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# Carpathian Macro-Regional Strategy



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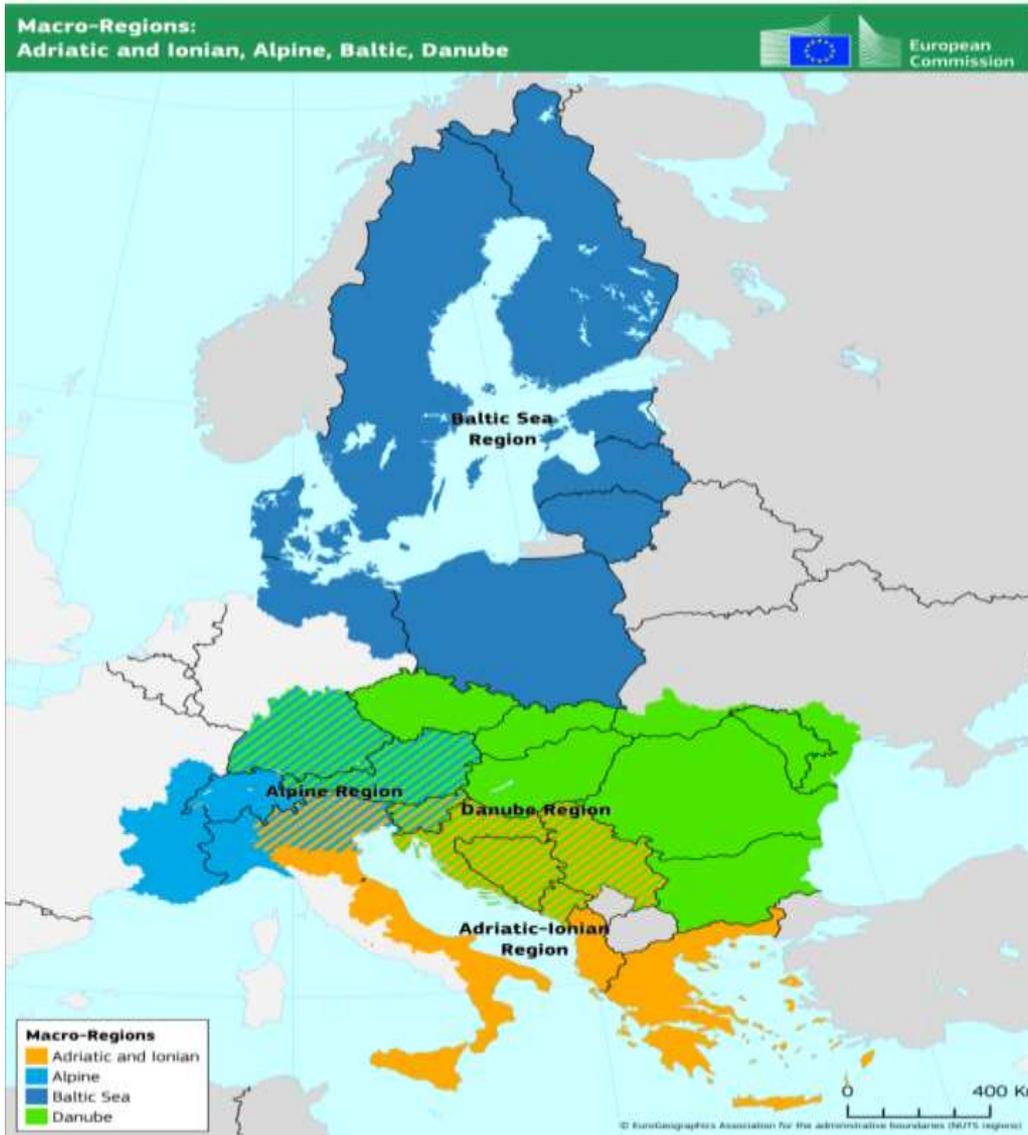
## CARPATHIAN REGION



- **Low GDP – 61% of the EU average**
- **Low productivity – 63% of the EU average**
- **Low employment in R&D – 1%, EU average is 1,9%**

**BUT**

- **Cultural, Environmental and Tourist attractiveness**
- **Around 68 mln of inhabitants**
- **Located in the centre of Europe**



## EXISTING MACROREGIONAL STRATEGIES IN EUROPE



## **Existing forms of cooperation in the Carpathians:**

- Carpathian Convention
  - Euroregions
  - European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation
  - European Territorial Cooperation programmes
  - V4 + initiatives
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## **Carpathian Macro-Regional Strategy – grass root initiative**

Carpathians interregional group established in the Committee of the Regions

- To investigate the possibility of creating a Carpathian macro-regional strategy
  - Representatives of local and regional authorities from RO, HU, SK and PL
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## Consultations between national governments

- The draft outline for Macro-regional Strategy for the Carpathian Region
  - 31st March 2017, Warsaw – meeting of the representatives of Carpathian governments: RO, SK, CZ, HU, PL and UA, MO, SE
    - possible involvement of AT
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## **Potential priorities of the Strategy:**

- Competitive Carpathians
  - Green Carpathians
  - Cohesive Carpathians
  - Institutional cooperation
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## **Added Value of the Carpathian Macro-Regional Strategy:**

- Support in the decision-making processes for national and regional authorities
- New impetus for development
- Closer coordination
- Closer integration with non-EU partners

**What will be the role of macroregional strategies after 2020?**



# Thank you for your attention!



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