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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
AND NATURAL HABITATS

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**Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological  
Networks**

9th meeting  
4-5 October 2018  
(Room 6, opening: 9 am)

**AGENDA**

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		Documents	Expected results
<b>Thursday 4 October</b>			
9.00	<b>1. Opening of the meeting</b>		
	<b>2. Adoption of the agenda</b>	Meeting agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2018)6  <b>For adoption</b>	Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the aims of the meeting and adopt the agenda.
	<b>3. Mandate of the Group and decisions of the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention</b>  <i>Presentation by Iva Obretenova</i>	Report of the 8th meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2017)13</a>  Report of the 2nd meeting of the Ad-hoc Restricted Group of Experts on Reporting on the Emerald Network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2017)12</a>  Extract from the list of decisions and adopted texts on the protection of habitats <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2018)9</a>  <b>For information</b>	The salient points of the 37 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention are recalled.

	<p><b>4. Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)</b></p>		
	<p>4.a Reporting tool</p> <p><i>Presentation by Marc Roekaerts</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the current state of development of the reporting tool.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Link to the EU's reporting tool for article 17</a></p> <p><b>For information</b></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the state of development of the reporting tool</p>
	<p>4.b Reporting Reference Portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Revised reporting format</li> <li>▪ Revised guidelines (part 1)</li> <li>▪ Guidelines (part 2)</li> <li>▪ Checklist for species</li> <li>▪ Checklist for habitats</li> <li>▪ Population units</li> <li>▪ List of pressures and threats</li> <li>▪ List of conservation measures</li> <li>▪ Range tool</li> </ul> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are invited to discuss the working documents and to exchange views on possible follow up work.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Reporting format</a> Guidelines (part 1) – <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2017)17</a> Draft guidelines (part 2) – <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2018)10</a> Draft checklist for species Draft checklist for habitats Draft proposal of population units</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2018)5</a></p> <p><a href="#">List of pressures and threats</a> <a href="#">List of conservation measures</a> <a href="#">Link to the range tool</a></p> <p><a href="#">Link to the new Reference Portal for the reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on the supporting documents to the reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) which will be published on the Reporting Reference Portal.</p>
	<p>4.c Emerald Network Reference Portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ISO country codes</li> <li>▪ Code lists for species</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">List of ISO country codes</a> <a href="#">Code lists for species</a></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on the supporting documents to the reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) which will be published on the Emerald Network Reference Portal.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Code lists for habitats</li> <li>▪ Habitat classes</li> <li>▪ List of national designation types</li> <li>▪ Interpretation manual of the habitats listed in Resolution No. 4 (1996)</li> <li>▪ Guidelines for filling in the SDF</li> </ul> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are invited to discuss the working documents and to exchange views on possible follow up work.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Code lists for habitats</a>  <a href="#">Habitat classes</a>  <a href="#">List of national designation types</a>  Interpretation manual of the habitats listed in Resolution No. 4 (1996)  <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2015)9</a></p> <p>Guidelines for filling in the SDF  <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2018)8</a></p> <p><a href="#">Link to the new Emerald Network Reference Portal</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on revising and updating their respective national designation of protected areas</p>
	<p><b>5. Development of the Emerald Network guidance</b></p>		
	<p>5.a Guidance describing the ecological character of Emerald Network sites</p> <p><i>Presentation by Dave Pritchard</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are invited to discuss the working document and to exchange views on possible follow up work.</i></p>	<p>Guidance on detecting, reporting, assessing and responding to changes in the ecological character of Emerald Network sites.  <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2018)13</a></p> <p>Study on the “ecological character” of sites  <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2017)8</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on the development of a new Bern Convention guidance on detecting, assessing and responding to changes and likely changes in the ecological character of ASCIs.</p>
	<p>5.b Proposals of additional species to Resolution No. 6 (1998) and/or habitats to Resolution No. 4 (1996) and follow-up on previously proposed additional habitats to Resolution No. 4 (1996)</p>	<p>Assessment by the European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity of the proposal of Ukraine to add 4 habitats</p>	<p>The additional habitats proposed by Contracting Parties are agreed on and their inclusion in Resolution No. 4 (1996) is sent for adoption to the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention.</p>

	<p><i>Reminder by the Secretariat (Marc Hory)</i></p> <p><i>Presentation of the recommendations of the ETC/BD by Marc Roekaerts</i></p> <p><i>Representatives of the Contracting Parties and Observer states are reminded that they should inform the Secretariat of the lists of species and habitats they propose for Resolution N° 6 (1998) and/or Resolution No. 4 (1996)</i></p> <p><i>Representatives of the Contracting Parties and Observer States are invited to discuss and to exchange views on the proposal of 4 habitats to be added to Resolution No. 4 (1996) in the light of the recommendations of the European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity (ETC/BD).</i></p>	<p>to Resolution No. 4 (1996) <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2018)7</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	
	<p>5.c Marine Regions</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are invited to discuss the working document and to exchange views on possible follow up work.</i></p>	<p>Draft proposal of Marine regions <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2018)18</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>The draft proposal of Marine Regions is agreed on by the members of and observers to the Group of Experts and sent for adoption by the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention.</p>
	<p>5.d Resources for the management of Natura 2000 sites</p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed the creation of a webpage bringing together Natura 2000 resources aimed to</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Link to the website</a></p> <p><b>For information</b></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the existence of these resources and can use them in the context of the Emerald Network.</p>

	<p><i>assist Parties to develop management schemes.</i></p>		
	<p><b>6. State of play of the Emerald Network and future perspectives - Reports by Contracting Parties and list of Emerald Network candidate and adopted sites</b></p> <p><i>Presentation of the consolidated sufficiency conclusion by Marc Roekaerts</i></p> <p><i>Presentation of the progress of the sufficiency of the Emerald Network by Otars Opermanis</i></p> <p><i>Presentation of the state of implementation of the Emerald Network calendar by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Representatives of the Contracting Parties and Observer states were invited to report in writing on the latest achievements in the setting up of the Emerald Network in their respective countries.</i></p> <p><i>Representatives of the Contracting Parties and Observer states are invited to confirm that all newly proposed sites from their latest national databases are to be sent for official nomination to the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention.</i></p> <p><i>Representatives of the Contracting Parties and Observer states are invited to inform the Secretariat whether their country is submitting its</i></p>	<p>Consolidated sufficiency conclusions following the 2017 and 2018 biogeographical evaluation seminars <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2018)15</a> (excel version) / <a href="#">MS Access version</a></p> <p>Progress of the sufficiency of the Emerald Network <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2018)11</a></p> <p>Progress in the enforcement of the Revised calendar for the implementation of the Emerald Network (2011-2020) <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2018)12</a></p> <p>Reports by the countries on the progress and achievements in the implementation of the Emerald Network calendar 2011-2020 <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2018)17</a></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed on progress in the setting-up of the Emerald Network in all Contracting Parties and Observer States concerned.</p> <p>Countries may request the official nomination of their newly proposed Emerald Network sites as candidate Emerald sites by the Standing Committee.</p> <p>Countries may request the official adoption as Emerald sites of their candidate sites by the Standing Committee.</p> <p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the evolvement of the sufficiency of the Emerald Network and of the current state of implementation of the revised Emerald Network calendar.</p>

	<i>candidate Emerald sites for official adoption as Emerald sites by the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention.</i>		
	<b>7. Future work of the Group of Experts</b>		
	7.a Programme of activities 2019 <i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are invited to propose and discuss new activities in 2019</i>	<b>For discussion and decision</b>	Priority activities are identified and will feed into the Programme of activity 2019 of the Bern Convention (subject to the availability of financial and human resources)
	7.b Date and place of the next meeting of the Group of Experts <i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts wishing to host the next meeting of the Group of Experts are invited to inform the Secretariat.</i>	<b>For decision</b>	The provisional venue and dates of the next meeting are agreed on.
	<b>8. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair</b>	<b>For decision</b>	
	<b>9. Any other business</b>		
	<b>10. Conclusions of the meeting</b>		
<b>12.30</b>	<i>Friday 5 October</i> <b>End of the meeting</b>		