



A report of Round Table “Carpathian Convention and its role in life of Maniava village” held on 13th December 2005 in Maniava village.

General information

The Round table was held as a preparatory meeting in the framework of project “Strengthening Public Participation in the Implementation of the Carpathian Convention” supported by ANPED. In the context of this project one discussion on the Carpathian Convention had been held already in Rhakiv, as a part of 15th International Hutsul Festival (2nd September 2005). Recommendations for the Implementation of the Carpathian Convention were adopted there. More than thirty persons participated in that discussion. They represented the governmental Carpathian Convention contact group, national scientific and non-governmental groups, governmental and administrative bodies, scientists, and NGOs from regional centres. Representatives from the village communities constituted a minority at the Rakhiv discussion. An earlier survey had discovered results that people from mountain villages were poorly informed about the Carpathian Convention. However, at the same time the success of the Carpathian Convention’s implementation primarily depends upon the attitude of small mountain communities.

In the Rhakiv discussion only one of the ethnic communities was properly represented, the Hutsul people. As long as the Carpathian Convention is aimed at ethnical culture support, we felt it was important to organize the discussion in another ethnic community, that is Boyko people. We decided to organize the next discussion in Maniava village, which is associated with origin of Boyko people. The Maniava discussion was directed to define the village community’s opinion about its expectations for the implementation of the Carpathian Convention, and the village development priorities. The meeting in Maniava was held during the time of local political preparations for the parliamentary and local elections of 2006. The discussion was devoted to International Mountain Day.

Preparatory activities

Local environmental NGO “Our Home – Maniava Brach” had been involved with the project activities since the Rhakiv meeting. Since September three working discussions were held in Maniava village and twenty copies of the text of Carpathian Convention and documents from Rhakiv discussion were distributed widely among the villagers.

On the 12th of November a concert of Boyko folklore was conducted at the village school. For the needs of discussion the Ivano-Frankivsk Association of Culture and Historical Monuments Conservation prepared an extraction from register of cultural monuments of Bohorodchany district. This document together with text of Carpathian Convention and documents from Rhakiv discussion were distributed for the participant. Local stakeholders, representatives of Regional administration, representatives of the Bohorodchany district council, representatives of neighbouring village Starunya, and a representative from “Hutsulshchina” society were invited to participate in the discussion.

Room

The discussion was conducted in a classroom of the school, that was heated with a electric radiator. Because of the season and local difficulties with heating, the assembly hall wasn't used. The room was decorated with map of Ukraine, posters devoted to the Carpathian Convention and to International Mountain Day. A flipchart was used during the disuccsion to record remarks.

Content of the discussion

The discussion was started by the head of NGO “Our Home – Maniava” M.Skydanyuk. The representatives of the discussion were greeted by the Deputy of the District Council, School Director B. Bilusyak. There followed several presentations :

Y. Wasidlow's speech concerned the history of the Carpathian Convention and its implementation.

B. Bilusyak's speech concerned the history of Maniava village, and the local monuments of nature and history.

M.Skydanyuk's speech concerned the International Mountain Day and probable benefits for the highlanders from its implementation.

B Babiy's speech concerned the role of local intellectuals in the preservation of cultural heritage.

D. Melnyk's speech concerned Maniava's development opportunities, connected with tourism development.

V. Shkurhan's speech concerned the experience of “Hutsulshchina” society for the support of Hutsul ethnic group in the Kosiv district.

Zh. Komar's speech concerned Maniava's development opportunities connected with the support of traditional culture and the proper use of culture and historical monuments.

R. Panevnyk's speech concerned the historical monuments.connected with UPA (Ukrainian Partisan Army) liberation's movement, and about increasing of forest clearance.

S. Solomon's speech concerned the role of the local library in preservation of cultural heritage of the village.

V. Vintonyak's speech concerned tourist routes and necessity of tourism infrastructure development.

I. Mykytyn's speech concerned the museum business conditions in the Bohorodchany district.

After the speeches a lively discussion took place. A number of propositions and evaluations of local development were expressed. Propositions were collected on the flipchart

An editorial board (B. Bilusyak's, M.Skydanyuk, J. Wasidlow's) was entrusted with a task to summarise the results of the discussion into final recommendations.

Breaks

One coffee break and one lunch break were organized

Subsidiary actions

On the discussion day, an open lesson devoted to sustainable development of the Carpathian region was held in the school. On 14th December an excursion to the tourist objects of Maniava and Starunya was held for the participants of the Round table.

**Participants of the Round Table
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Nr.	Participants	Organisation	Settlement
1.	Grygoriy Melnyk	Tourism Department of Ivano-Frankivsk Region’s Government Administration	Ivano-Frankivsk
2.	Yuriy Wasidlow	Association “Our Home”	Ivano-Frankivsk
3.	Wasył Shkurgan	Association “Hutsulschina”	Kosiv
4.	Zanna Komar	Ivano-Frankivsk Association of Culture and Historical Monuments Conservation	Ivano-Frankivsk
5.	Vasyl Babiy	Deputy of Bohorodchany Region Council, writer	Bohorodchany
6.	Mykola Skydaniuk	NGO “Our Home – Maniava Branch”	Maniava
7.	Bohdan Bilusiak	Deputy of Bohorodchany Region Council	Maniava
8.	Vasyl Vintoniak	Deputy of Bohorodchany Region Council	Maniava
9.	Lubov Bytkivska	Businessman	Maniava
10.	Halina Varvaruk	School staff member	Solotvin
11.	Kalina Balagutrak	Businesswoman	Maniava
12.	Ivan Panevnyk	Veteran of UPA (Ukrainian Partisan Army)	Maniava
13.	Zoltanivski Elgar	Businessman	Markove
14.	Ivan Mykytyn	Nature Museum	Solotvin
15.	Halina Monastyrecka	Maniava Village Council	Maniava
16.	Halina Rudko	Maniava Village Club	Maniava
17.	Natalia Kimachuk	Businesswoman	Maniava
18.	Sofia Solomon	Maniava Village Library	Maniava
19.	Viktor Rudko	Self-employed	Maniava
20.	Roman Strutynski	Maniava School staff member	Maniava
21.	Maria Latsota	Landowner	Starunia
22.	Vasyl Hulak	Veteran UPA (Ukrainian Partisan Army)	Maniava