but it is still not clear whether there will be cooperation.
3. **MAVA Foundation:** The '**2012 Protected Areas Programme – The Carpathian Mountain Region**' project has been recently approved. The question is how CERI can get involved in that. More information will be provided later.
4. **Carpathian CADSES Project:** CERI involvement in that seems to be very probable.
5. **EU Core fund:** CERI cannot rely on the EU Core grant for the next year. The call for applications is very unsure until June/July 2007.

### **10:00 Matra BBI Project: Development of the Carpathian Ecological Network**

Henk Zingstra introduced the audience to the project (**Annex 2**). The project started in April, but actually starts with this meeting, where the experts are chosen.

Project Management Team includes: Henk Zingstra – International Project Manager, Anna Guttova – Local Project Manager, Karina Kitnaes – head of the Work Group on training, Jan Seffer – head of the Work Group on the Carpathian Biodiversity Information System and Local Project Director, Mike Baltzer – head of the Work Group on ecological network development and Monika Chrenkova – head of the Work Group on CERI capacity building.

He explains, what an ecological network is and its background.

Next year in Belgrade the ministries of environment will meet and decide on the integration of an ecological network for CEE, SEE and WE. Three maps are being integrated at the moment and will be presented at the meeting.

**10:20 Development of the Carpathian Biodiversity Information System and Carpathian Clearinghouse (WP II) – Jan Seffer, Daphne (Annex 3)**

JS wants to clarify the situation of preparing the 'Status of the Carpathians'. Two institutes were involved in data gathering: Krakow, Institute of Nature Conservation, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland and Daphne, Slovakia. A data base for species, animals and plants, and habitats was prepared. Later endemic species were added. This data is still in Krakow. All other data are available, also on the CD. Some data were not compatible and therefore not included; other were not complete like socio-ecological data. Data for the current project will be gathered by members and experts. CERI members and experts will have free access to the database.

The main brain is Rastislav Lasak.

JS illustrated the background of the project. In former times this kind of work was included in a CADSES project that was not approved. Now there might be a chance to be part of another CADSES project to be able to carry out all data gathering for the Western Carpathians as well.

JS announces that the group is still looking for data providers and experts. The first expert meeting will be organized at the end of January beginning of February.

**10:35 Design of the Carpathian Ecological Network (WP III) – Part I - Bob Smith, Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology, University of Kent (Annex 4)**

An ecological network is an important target for nature conservation. Most of the Carpathian countries have designed an ecological network, but at different levels.

Bob Smith presented the software Marxan, which will be used to prepare a conservation planning system for the Carpathians.

**10:50 Design of the Carpathian Ecological Network (WP III) – Part II – Mike Baltzer (Annex 5)**

MB points out that it is important to create an ecological network that people treasure and work with; to make it relevant to the people.

Unfortunately the project focuses only on the Carpathians in Serbia, Romania and Ukraine, but efforts are being made to find financial support to include the whole Carpathians.

**COFFEE BREAK**

**11:20 Training Needs Assessment (TNA) – Karina Kitnaes, - Annex 6**

Karina Kitnaes introduces the CERI members to her method of training needs assessment and circulates a questionnaire, which she will use for the training design. She also announces that selected individuals will be interviewed.

**11:25 Strengthening the organizational structure and capacities of the CERI – WPIV - Monika Chrenkova – Annex 7**

The fact sheets development was co-financed through the core grant; some sources in the BBI Matra project for all Carpathian countries not only for the target countries. It is important to use experience of all CERI members for this exercise.

The WG have identified threats and obstacles from their different points of view.

**11:35 CERI communication strategy Tamara Malkova, Information Centre Green Dossier – Annex 8**

TM announces that there are problems with the mailing list, because the email list is closed. The preparation of the first newsletter was a test for the internal

communications. She says that there was not much interest taking part in the preparation. She thinks that people are afraid of writing in English.

TM asks the members to help with the communication strategy. She circulates the draft ([Annex 9](#)) among the members and asks for comments.

Two issues of the newsletter have been finalized.

Riki Watzka has developed the design for the national issues of the newsletters. The NFPs got the text, which they will have to provide in the national languages. Riki will prepare the layout, also for the national issues.

**12:00 CERI development strategy** Nenad Robajac, Ecolibri Bionet – [Annex 10](#)

Nenad Robajac, the Chair of the EPRD WG, complains about little interest of the members to get involved in the EPRD WG issues. The creation of the development strategy is task of the WG.

He says that there are principal questions to be clarified like the main goals of the CERI and the members' expectations. Then these goals and expectations have to fit into the framework important policies going on in the Carpathians such as the Carpathian Convention, EU policies etc. Moreover, the EPRD WG is linked to all WGs, and therefore it would be good to include them in the discussions.

**12:10 Approaches to the elaboration of the Ecoregion Action Plan for the Carpathians** Jan Seffer, Chair of the CERI – [Annex 11](#)

The development of an Ecoregion Action Plan is task in our Core Grant. The EAP was part of the WWF US methodology and has to be adapted to the Carpathians.

They look for new concept based on two concepts, the PEEN concept and EUROSITE.

JS introduces the audience to the basic content of a management plan.

At the WG meeting they had a discussion on management and conservation models. This could be an important future activity, which the WG would elaborate with experts and NGO's.

**Discussion**

There was a change in the concept of EAP. The new concept contains not only nature conservation but also social-economic issues. It is important to keep this double focus and work out how to tackle it. JS says that final results of the ecological network exercise won't only be bio-corridors – zoning of the region and suitability for different land cover use. The WG would like to work more extensively with the additional Serbian part of the Carpathians. He assures that in the management plan socio-economic impacts will be considered.

**12:30 National CERI Networks (Czech Republic)** Tomas Ruzicka – [Annex 12](#)

TR gives a short introduction on the Carpathians and CERI activities in Czech Republic.

The Czech Carpathians cover 9% of the Czech Republic. There are 3 protected areas namely Beskydy, White Carpathians and Palava protected area.

Nadace Parnerstvi and Hnuti Duha Olomouc are CERI members, two others are interested – Beskydcan and VIS Bile Karpaty.

The members participate in the Tourism, Biodiversity and Communications WGs.

Projects that are currently carried out deal with different environmental aspects like mountain meadow management, branding, wolf petrol, environmental education and lobbying in decision-making processes.

**12:40 National CERI Networks (Hungary)** Andras Krolopp, CEEWEB

AK says that the Carpathians are not considered to be an important area in Hungary. There are protected areas on the border to Slovakia. The Ministry of Environment

consider this area as not problematic, because it has the status of protection anyway. Therefore the motivation for the Carpathian Convention is rather low. Only the cultural aspects are important for Hungary. The design of the scope for the Carpathian Convention is an unsolved issue in Hungary. The position of the Hungarian government is to support Romania and Ukraine, because anything that happens in the Carpathians upstream comes to Hungary.

A stakeholder meeting took place to discuss the role of NGOs and civil society in the Carpathians. There is not so much success now. Only one semi-active NGO might be interested in CERI. CEEWEB has initiated sustainable development supported by DOEN. CEEWEB is preparing the Sustainable Tourism Protocol for the Carpathian Convention and organizes biogeographical seminars. CEEWEB is involved in the CADSES project and also works on comments to the Biodiversity Protocol.

The question is how to distinguish CEEWEB from CERI and how these two NGO networks should work. CEEWEB will have an observer status within CERI in future.

#### **12:40 National CERI Networks (Poland)** Monika Ochwat – [Annex 13](#)

In the Polish Carpathians there are many little organizations; only 4 of them are CERI members, but all the others are potential cooperating partners. CERI seeks to add value to the existing Carpathian network. The Green Carpathians Coalition consists of 26 organizations including a number of official authorities prepares the implementation of the Carpathian Convention together with the Ministry. The coalition also organizes trainings.

'Nature is the Future of Carpathians – Small grants programme' supports initiatives focused on nature protection and the integration of local communities.

Challenges for the future are stimulating the development of an active civil society in post-communist countries in the region.

#### **13:00 LUNCH**

#### **14:10 National CERI Networks (Romania)** Ioan Abrudan – [Annex 14](#)

IA introduces Romanian activities in the Carpathians. He complains that the 7 Romanian organizations hardly know from each other. He hopes to be able to improve the internal coordination.

Next activities are a national meeting of CERI members in Romania in December, where data of ongoing projects in the Carpathians will be collected, and the CERI newsletter translation.

#### **14:25 National CERI Networks (Serbia)** Nenad Robajac – [Annex 15](#)

The main goals for the Serbian CERI members are strengthening the CERI network and cooperation between NGO's.

Until now only Djerdap National Park has been considered as Carpathians area in Serbia. The Ministry of Science and Nature Protection will hopefully approve the new proposal for an extended area. Newsletter in Serbian has been printed.

#### **14:30 National CERI Networks (Slovakia)** Monika Chrenkova – [Annex 16](#)

CERI has 5 members and 1 applicant in Slovakia. The members themselves introduce their organization to the audience.

The CERI members in Slovakia have different foci, but they also have common issues like biodiversity, nature conservation policy, Natura 2000 and environmental education.

#### **14:45 National CERI Networks (Ukraine)** Yaroslav Dovchanych – [Annex 17](#)

In Ukraine there are 7 CERI members. They have a good relationship and cooperation in a common project 'Virgin forests in Transcarpathia, Ukraine: core-areas in the Pan-European Ecological Network'.

A paper is being prepared for the nomination of the virgin forests in Transcarpathia for the world heritage list.

### **15:00 Approval of new CERI members**

#### *Civil Association Beskydcan CZ, Czech Republic*

The organization works on meadow management and forest nursery, organizes summer camps with education activities. Together with Hnuti Duha, they carry out wolf patrols to avoid poaching. Furthermore, they are involved in ecotourism activities and participate in public decision-making processes.

Civil Association Beskydcan would like to be a member in CERI, because CERI would support activities at the local level with international background.

**Decision: 26 members 26/0**

#### *White Carpathians - Education and Information Centre (Bile Karpaty), Czech Republic*

TR introduced the organization, because the representatives were not able to come, because of a train delay.

The organization is active in environmental education. They run around 20 programmes. They represent CZ on the ministerial level and will take over the CERI National Focal Point for CZ.

**Decision: 26/0**

#### *Bieszczady Environmental Partnership Foundation, Poland*

The NGO was established 2003 and deals with local production in cooperation with local authorities. NGO private sector and local governments are members in this organization.

**Decision 26/0**

#### *Workshop for All-Beings, Poland*

This NGO supports new investments related to environmental issues like eco-friendly tourism in the Carpathians. They also have expertise in environmental law.

**Decision 26/0**

#### *Apuseni Mountain Club, Romania*

They are already active in two CERI WGs and attended two WG workshops. The organization was established in 1997. Their main topic is environmental education and responsible tourism.

**Decision 26/0**

#### *Gorun Ethno-Ecological Movement, Serbia*

The Young Researchers of Bor recommended this organization to be member of the CERI. They are based in Majanpek, Djerdap NP. Founded in 2004, they focus on ecotourism, certification of organic food, organic agriculture and water supply improvements.

**Decision 26/0**

### *FSC Slovakia*

Since this NGO was founded in 2005, the promotion of sustainable forestry and biodiversity and forest protection focused on HCVF are the main focus. The organization has 28 members including forest managers, scientists, and NGOs. The main activity is to elaborate national FSC standards for Slovakia.

#### **Decision 26/0**

### *Museum of Natural History, National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine*

The museum is based in Lviv and wants to be closer to the Carpathian network, because they have a lot of projects there. 55 research scientists work in the museum. They deal with taxonomy, nature conservation, and the preparation of field guides and the list for endangered species for the Carpathians.

#### **Decision 26/0**

#### **15:25 Approval of Rules of Procedure for National Focal Points – Annex 18**

MC wants to propose 4 different items to add to the Rules of Procedure for the National Focal Points.

- Communicate with members in the country
- Coordinate national activities
- Represent national network at the CERI
- Funds for NFP

#### **Decision 26/0**

#### **15:25 Approval of Rules of Procedure CERI Working Groups – Annex 19**

MC introduces the RoP for the working groups to the audience.

#### **Discussion**

How does the member application look like? The potential members have to write an email to the coordinator that they want to be members of the WG.

The WG need at least 5 members chaired by an experienced person and coordinated by a person, who will be subcontracted by CERI. Subgroups can be established, which do not need an extra chair or coordinator.

Decision: 25/1 abstained

#### **15:50 Summarizing NGO comments on Biodiversity Protocol to the Carpathian Convention – Annex 20**

The Biodiversity Protocol has been prepared by Ukraine. It comprises 30 pages written in a very complicated way.

There are some good parts, which could be used, but have to be deeply restructured. The CERI BD WG members could not find any difference between already ratified conventions like CBD, Ramsar, Bern Convention etc. and the Protocol. There is no specific Carpathian focus; enforcement is missing as well as instruments to control the procedure. There is confusion in the terminology and chapters are overlapping.

The BD WG collected around 50 comments of technical character.

IA asks, whether anybody else has worked on the Protocol. The topic was raised only on day before, when BD WG had its first meeting. Mirek Kutal will send his suggestions electronically.

The Protocol will be discussed at the COP 1 in Kyiv. The NGOs have to let Carpathian Convention know what they think about it. The BC Protocol is a draft and suggestions might be welcome. There will be a WG established within the Carpathian Convention. CERI would like to take part in it.

It is needed to improve the document. The question is the strategy. AK suggests to send comments informally to the ministries to find out their positions. They would have to respond on that.

Solomiya Omelyan suggests to add the final version of the comments to the information documents on the Carpathian Convention website or to send it to the ISCC to disseminate it to everybody invited to the COP as soon as possible. This would increase the importance of the Biodiversity Protocol at the COP 1. At the COP 1 the Protocol will be under consideration. At this stage of the Protocol can be influenced through the work of the NGOs. It is important to make a point as an NGO. Without strong commitments it would not be worth to go for that.

IA agreed to put together the statement on behalf on CERI, WWF, ANPED and CEEWEB.

## **16:10 COFFE BREAK**

### **Carpathian projects and initiatives**

**16:40 EU Interreg IIIB CADSES 'Carpathian Project'** Solomiya Omelian, ISCC, Vienna – [Annex 21](#)

Solomiya Omelyan shortly introduces the Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, the EU Interreg IIIB CADSES 'Carpathian Project' and describes the issues of the COP 1 in Kyiv.

**17:00 MAVA project '2012 Protected Areas Programme – The Carpathian Mountain Ecoregion'** Hildegard Meyer, CERI, WWF DCP – [Annex 22](#)

HM describes the framework and the content of the above-mentioned project. She announces that WWF DCP is searching for a project manager for this project.

**17:20 Carpathian Network of PA and Carpathian Wetlands Initiative** Jan Kadlecik, State Nature Conservancy, Slovakia – [Annexes 23, 24](#)

Jan Kadlecik describes the history of Carpathian Network of Protected Areas and the Carpathian Wetland Initiative, their goals and links to the Carpathian Convention.

**17:55 Sustainable Tourism Project** Andras Krolopp, CEEWEB, Hungary – [Annex 25](#)

AK goes through the development of the protocol as part of the Carpathian Project led by UNEP. CEEWEB is awaiting the mandate to be able to finalize the protocol at the COP 1 in Kyiv.

**18:05 Role of Civil Society in the Carpathian Convention** Pamela McCarthy, ANPED – [Annex 26](#)

Pamela McCarthy introduces the ANPED project on 'Supporting public participation in implementation of the Carpathian Convention' and plans for the side event at the COP 1 in Kyiv.

**18:15 Support and Capacity Building for Implementation of Ramsar and Carpathian Convention in Serbia** Nenad Robajac, Ecolibri, Serbia – [Annex 27](#)

Nenad Robajac summarizes the project 'Support and Capacity Building for Implementation of Ramsar and Carpathian Convention in Serbia', which was carried out by Daphne, Slovakia and Ecolibri Bionet, Serbia.

## **18:20 Joke and end of the day**

## **DAY 3 – November 24**

### **9:20 Preparation of NGO side activities for the COP 1 to the Carpathian Convention**

MC announces that the COP 1 to the Carpathian Convention will be held in Kyiv, 11-13 December 2006. A CERI side event is planned for 13:30 -15:00 at 11 December.

MC proposes an agenda for the side event including the following items.

1. Presentation of the CERI activities
2. Posters of the CERI WGs
3. Distribution of CERI materials (newsletters)
4. Signing MoC with ISCC
5. Matra-BBI Steering Group Committee
6. Refreshments/lunch?
7. Special Carpathian input?

The Matra-BBI Steering Committee Meeting will be organized after/during the CERI side event at the COP 1 on Monday, 11 December.

The purpose of the meeting is to secure optimal linkages with the needs of the responsible Ministries and synchronize the programme outcomes with other relevant projects in the region. People of the Ministries of Environment of the target Carpathian countries (Ukraine, Serbia, Romania), the ISCC, WWF DCP, ECNC and the Project Management Team are invited.

The content of the meeting is the introduction of the project, the appointment of the chair of the Steering Committee, the budget and time planning, and the expert work will be described (CBIS, Design of a Carpathian Ecological Networks).

The participants decide to prepared one poster for each WG, 7 posters with the profiles of the CERI members in each country. The layout will be done by Riki Watzka; the language will be English.

### **9:45 MoC with ISCC of the Carpathian Convention Annex 28**

The document was prepared for the first CERI GA, but was not signed there. This act is planned for the side event at the COP 1 in Kyiv.

AK says that the MoC would be agreed with the interim secretariat. He asks what will happen, if it is not the interim secretariat anymore. He suggests to prepare one addition to have the MoC also afterwards the secretariat will have moved to the Carpathians.

JS may sign the MoC in the name of CERI.

### **9:50 Elaboration and approval of CERI Work Plan 2007**

- Ecoregion Action Plan: The methodological approach was proposed by JS.
- CC BD Protocol: Comments on that will be presented either at the COP 1 or in the next year.
- Contribute to the Convention on Biological Diversity implementation in the Carpathians (MAVA project)
- CERI as communicator, conservation broker
- Support for national activities and expert work is depending on the funding situation, but some activities can be covered by the BBI-Matra project.
- Support for WG: The activities for 2007 will be specified only this day.

- Carpathian Clearinghouse: The BBI-Matra project contributes with collection of data in the 3 countries. There are efforts being made to get funds for the Western Carpathian countries.
- CERI secretariat
- 3 Board Meetings
- Annual GA
- 'World of Carpathians' manual: This project will be started, if approved by the DBU, Germany.
- **BBI-Matra activities for 2007** – Annex 29

AG presents the activities planned for the BBI-Matra project 2007.

### **10:05 Workshops of CERI WGs**

The CERI members separate into groups to discuss the WG's work plans for 2007 and ToR.

### **13:00 Lunch**

### **14:10 Working Group Report Biodiversity WG** – Annex 30

AG presents the ToR and Work Plan 2007 of the Biodiversity WG.

#### **Approval of ToR for the BD WG 23/0**

### **14:20 Working Group Report Communications WG** – Annex 31, 32

Tamara Malkova presents the elaborated Communications Strategy, the work plan 2007 and the ToR of the Communications WG.

#### **Discussion**

All activities of the Communications WG activities touch other WGs. There is a need to work together very closely. The Communications WG could push the other WG to get active by consultations on the website, contact with stakeholders and so on.

The role of the Communications WG is to arrange such processes.

#### **Approval of ToR for the Communications WG 23/0**

### **14:45 Working Group Report EPRD WG** Annex 33

Nenad Robajac presents the Terms of Reference of the EPRD WG. He complains about the situation that there are not enough members. He asks all other WGs members to participate in the elaboration of the CERI development strategy. Ideally one member of each WG should join the EPRD WG.

#### **Approval of ToR for the EPRD WG 23/0**

### **15:05 Working Group Report ESDE** - Annex 34

Miroslav Tadic presents the work done so far, the ToR of the WG and the work plan for 2007.

#### **Approval of ToR for the Environment and Sustainable Development WG 23/0**

### **15:20 Working Group Report MP WG** – Annex 35

Milan Janak summarizes the WG Terms of Reference and activities. The main aim of this WG is to strengthen the management skills of CERI members in all Carpathian countries.

#### **Approval of ToR for the Management WG 23/0**

### **15:35 Working Group Report TWG – Annex 36**

HM summarizes the WG activities that have been done so far and introduces the Terms of Reference of the WG and the work plan for 2007.

### **Approval of ToR for the Tourism WG 23/0**

### **15:45 Agreement on date and venue of the next General Assembly 2007**

The next GA will be held in the week of 10-14 September 2007.

The venue will depend on the CERI budget for the next year.

There are three suggestions:

- Ukraine, Rakhiv 3/23
- Czech Republic, Beskydy 15/23

In case there is no budget, the GA will be held in Brasov, Romania. IA can allocate some money for accommodation and food, but not for travel costs.

### **15:55 Other business**

HM announces a 'Conflict management conference' will be held in Budapest on 22-23 January 2007.

### **16:00 End of General Assembly**

N.B.: All presentations referred to in these minutes will be posted to the CERI website: [www.carpates.org](http://www.carpates.org).