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AND NATURAL HABITATS

Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas

21 – 22 February 2018
Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
(Room 8, opening at 9h00)

AGENDA

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WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018

9h00 – 9h40 Welcome and opening of the meeting

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIR

Mr Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of the Group of Specialists

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

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3. GENERAL INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES PRESENTING AN INTEREST FOR THE WORK OF THE GROUP

SHORT PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE GROUP IN 2017 AND OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE LAST YEAR

Mr Jan Plesnik, Chair of the Group of Specialists

FOLLOW UP BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE 2017 MEETING OF THE GROUP OF SPECIALISTS

Ms Iva Obretenova, Secretariat of the Bern Convention

Report of meeting of the GS EDPA [T-PVS/DE (2017) 14]

Extract from the list of decisions and adopted texts on the European Diploma for Protected Areas, at the 37th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention [T-PVS/DE (2018) 02]

9h40 – 10h30 Assessment reports with a view to the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas

4. DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE CONDITIONS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD OR THE RENEWAL OF THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA

Discussion paper on the « Conditions » and « Recommendations » attached to the European Diploma on Protected Areas [T-PVS/DE (2018) 06]

5. RESULTS OF THE ADVISORY VISITS, DISCUSSION AND PROPOSALS TO THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

- Oka National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation) by Ms Blanca Ramos (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

Report on the assessment visit to the Oka National Biosphere Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2017) 22]

Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Oka National Biosphere Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]

10h30 – 10h50 COFFEE BREAK

- Mercantour National Park (France) by Mr Olivier Biber (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

Report on the assessment visit to the Mercantour National Park [T-PVS/DE (2018) 05]

Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Mercantour National Park [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]

- Montecristo Island (Italy) by Mr Olivier Biber (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

**Report on the assessment visit to the Montecristo Island [T-PVS/DE (2018) 04]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Montecristo Island [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]**

- Dobrocsky National Nature Reserve (Slovak Republic) by Mr Robert Brunner (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

**Report on the assessment visit to the Dobrocsky National Nature Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2017) 19]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Dobrocsky National Nature Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]**

- Central Balkan National Park (Bulgaria) by Mr Pierre Galland (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

**Report on the assessment visit to the Central Balkan National Park [T-PVS/DE (2017) 27]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Central Balkan National Park [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]**

12h30 – 14h00 LUNCH BREAK

14h00– 16h00 Assessment reports with a view to the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas (continued)

- Volcanic Phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula (Hungary) by Mr Pierre Galland (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

**Report on the assessment visit to the Volcanic Phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula [T-PVS/DE (2017) 16]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Volcanic Phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]**

- Belovezhskaya Puscha National Park (Belarus) by Mr Hervé Lethier (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

**Report on the assessment visit to the Belovezhskaya Puscha National Park [T-PVS/DE (2017) 15]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Belovezhskaya Puscha National Park [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]**

- Teberda National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation) by Mr Hervé Lethier (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

**Report on the assessment visit to the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2017) 23]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]**

- Khosrov Forest Reserve (Armenia) by Mr Hervé Lethier (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

**Report on the assessment visit to the Khosrov Forest Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2017) 17]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Khosrov Forest Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]**

15h40 – 16h00 Coffee Break

16h00– 18h00 Assessment reports with a view to the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas (continued)

- Poloniny National Park (Slovak Republic) by Mr Michael Usher (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

**Report on the assessment visit to Poloniny National Park [T-PVS/DE (2017) 20]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Poloniny National Park [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]**

- The Burren Region (Ireland) by Mr Michael Usher (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

**Report on the assessment visit to the Burren Region [T-PVS/DE (2017) 18]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Burren Region [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]**

- Naardermeer Nature Reserve (The Netherlands) by Ms Ana Rainho (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

**Report on the assessment visit to the Naardermeer Nature Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2017) 24]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Naardermeer Nature Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]**

- Maritime Alps Nature Park (Italy) by Mr Joe Sultana (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

**Report on the assessment visit to the Maritime Alps Nature Park [T-PVS/DE (2017) 21]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Maritime Alps Nature Park [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]**

RENEWAL OF THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA TO AREAS WHICH DID NOT BENEFIT FROM AN ON-THE-SPOT APPRAISAL VISIT

- Thayatal National Park (Austria)

Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Thayatal National Park (Austria) [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]

- Bieszczady National Park (Poland)

Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Bieszczady National Park [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]

- Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve (UK)

Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2018) 08]

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2018

9h00 – 10h30 Annual reports 2017

6. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTING RESULTS BY THE SECRETARIAT AND THE GROUP OF SPECIALISTS

- Suggested actions
- Possible exceptional on-the-spot appraisals to be carried out in 2018

Compilation of annual reports by EDPA zones [T-PVS/DE (2018) 03]

Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports [T-PVS/DE (2018) 10]

Follow-up table of the annual reports [T-PVS/DE (2018) 09]

7. DISCUSSION OF THE AREAS IN NEED OF PARTICULAR ATTENTION BY THE GROUP AND FUTURE RENEWALS

- Follow up on the areas identified in 2017 as requiring particular attention: Lüneburg Heath Nature Reserve (Germany), Abruzzo Lazio and Molise National Park (Italy)
- Development of an airport in the vicinity of "De Oostvaardersplassen" Nature Reserve (the Netherlands) and the National Park Weerribben-Wieden (the Netherlands)
- The momentary non-application to the renewal of the European Diploma by the Germano-Luxembourg Nature Park
- Draft list of areas to be visited in 2018 and 2019 with a view to a renewal of their Diploma in 2019 and 2020*

* In 2018, 10 assessment visits are expected to be carried out with a view to the renewal of the Diploma of the areas concerned in 2019. These 10 visits complement the 3 visits already carried out in 2017. In 2019, there are 17 such areas for possible renewal of their Diploma in 2020. The Group of Specialists should identify priority areas for appraisals in 2018 and 2019.

Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports [T-PVS/DE (2018) 10]

List of areas whose Diploma should be renewed in 2019 [T-PVS/DE (2017) 08]

List of areas whose Diploma should be renewed in 2020 [T-PVS/DE (2017) 25]

10h30 – 10h50 Coffee break

10h50 – 12h30 Strategic development of the European Diploma

8. HARMONISATION OF THE REPORTING

- Check list for on-the-spot appraisal visits

Check list for independent experts [T-PVS/DE (2018) 07]

- Online reporting tool

- Update of the database of the Diploma holding areas

Analysis of the different types of habitats and biogeographic regions represented in the Diploma holding areas [T-PVS/DE (2012)11]

9. VIDEO ON THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA

[Link](#) to the video on the European Diploma for Protected Areas

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING