

**Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on
the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians
(10 – 12 October 2017, Lillafüred, Hungary)**

DECISION COP5/13

Climate Change

Article 12bis of the Carpathian Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Adopts* the following amendment to the Carpathian Convention: After Article 12 *Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning* to introduce a new article reading:

Article 12bis Climate Change:

The Parties, taking into consideration the vulnerability of fragile mountain ecosystems and exposure of key economic sectors and mountain communities to climate change, and the key role mountains play for other geographical areas, shall:

- a. pursue policies aiming at climate change mitigation in all sectors relevant to the Convention having in mind their interactions,*
- b. pursue policies aiming at climate change adaptation by promoting research and scientific cooperation, cross-sectoral integration, transnational cooperation, awareness raising, public participation and cooperation of all stakeholders, and foster local adaptation planning processes and the implementation of actions, especially in the most vulnerable areas and sectors, and*
- c. undertake integrated measures to reduce the risks and minimise the adverse effects of climate change, especially of extreme weather events;*

2. *Invites* the Parties to ratify this amendment and whenever possible to begin the implementation of the new Article 12bis by further development of climate change related activities in the Carpathian region, and *recommends* the WG Climate Change to prepare and prioritize strategic actions in this respect;

3. *Appreciates* the work conducted so far by the WG Climate Change and relevant partners, and the generous support of Hungary to the WG Climate Change and its activities;

4. *Welcomes* the Outlook on Adaptation Responses to Climate Change for the Carpathians and *appreciates* the work conducted by the WG Climate Change and relevant partners;

5. *Welcomes* the inclusion of the Carpathian region into the European Climate Adaptation Platform (hereinafter Climate-ADAPT Platform).