

ORGANIZED Workshop – FORUM CARPATICUM 2021

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Title:

Forest ecosystem vulnerabilities to climate change in the Carpathian Mountain region, a participatory workshop

Organization:

In this two-hour afternoon workshop, participants from the linked morning session, members of relevant Carpathian Convention Working Groups, and any other interested attendees will brainstorm and discuss alternate designs for assessing impacts of climate change on Carpathian

forests and their ecosystem services. Building on the foundational science, research, and previous assessments presented in the morning session, the participatory workshop will synthesize ideas and design options for a region-wide assessment of climate impacts and resulting risks to forest systems in the Carpathians. Recommendations developed in the workshop will inform an initiative of the Carpathian Convention to gather and assess information on climate-related impacts affecting Carpathian forest ecosystems and key risks that need to be addressed by effective adaptation, responses in line with the Decisions of the last Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention.

Following the Science for the Carpathians recommendations, the event shall further strengthen science-policy-practice interface and cooperation between the Carpathian Convention and scientific networks, as well as facilitate transboundary and regional research. Please note that this workshop is linked to a morning organized session by same name (see separate announcement). All Forum Carpaticum attendees interested in the topic are invited and welcome to participate in the workshop. Attendees will be asked to actively engage through brainstorming exercises and dialogue.