



**Central Mountains**



## 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 organisations 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 organisations, and the Platform launched the Carpathian Social Innovation Award.

I consent to the processing of my data for the purposes of the project and the Platform.

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

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**Name of your organisation**

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**2. Please choose the general field(s) of activity of your organisation. (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:

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

- Yes, we spend our spare time together with friends from the neighbouring 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 organisation 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 answers 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 organisation 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 organisations 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 organisations from different counties of the Carpathian region	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Others suggested joining, 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 the reasons listed above:**

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**10. What challenges does your organisation 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 calls 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 experience of carrying out a cross-border activity or project in our organisation	<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"/>

**11. Please describe what additional challenges your organisation 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 organisation 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 organisation	<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: .....

**15. In which competences do you need to improve to overcome the above mentioned (personal or organisational) challenges?**

<b>16. Technical skills</b>		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	2 Better organisation of events and workshops	
3	Improve press writing, better media coverage of our activities and our organisation	
4	Better use of online tools (email, calendar, conference organizer, etc.)	
6	Better dissemination and sharing of information about our activities and our organisation	
7	Opportunities for use of social media	
8	Faster, more accurate financial management	
9	Better communication with stakeholders	
10	Improving communication within the organisation	
<b>11 You can mention one other technical competence you consider important to improve that is not included in the table above.</b>		

<b>17. Organisational and strategic competences</b>		Tick 3 competences you especially wish to improve.
Please select 3 organisational and strategic competences that you think you need to develop in order to contribute to the better functioning of your organisation.		
<i>Strategic and organisational competencies include skills that help the organisation to design and use the most appropriate organisational and other tools to achieve its objectives in the most effective manner.</i>		
1	Strategic planning	
2	Develop system thinking	
4	Building and improving partnerships with other local organisations / Networking PR & marketing	
5	Knowledge of funding opportunities for programmes	
6	Development of application writing techniques	
7	Management of legal matters related to the organisation	
8	Identifying and managing the risks related to the operation of the organisation	
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 organisational and strategic competency you consider important that 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 that 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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