



## **Cooperation of the Statistical Office in Rzeszów as part of the Carpathian Euroregion**

Podkarpacie is the furthest south-eastern voivodship of Poland. It borders Ukraine in the east and Slovakia in the south. After Poland's accession to the European Union, the east border of the Republic of Poland became the longest part of the EU's external land border. Having 1163 km in length, it constitutes the east border of the Podkarpackie Voivodship for 235 km at the same time. The border location of the voivodship creates favourable conditions for trans-border cooperation.

Podkarpackie Voivodship is a part of interregional organizations – it is included in the Carpathian Euroregion. The Carpathian Euroregion Interregional Association was established on 14 February 1993 in Debrecen and comprises border lands of 5 countries – Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine. The founding of the Euroregion was preceded by several years' growth of cooperation and connections, mainly of bilateral nature. Romanian parts, bordering Hungary and Ukraine, joined the Euroregion in 1997.

The Carpathian Euroregion is characterized by unique culture and society which have its roots in common historic tradition. These distinctive values derived from multitude of nations, nationalities and ethnic groups that have been living here and which, owing to their individuality, shaped common identity of the Middle Europe.

The area structure of the Carpathian Euroregion is as follows: Ukrainian part constitutes 36,6%, Romanian – 23,1%, Hungarian – 18,5%, Polish – 11,6% and Slovakian 10,2%.

## THE CARPATHIAN EUROREGION



The Hungarian part of the Euroregion includes 5 counties: (NUTS 3 level): Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén, Hajdú-Bihar, Heves, Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok, Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg. They cover an area of 28,6 thous. km<sup>2</sup>, which is inhabited by 2,5 million of people.

The Polish part of the Carpathian Euroregion comprises the Podkarpackie Voivodship, which on the NUTS 3 level is divided into two subregions (non-administrative units): Rzeszowsko-Tarnobrzeski and Krośnieńsko-Przemyski. They cover an area of 17,8 thous. km<sup>2</sup> and are inhabited by 2,1 million of people.

The Romanian part of the Carpathian Euroregion includes 6 counties (NUTS 3 level): Bihor, Sălaj, Satu Mare, Maramures, Botosani, Suceava. They cover an area of 35,7 thous. km<sup>2</sup>, which is inhabited by about 3 million of people.

The Slovakian part of the Carpathian Euroregion consists of 2 regions (NUTS 3 level): Kosický kraj and Prešovský kraj, which cover 15,7 thous. km<sup>2</sup> and are inhabited by over 1,5 million of people.

The Ukrainian part comprises 4 regions: Chernivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv and Zakarpattia. They cover an area of 56,6 thous. km<sup>2</sup> which is inhabited by 6,1 million of people.

The ongoing cooperation between self-governmental and economic circle as well as non-governmental organizations sets statistical services numerous tasks. They require supplying those groups with reliable and comparable statistical information which is essential for adopting regional policy, preparing various opinions and development plans. Making an effort to meet these needs, a number of initiatives have been taken by the Polish statistics since the creation of the Carpathian Euroregion. They have the objective of creating and developing transborder statistics that fulfills information needs of overborder cooperation, local self-government and economic entities.

The following publication were issued as part of the cooperation within the Carpathian Euroregion.

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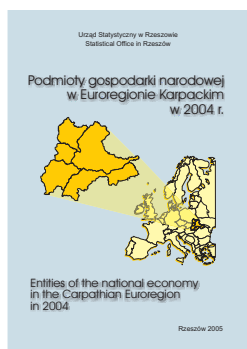
1. ***Town network in Carpathian Euroregion. Basic statistical data.*** Published in 1997, it presents selected demographic-social data on towns which made up spatial structure of the Carpathian Euroregion in 1994.



### 2. ***Population of the Carpathian Euroregion.***

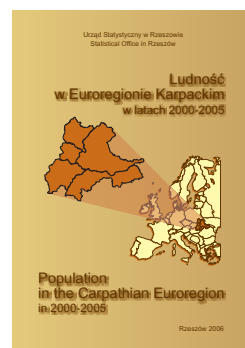
Published in 1999, it presents basic data on the number and structure of population as well as births, deaths, natural increase and migrations in the Carpathian Euroregion in 1997. Many tables include retrospection which enables analysis of basic phenomena and demographic processes.

3. In 2002 the second, extended edition of the elaboration on demographic issues entitled ***Population in the Carpathian Euroregion in 1998-2000*** was published.



4. ***Entities of the national economy in the Carpathian Euroregion***. Published in 2005, it shows information on the number and structure of entities of the national economy in individual countries being members of the Carpathian Euroregion. They are presented by kind of activity, the number of employed persons, organizational-legal form.

5. In 2006 the third, improved edition of the elaboration on demographic problems entitled ***Population in the Carpathian Euroregion in 2000-2005*** was issued. It was supplied with a touched up methodological side and extended descriptive part as well as analysis of demographic phenomena.



All publications were released in Polish-English version.

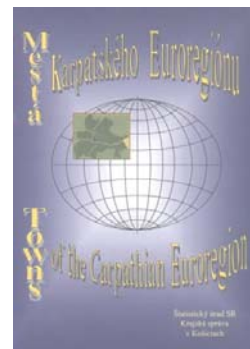
## Statistical Office in Hungary



1. ***Infrastructure in the Carpathian Euroregion*** – published in 2000 provides basic information on towns of the Carpathian Euroregion focusing on dwelling stock, health care, education, trade, tourism and transport.

## Statistical Office in Slovakia

2. *Towns in the Carpathian Euroregion* – published in 2002 presents basic information on towns in the Carpathian Euroregion. Data for 2000 cover areas such as technical infrastructure, tourism, education and culture as well as population in 1996-2000.



In order to develop cooperation, exchange information, experience and methodology as well as to popularize statistics and launch new projects, seminars and conferences are being organized.

In September 1997 a seminar *Tasks of Statistical Offices in forming information base for the Carpathian Euroregion* took place in Iwonicz-Zdroj. Another seminar, *Role of Statistical Information in Creating Regional Policy as part of the Carpathian Euroregion* was held in Bystre near Baligród in October 2003.



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