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T-PVSAgenda(2018)2

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee
Bureau meeting

Strasbourg, 19 March 2018
(Room 17, opening: 9:00 am)

AGENDA

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
[T-PVS/Agenda(2018)2 - Draft agenda]
2. **FINANCING OF THE BERN CONVENTION**
3. **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2018 PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET ISSUES**
[Note for the Bureau]
[T-PVS(2017)20 - Programme of Activities and budget for 2018-2019]
- 3.1 **Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas: results of the meeting**
[T-PVS/DE(2018)1 - Agenda]
[T-PVS/DE(2018)8 – Draft Resolutions on the renewal of the EDPA]
- 3.2 **Invasive Alien Species: state of preparation of the meeting of the Select Group on IAS**
[T-PVS/Agenda(2018)3 - Draft agenda]
- 3.3 **Illegal killing of birds: state of preparation for the launching of the IKB Scoreboard**
- 3.4 **Setting-up of the Emerald Network: state of progress, planning of activities for 2018**
- 3.5 **Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012): state of preparation of the capacity building Workshops**
- 3.6 **Climate change and protected areas: state of preparation of the joint meeting of two Groups of Experts**
- 3.7 **Old Growth Forests: opportunities for cooperation with Wild Europe**
- 3.8 **Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of the sturgeon**
4. **MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION: BIENNIAL REPORTS AND ORS**
5. **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION: CASE-FILES (SEE NOTE BELOW)**
[T-PVS/Notes(2018)1 – Summary of case files and complaints]
[T-PVS/Inf(2018)1 – Register of Bern Convention's case-files]
- 5.1 **Specific Sites - Files open**
 - 2004/2: Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica

- 2012/9: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs (Turkey)
- 2013/1: Hydro power development within the territory of Mavrovo National Park (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”)
[T-PVS/Files(2018)14 – Report by the Government]

5.2 Possible files

- 2001/4: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge
[T-PVS/Files(2018)15 – Report by the Government]
[T-PVS/Files(2018)17 – Report by the NGOs]

5.3 Complaints on stand-by

- 2014/6: Wind energy: Possible threats to an endangered natural habitat in Izmir (Turkey)
- 2014/8: Presumed large-scale exploitation and marketing of protected marine shelled molluscs in Greece
[T-PVS/Files(2018)20 – Report by the Complainant]
- 2014/3: Presumed deliberate killing of birds in Serbia & 2016/3: Alleged deliberate killing of birds of prey in Serbia
[T-PVS/Files(2018)10 – Report by the Government]
[T-PVS/Files(2018)8 – Report by the Complainant]
- 2015/2: Possible impact of wind-farm developments on bats (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”)
[T-PVS/Files(2018)13 + Ann – Report by the Government]
- 2016/4: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site (Montenegro)
[T-PVS/Files(2018)2 + Ann – Report by the Complainant]
- 2016/05: Presumed negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Vjosa river in Albania
[T-PVS/Files(2018)19 – Report by the Complainant]
- 2016/09: Possible threat to Svaneti 1 Candidate Emerald site from Nenskra HPP (Georgia)
[T-PVS/Files(2018)7 – Report by the Government]
[T-PVS/Files(2018)11 + Ann + Ann 2 – Report by the Complainant]
- 2016/06: Presumed risk of national extinction of great bustards (*Otis tarda*) in Serbia
[T-PVS/Files(2018)9 + Ann – Report by the Government]
[T-PVS/Files(2018)1 – Report by the Complainant]

5.4 Other complaints

- 2017/2: Alleged negative impacts to Lake Ohrid and Galichica National Park candidate Emerald Sites due to infrastructure developments (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”)
[T-PVS/Files(2018)18 – Report by the Government]
[T-PVS/Files(2018)16 – Report by the Complainant]
[T-PVS/Files(2018)3 + Ann – Complaint form]
- 2017/3: Possible negative impact of a harbor’s construction on the confluence of the Sava into the Danube (Serbia)
[T-PVS/Files(2018)4 – Complaint form]
[T-PVS/Files(2018)6 – Government Report]
- 2017/4: Presumed threat to Emerald site Tarutino (UA0000137) from cultivation developments (Ukraine)
[T-PVS/Files(2018)5 – Complaint form]
[T-PVS/Files(2018)12 – Government Report]

NOTE: To be assessed at the September 2018 Bureau meeting:

- **File Open** - 1995/6: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
- **File Open** - 2010/5: Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias

- **Possible file** - 2017/1: Lack of legal protection for Northern Goshawk and birds of prey in Norway
- **Complaints on stand-by** – 2011/5: France / Switzerland: threats to the Rhone streber (*Zingel asper*) in the Doubs (France) and in the canton of Jura (Switzerland)
- **Other complaints** - 2017/6: Iceland: Possible negative impact on Breiðafjörður Nature Reserve's authentic birch woods from new road infrastructure

6. FOLLOW-UP OF PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS: PROPOSALS BY THE SECRETARIAT

- Recommendation No. 9 (1987) on the protection of *Caretta Caretta* in Laganas bay, Zakynthos (Greece)

[T-PVS/Files(2018)21– Report by the NGO]

- Recommendation No.190 (2016) on the conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, specially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland
- Recommendation No. 197 (2017) on biosafety measures for the prevention of the spread of amphibian and reptile species diseases

7. COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

8. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERN CONVENTION

8.1 40th anniversary of the signature of the Bern Convention – 2019

8.2 Priorities of the Georgian Presidency of the Council of Europe

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS