

## Needs Assessment - Carpathian Civil Society Platform

Carpathian Foundation-Hungary with its partners is working to follow up on the activities of the Carpathian Civil Society Platform and Hub. The purpose of this survey is to get to know your current needs, and expectations for cross-border cooperation, as well as to involve you in the co-creation of the future activities of the Platform. Filling in the survey takes around 30 minutes, and its results will be shared and discussed with you.

The Carpathian Platform and Hub, established in 2018, is a network of civil society organizations in the Carpathian region, comprising the bordering areas of Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Ukraine. Its main goal is to amplify the voice of civil society actors at local, regional, and interregional levels, strengthen their capacity, and foster cross-border cooperation. Since its creation local networks have been formed; capacity building trainings were organized at the local level; annual inter-regional (Carpathian level) meetings have been held to exchange experiences and build partnerships between civil society organizations, and the Platform launched the Carpathian Social Innovation Award.

**I consent to process the data for the purpose of the project and the Platform.**

**1. The location of your organization (city, town, village)**

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**Name of your organization**

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**2. Please choose the general field(s) of activity of your organization. (Multiple answers possible)**

- ☐ Culture and leisure time
- ☐ Education and research
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Social
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Local community and housing
- ☐ Counseling, legal assistance and politics
- ☐ Philanthropy and volunteering
- ☐ International activities
- ☐ Other:

**3. What is your role in this organization? (Multiple answers possible)**

- ☐ Member

- Employee
- Volunteer
- Managing director/chairperson/president
- Member of the board or supervisory board
- I'm responsible for international cooperation at our organization
- Other:

**4. Does your organization have any contacts with organizations in other countries in the Carpathian region?**

- Yes, we spend our spare time together with friends from the neighbor countries
- We invite each other for different events, holidays
- Yes, we have a signed cooperation agreement
- Yes, we have already applied for joint support for cross-border cooperation and it was successful
- Yes, we have already applied for joint support for cross-border cooperation, but it has not been successful
- We would like to apply, but we do not know where or how
- We do not have any cross-border contacts, but we really want to find a “partner”
- We do not have any contact inside the Carpathian region, just outside of it, but we would like to have one
- Other:

**5. Have you submitted any grant applications together with the other organization in the Carpathian region to fund the common cross-border cooperation?**

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

**6. If you submitted an application on cross-border cooperation, what was the result of applying for support?**

- We have received the requested support

**If yes, what was the topic of your application?**

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**Who was the donor?**

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- Our application was rejected
- It was supported but did not receive the requested amount
- Do not know

**7. What was the reason for unsuccessful application(s)? (Multiple answer possible)**

- The evaluation score was not high enough.
- The positively assessed application was put on the substitutes list and at the end the budget was too small to fund it.
- The organization that applied resigned from the project realization.
- Other:
- Do not know

**8. Would you like to participate in the Carpathian Civil Society Platform /HUB/ and why?**

	High degree	Some degree	Low degree	Not at all
I want to learn about approaches, methods and best practices in other countries.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is very important that people living in the same regions and in the same situation, in different countries, work together to set common goals and therefore work together	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I look for organizations to partner with	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is an additional possibility to raise funds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like the exchange with people and organizations from different counties of the Carpathian region	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Others suggested to join, but we do not know what we will do yet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**9. Please describe why you would like to participate in this cooperation addition to those listed above:**

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**10. What challenges does your organization face in cross-border cooperation?**

	High degree	Some degree	Low degree	Not at all
We haven't thought about it yet.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We don't know or have limited knowledge and information on how to get support, or how and where to apply for call for proposals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We have no financial resources of our own to finance and pre-finance the project	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We do not know how to find a cooperative partner for the cross-border cooperation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We have limited experiences to carry out a cross-border activity, project in our organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

We have no idea what we could do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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**11. Please describe what additional challenges your organization faces in implementing cross-border cooperation projects, or activities:**

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**12. What challenges do you personally face in cross-border cooperation?**

	High degree	Some degree	Low degree	Not at all
I have no idea how to get started	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do not have enough knowledge about the implementation of cross-border cooperation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do not have enough knowledge on how to prepare a successful grant application	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is no person in the organization who can help me and with whom we can work together	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In international cooperation, I see no opportunity for myself or my organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**13. Please describe any additional challenges you face:**

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**14. What kind of support would you like to receive from the Carpathian Civil Society Platform?**

*(Multiple answers possible)*

Exchange of experiences on cross-border and other projects

Support to choose the right partner for the cross-border cooperation

Workshops on preparing a grant application

Sharing of experiences on the implementation of cross-border projects

Services for personal professional development (e.g.: coaching, mentoring, supervision)

Continuous sharing of information about events and opportunities in the Carpathian region

Intercultural training

Trainings,

- namely:.....
- .....
- Other:.....
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15. In which competencies do you need to improve to overcome the mentioned (personal or organizational) challenges?

16. Technical skills		Tick 3 competences you especially wish to improve.
Please choose the 3 technical competences you need to improve the most to participate more successfully in cross-border cooperation		
<i>Technical skills include those required for the everyday operation of NGOs.</i>		
1	Better knowledge of the languages of the countries of the Carpathian region	
2	Better organization of events and workshops	
3	Improve press writing, better media coverage of our activities and our organization	
4	Better use of online tools (email, calendar, conference organizer, etc.)	
6	Better dissemination and sharing of information about our activities and our organization	
7	Opportunities of use of social media	
8	Faster, more accurate financial management	
9	Better communication with stakeholders	
10	Improving communication within the organization	
11 You can mention one other technical competence you consider important to improve, which is not included in the table above.		

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<b>17. Organizational and strategic competences</b> Please select 3 organizational and strategic competences, that you think you need to develop in order to contribute to the better functioning of your organization.		Tick 3 competences you especially wish to improve
<i>Strategic and organizational competencies include skills that help the organization to design and use the most appropriate organizational and other tools to achieve its objectives in the most effective manner.</i>		
1	Strategic planning	
3	Develop system thinking	
4	Building and improvement partnerships with other local organizations / Networking PR & marketing	
5	Knowledge of funding opportunities programs	
6	Development of application writing techniques	
7	Management of legal matters related to the organization	
8	Identify and manage the risks related to the operation of the organization	
9	Human resource management	
10	More efficient day-to-day office management	
11	Developing better budget and financial management	
<b>12. You can mention one more organizational and strategic competency you consider important, which is not included in the table above.</b>		

**Personal Information:**

**13. Please choose your gender:**

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

**14. How old are you?**

- ☐ Under 20
- ☐ 20-29
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70 or above

**15. What is your field of professional education? (multiple answers possible)**

- ☐ Law/administration
- ☐ Economy
- ☐ Management/marketing
- ☐ Media/communication
- ☐ Social sciences (psychology, sociology, etc.)
- ☐ Pedagogy /education
- ☐ Arts/culture
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Other (what area do you work in, which was not listed above):

**Thank you very much for your participation in our survey!**

**We are eager to know your opinion!**

**Is there anything else you would like to share with us?**

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**Keep in touch with us!**

**Addresses**

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