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Acronyms and Abbreviations

CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
CCS	Carbon Capture and Storage
CEE	Central and Eastern Europe
CEEWEB	Central and Eastern European Working Group for the Enhancement of Biodiversity
CERI	Carpathian Ecoregion Initiative
CFC	Carpathian Framework Convention
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CIUS	Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies
COMECON	Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (1949-1991)
DYMIMIC	Dynamic Multiple Indicator, Multiple Causes
EAP	Environment Action Programme
EEA	European Environment Agency
EFAS	European Flood Alert System
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EU	European Union
EUR	Euro (currency of the European Union)
EURAC	European Academy (Bolzano)
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEO	Global Environment Outlook (UNEP)
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GMO	Genetically Modified Organism
GRID	Global Resource Information Database
HDI	Human Development Index
IBAs	Important Bird Areas
IFA	International Fertilizer Association
IPAs	Important Plant Areas
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IUCN	World Conservation Union
LRTAP	Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (UNECE)
LSU	Livestock Unit
MCPFE	Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NGOs	Non-governmental Organisations
ODS	Ozone Depleting Substances
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PEBLDS	Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy
PEEN	Pan-European Ecological Network
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
REC	Regional Environmental Centre
SAPARD	Special Accession Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SoE	State of the Environment
TACIS	Technical Assistance to the Commonwealth of Independent States
TEN	Trans European Network
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNEP-ISCC	UNEP Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Framework Convention (CFC)
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
USSR	Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics
V4	Visegrád countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia)
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
WTO	World Trade Organisation
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature

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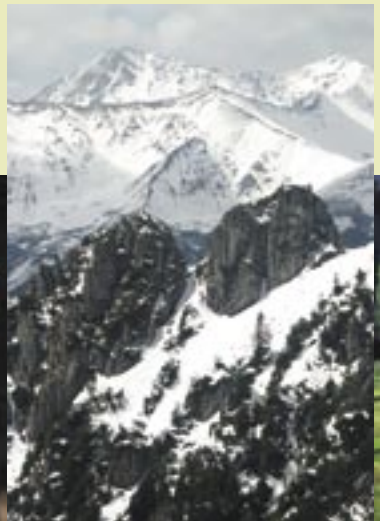

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