

SUMMER CAMP

ACTIVE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

JULY 29-31, 2025

Hotel Szent István - Eger, 12 Legányi Ferenc street, Hungary



CARPATHIAN
CIVIL SOCIETY
PLATFORM

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BACKGROUND OF THE CARPATHIAN CIVIL SOCIETY PLATFORM



The Carpathian Civil Society Platform and Hub, a non-registered informal network of civil society organization was established in 2018 by the Carpathian Foundation-Hungary, in cooperation with its Polish, Romanian, Slovakian, and Ukrainian partners operating in the Carpathian Region. Its establishment had multiple reasons. First, the ecosystem of civil society deteriorated in the last decades in Central and Eastern Europe, and civil societies face several challenges, such as unfavorable political, legal, and financial environments and increasing social and territorial inequality, especially in such peripheral, disadvantaged regions like the Carpathians. Second, this challenges those civil society organizations (CSOs) that are working for the most unfavorable social groups, they are far from the centers and have limited access to information and funding resources. Third, although civil society organizations are working hard to achieve their mission and goals in a difficult environment and are initiating innovative solutions to community problems, they operate in isolation from each other and lack support and encouragement. Fourth, in the case of the Carpathians, there is a lack of systemic solutions for integrating the development potential of the borderland, including the lack of integrated strategies institutions, and resources. This is linked to a low level of community-driven development solutions and a low level of inter-sectoral cooperation.

Strong civil societies and the innovative energies they unleash can contribute to the bottom-up renewal of existing transnational cooperation governance structures and the emergence of new cooperation structures.

Since its inception in 1995, the Carpathian Foundation working with civil society organizations recognized these new challenges and launched the Carpathian Civil Society Platform and Hub, a space for CSOs to exchange and share experiences, learn from each other, build partnerships, and implement joint projects across borders.

The creation of the Platform was preceded by an 18-month participatory-based process that involved more than 100 civil society organizations via workshops, focus group meetings, etc., and the results of the process have been summarized in a comprehensive Feasibility Study, which analyzed the situation of the state of civil societies in the Carpathians, described the goals, and guiding principles, and suggested the structure and possible functions and activities of the Platform.

The main objective of the Platform is to amplify the voice of civil society actors at local, regional, and inter-regional levels, strengthen their capacity, and promote cross-border cooperation through networking with civil society actors. Since its creation, local networks have been established in the five sub-regions of the Carpathians; capacity-building training has been organized; a micro-grants program has been launched; annual inter-regional (Carpathian level) meetings have been held to exchange experiences and build partnerships between civil society organizations and the Carpathian Social Innovation Award has been launched.

CONFERENCE AGENDA



TUESDAY JULY 29

18:00- Arrivals
19:00 - 20:00 Networking dinner

WEDNESDAY JULY 30

9.00-10.00 Registration, Welcome Coffee Break

10:00 -11:00 Opening speech
Boglarka Bata, Sándor Köles - Carpathian Foundation-Hungary, Eger, Hungary

Introduction of the participants – interactive workshop
Moderator: Márta Rakusz- Carpathian Foundation-Hungary

11:00 - 12:30 Active youth involvement – panel discussions

- Zsuzsanna Radnai - KÖZ-PONT Youth Foundation - Debrecen, Hungary
- Darek Bobak - Folkowisko Foundation - Cieszanów, Poland
- Ingeborg Mihalik and István Sáfár-SZMISZ - Sighetu Marmatiei, Romania
- Tadeáš Daňko and Liliana Hudáková - Young Bardejov-City Youth Parliament, Bardejov, Slovakia
- Isidoro De Bortoli - Eurac Research/Central Mountains – Bolzano, Italy

Moderator: Márta Rakusz

12:30 - 13.30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 Active youth - Open Space workshop - Ideas into action – Cross-border partnership
Nicolae Ștefănuță-Vice President of the European Parliament-Romania-online
Moderators: István Sáfár/Ingeborg Mihalik

15:00-15.30 Funding schemes – Ewelina Stacherzak - International Visegrad Fund, Bratislava, Slovakia

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 16:30 Refection on the results of the workshops
Introducing the Mini-grant programme
Moderator: Boglárka Bata

17:00 - 18:30 **Social Innovation Award**
Introduction of the awarded projects
Award ceremony

19:00 - 20:00 Dinner

20:30-21.30 Cultural presentation

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THURSDAY JULY 31

7:30- Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 Round table discussion on Youth Bank model and youth initiatives – implementation in different countries

- Sonja Homzová and Lea Anna Hudáková – Bardejov Community Foundation, Bardejov, Slovakia
 - Márta Rakusz – Eger Community Foundation, Eger, Hungary
 - Réka Gug, Georgeta Szabó – International Children's Safety Service, Romania
- Moderator: Márta Rakusz

Questions and answers

9:30 – 10:30 Discussion on the current situation of civil societies in Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine

- Laura Dittel, Carpathian Foundation – Kosice, Slovakia
 - Mateusz Stopa Peritum Foundation – Rzeszów, Poland
 - Ruslan Zhylenko, Carpathian Foundation-Ukraine, Uzghorod, Ukraine (online)
 - Adrian Simon, Pro Democracy Association-Oradea, Romania
 - Boglárka Bata, Carpathian Foundation-Hungary
- Moderator: Sándor Köles

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break – networking

11:00 – 12:00 Present and future of the CSOs in the Carpathians

- Future of the Carpathian Civil Society Platform – plenary session
 - What can the Platform do for YOU and what can YOU do for the Platform?
 - Formalization of the Mode of Operation discussion paper, discussion on formalization
 - Introduction of <https://www.karpatnet.com>
 - Promoting Carpathian Leadership Academy (CARLA) – Sándor Köles
- Moderator: Sándor Köles

12:00 – 12:30 Summary, next steps, closing – all participants

Boglárka Bata, Márta Rakusz, Sándor Köles

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13.30-16.30 Central Mountains – Partners (stakeholders) – *Meeting only for CFUA, Peritum, SZMISZ, CFHU, Bardejov Community Foundation, EURAC*

- Closing event Central Mountains project discussion
- Share the experience of workshops from the project partners (Spring, 2025)

Coffee break-15.00-15.30

More information:

<https://www.interreg-central.eu/projects/central-mountains/>
<https://www.karpatokalapitvany.hu/en/fromthealpstothealps>
<https://www.karpatnet.com/hu/>

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PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS



HUNGARY

Carpathian Foundation-Hungary/Kárpátok Alapítvány - Magyarország
ÉFOÉSZ Hajdú-Bihar Megyei Egyesület
Egri Egészség és Környezetvédő Egyesület
Egri Közösségi Alapítvány
Egri Újságíró Egylet
Egyesek Ifjúsági Egyesület
Életfa Környezetvédő Szövetség
Hungarian Human Rights Foundation
Kaptárkö Egyesület
Kis Bocs Baba-Mama Közhasznú Egyesület
KÖZ-Pont Ifjúsági Egyesület (Centre Youth Association)
Lamenda Alapítvány
Meseút Egyesület
SZETA Egri Alapítványa
Szomolyai Magyar Roma Egyesület
Világítani Fogok Egyesület
Village Development Society
Zöld Kör - a "Föld Barátai Magyarország" tagja

POLAND

Peritum Foundation
Conteo Foundation
QVIV project
Tree of my life
Folkowisko Association
Folkowisko Foundation

ROMANIA

SZMISZ
Asociatia Pro Democratia Oradea
Serviciul International de Salvare A Copiilor/ Nemzetközi Gyermekmentő Szolgálat

SLOVAKIA

Community Foundation Bardejov/Komunitná nadácia Bardejov
Youth Parliament Bardejov/Mládežnícky parlament Bardejov
Tahanovska Garden/Tahanovska zahrada
Carpathian Foundation-Slovakia/Karpatská nadácia
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Spletinia o.z.
Slivtour



UKRAINE

Carpathian Foundation Ukraine
Volunteers of UzNU
Movement for support of Zakarpattia Militaries
YOUTH. SCIENCE. SPORT. HEALTHY MOVEMENT OF UKRAINE
Sprava Kolpinga
Red Cross Ukraine
Uzhgorod National University
Karpatski Obrii
Charitable organization «Charitable Foundation «The Tree of My Life»
Tree of My Life
Uzhgorod City Center for social services
Charitable Organization "Charity Fund "Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya" (CAMZ)
NGO Nehemiah/ГО "Неємія"
Ukrainian Institute for Cultural Relations Policy



OTHER

Eurac research
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PRACTICAL INFORMATION



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CONFERENCE VENUE

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Check in 14PM
Check out 10AM

Breakfast: 7:30-10:00

Free Spa and Wellness facilities: 7-12, 14-20
Hotel bar open till 2AM
Individual consumption is paid by the participants (e.g. minibar)
Any extra is paid by the participant (e.g. extra persons, pets, etc.)

EMERGENCY

Ambulance: 104
Emergency care: 3300 Eger, Knézich K. u 5.

EGER

Information on the city: <https://visiteger.com/en>

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