

1. Conveners

- Tamara Mitrofanenko, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention/BOKU university
- Joanna Zawiejska, Poland, Executive Board Member, Institute of Geography, Pedagogical University, Kraków, Poland
- Jana Dlouhá, Charles University Environment Center, Czech Republic

2. Session title:

Towards a stronger role of universities in regional development – methods, case studies, best practices

3. Session description

The session will bring together proposed presentations, which are dealing with participatory action research, transdisciplinary approaches, and collaboration of higher educational institutions with rural communities, practical experts and policy-makers. The aim of the session is to exchange experiences and get ideas for stronger integration of universities in the implementation of the Carpathian Convention.

*Also, there is a workshop proposal focused on this topic, aimed at a discussion about the role of universities in the development of the Carpathian region. If both the session and the workshop are accepted, then it would be best to organize the workshop after the session.

4. The title of the presentation of the convener (proposer)

- “Regional Centres of Expertise (RCE) and their role in developing an interface between university or high school, and community,” Jana Dlouhá, Charles University Environment Center, Czech Republic
- The role of pedagogical universities in sustainable rural development through shaping future educators - experiences from Poland and Armenia, Tamara Mitrofanenko, Joanna Zawiejska, Tigran Keryan