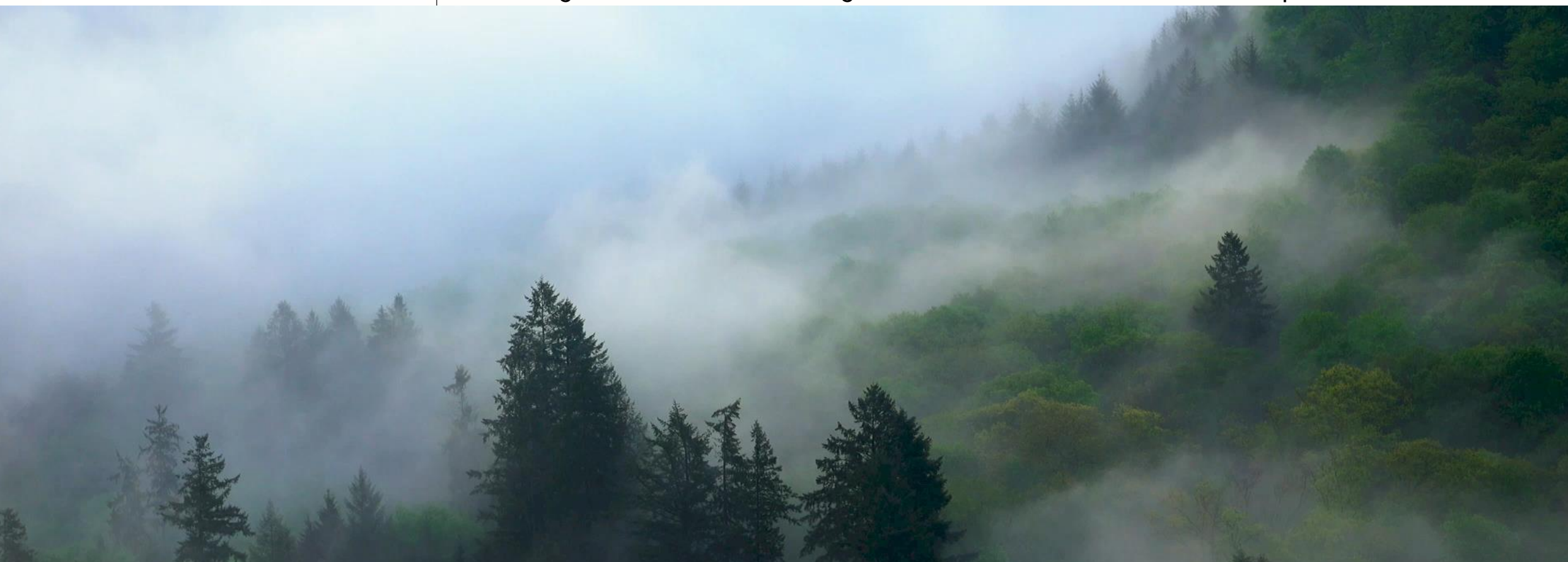




The role of Ecosystems in Ukraine's Recovery – the Carpathians

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The Carpathian Mountains of central and eastern Europe are Europe's last great wilderness areas

UKRAINIAN CARPATHIANS:

- UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA

- A NATURAL BRIDGE BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES:
NATURAL CORRIDOR FOR BIODIVERSITY, CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

- 22,500 SQ KM OF CARPATHIANS BELONG TO UKRAINE, 5% OF THE TOTAL UKRAINE AREA

- 20% OF UKRAINE'S FORESTED AREA IS IN THE CARPATHIANS

- EXTENSIVE CULTURAL HERITAGE





GOAL: Environmental protection and sustainable development of the Carpathian region

Carpathian Convention was established **to coordinate international efforts in the Carpathian region** at the request of Ukraine

2003

- Adopted and signed in Kyiv, Ukraine on 22 May 2003 ("**Kyiv Convention**")

2006

- Entered in force on 4 January 2006

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7 member states:

- 5 EU Members: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia
- 2 non-EU Members: Serbia, Ukraine

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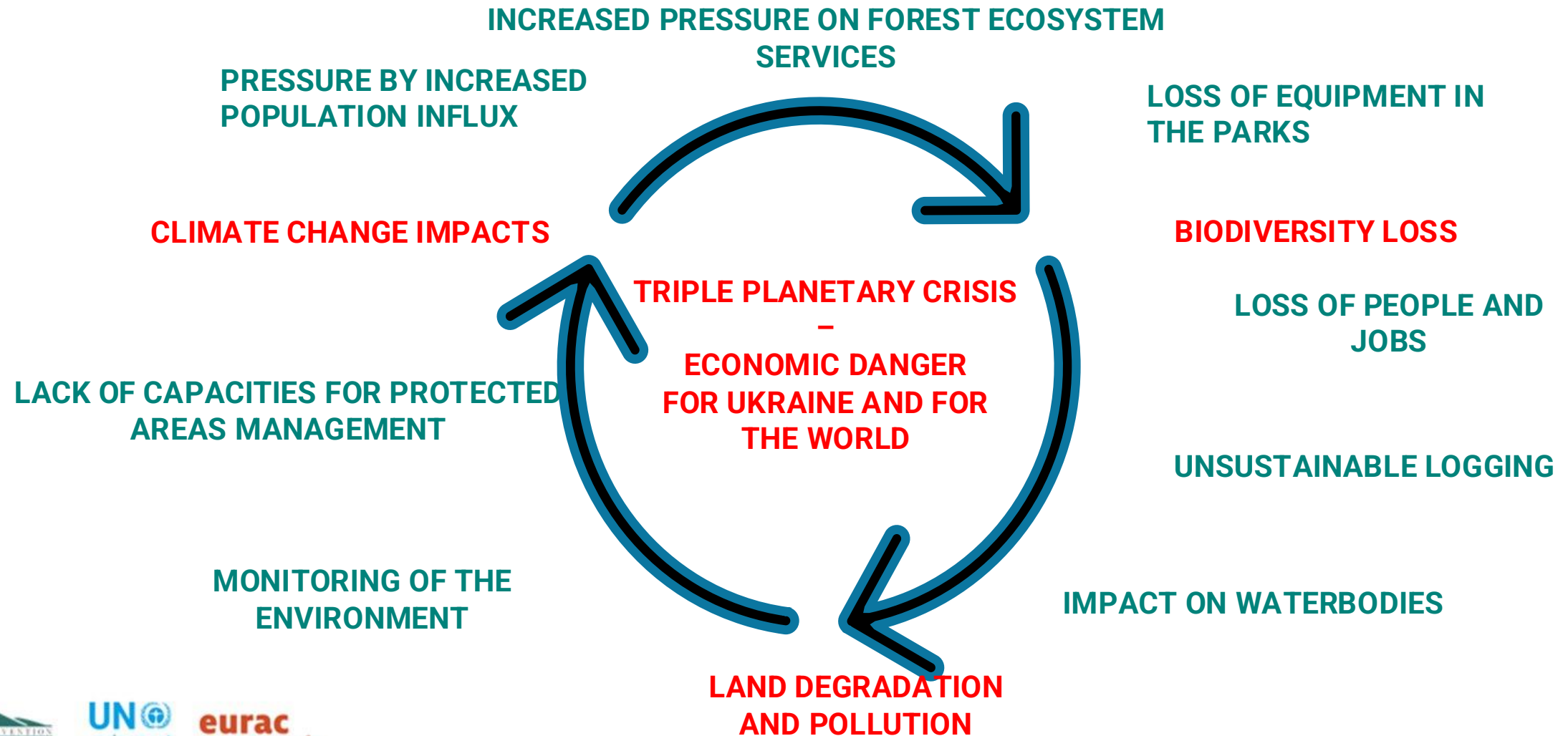
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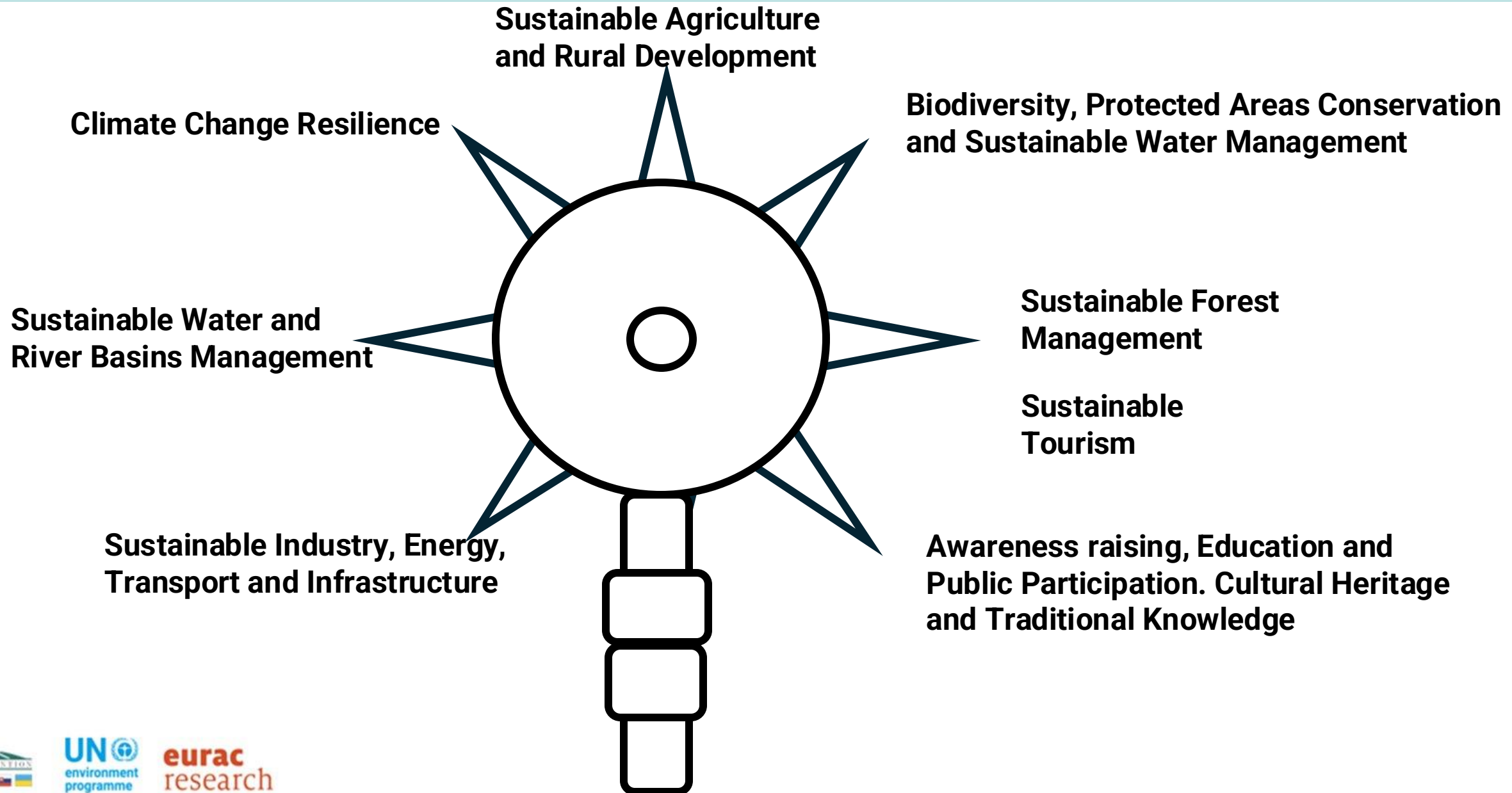
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Aggravated Challenges of Ukrainian Carpathians

Indirect impacts of the War



Holistic Approach to Green Recovery of the Ukrainian Carpathians: We can start NOW!



CARPATHIAN CONVENTION SUPPORTS THE UKRAINE GREEN RECOVERY PLATFORM

OUR IMPACT THROUGH "ECOSYSTEMS BASED RECOVERY"



1

Strengthen the Carpathian Natural Park's capacities, sustainable tourism and well-being of people

2

Promotion of Close-to-Nature Forest Management in Carpathians – Forest Trust Fund

3

Contribute to green recovery of economies at the municipal level in rural areas

4

Promotion of Education for Sustainable Development, creation of green jobs, and cross-sectoral cooperation

5

Maintain Traditional Knowledge of traditionally cultivated land and sustainable agriculture practices.

6

Strengthen regional resilience through climate change mitigation and adaptation.

7

Promotion and protection of Carpathian biodiversity as a capital for Sustainable Recovery

8

Cooperation to address the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the region.

The unique role of the Carpathian Convention in Ukraine Recovery

PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTIVITIES

- **REGIONAL PROJECTS FACILITATION ADDRESSING KEY SECTORS IN NATURE PROTECTION**
- **KEEPING THE UKRAINIAN CARPATHIANS UNDER REVIEW**
- **COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO UKRAINIAN CARPATHIANS**

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

- **SUPPORTING CAPACITY BUILDING ON ALL LEVELS**
- **BUILDING LASTING PARTNERSHIPS**
- **HUB - OPEN FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND EXCHANGE FOR ALL**

INTERNATIONAL AND TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

- **KEEPING UKRAINE AS ONE OF THE PRIORITIES OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE REGION**
- **UNIQUE CROSS-BORDER AND TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION**
- **INTERSECTORAL COOPERATION UNDER THE CONVENTION**
- **DEEPING EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OF UKRAINE - REGIONAL INSTRUMENT FOR ENHANCING GLOBAL AND EU POLICIES**
- **TRANSFER SOLUTIONS FROM EU TO CARPATHIANS AND FURTHER TO ALL UKRAINE**



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Engage in Working Group Meetings:

- WG Sustainable Forest Meeting in April, Slovakia (28-29 of April)
- WG Biodiversity Meeting & Large Carnivore Expert Group Meeting in May, Czech Republic (13-15 of May)
- 3rd Carpathian ESD Seminar in June, Serbia (TBC)
- **16th Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC)**

Other meetings for 2025:

- Workshop on CBF Action Plan development for the LIFE Carpathian SNaP in June, Poland (TBC)
- Forum Carpaticum 2025, 9-11 Sept, Bratislava, Slovakia (*call for sessions is open*)

**Join the Carpathian networks: Science for Carpathians (S4C),
Carpathian ESD Experts, Carpathian Network of Protected Areas**



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