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ON THE RENEWAL  
OF THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA FOR PROTECTED  
AREAS**

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## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation)**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2019) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2019  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution Res(94)23 on the award of the European Diploma to the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2010)1 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation), until 5 September 2029;

Attaches the following six recommendations to the renewal:

1. Elaborate and adopt in the next three years a new management plan for the long term conservation of the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve. Include specific provisions dedicated to climate change and how to address this issue in relation to the long-term

preservation of endemic species. Share the draft management plan for comments with the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas prior to its adoption.

2. Design socio-economic development plans in the buffer zone of the Diploma holding area that contribute better to preserving the natural features of this area in close cooperation with the local authorities, including the administration of the Republic of Karachaiëvo-Tcherkessie.
3. Develop further awareness raising activities targeting youth.
4. Ensure the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve research programme and activities reflect on the effects of climate change on the ecological processes inherent to the long-term preservation of the European interest of the Diploma holding area. Explore the feasibility to make popular and scientific publications of the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve available to foreign visitors and scientists in appropriate languages.
5. Pursue and step up the co-operation with the nature conservation authorities in Georgia with a view to create a transfrontier protected area. Encourage international NGOs and foundations working in the Caucasus to facilitate this process.
6. Ensure by a strict enforcement of the regulation the ecological effectiveness of the polygon connecting the Diploma holding area to the Western Caucasus strict nature reserve.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Oka National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation)**

### **CM Documents**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2019) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Oka National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2019  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution Res(94)24 on the award of the European Diploma to the Oka National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2010)2 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Oka National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Oka State Nature Biosphere Reserve, until 5 September 2029;

Attaches the following five recommendations to the renewal:

1. Design and adopt in the next three years a management plan for the long term conservation of the area. This management plan should include strategic aims, goals and targets, an estimated budget and a timeframe for its full implementation as well as a monitoring mechanism for the

assessment of the implemented management measures. Adequate resources, both financial and human, need to be deployed.

2. Secure sufficient resources to ensure the proper conduct of scientific research.
3. Ensure the conservation of the habitats of the Desman population.
  - i. Extend the reserve south-eastwards in the Lopata zone up to the river Pra in order to include some typical water meadow habitats not yet represented in the reserve, a number of oxbow lakes and a portion of the Oka river bank.
  - ii. Integrate in the Biosphere Reserve core area the prime Desman habitats, currently located nearby but outside the Diploma holding area. Explore the feasibility of the transfer to the Oka National Biosphere Reserve as State properties of the hay meadows located on the left bank of the river Pra, to the south of grid squares 169 to 171 in the central forest section.
  - iii. Intensify efforts to regenerate the habitats of the Desman in the Oka plain.
4. Allocate adequate resources to general public awareness raising and strengthening links with local communities, while making full use of the reserve's assets and the large amount of available scientific data. Make suitable educational material available to a young audience.
5. Explore the feasibility of making the significant collections of scientific research available to the international scientific community by translating highlights of findings in English.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Naardermeer Nature Reserve (Netherlands)**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2019) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Naardermeer Nature Reserve (Netherlands)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2019  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution ResDip(2004)12 on the award of the European Diploma to Naardermeer Nature Reserve (Netherlands);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2009)7 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Naardermeer Nature Reserve (Netherlands);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Naardermeer Nature Reserve, until 5 May 2029;

Attaches the following condition to the renewal:

1. Preserve the integrity of the Naardermeer Nature Reserve and avoid further habitat fragmentation within the Reserve and in the surrounding landscape through regional planning processes. Increase the ecological connectivity both within the Reserve and between the Naardermeer Nature Reserve and the surrounding natural areas.

Attaches the following seven recommendations to the renewal:

1. Following to the abandonment of the plans for the A6-A9 motorway connection that required the construction of a new stretch of road north-west of the Nature Reserve, monitor the possible impact on the Diploma holding area and its surrounding environment of the alternative selected route through the existing A1 and A9 highways.
2. Finalise the Natura 2000 Management Plan and the Water Management Plan including the Water Level Agreement for the Naardermeer Nature Reserve by 2020. If necessary, plan and implement additional management lines to ensure the long-term conservation of the Naardermeer Nature Reserve within the context and requirements of the European Diploma.
3. By 2020, design a development plan for the recently acquired lands within the buffer zone of the Naardermeer Nature Reserve - the Hilversumse Bovenmeent (De Jong grounds) – in order to ensure the full integration of this area into the Reserve buffer zone by 2024.
4. Before 2029 secure the necessary funding to acquire the remaining areas within the buffer area which are still not property of the Natuurmonumenten. Alternatively, in the case the current administrative procedures do not allow the necessary land acquisition; ensure that the management of these areas are directed in collaboration with the authorities responsible for the Diploma holding area.
5. Within the continued monitoring of the lake Bovenste Blik, integrate further research aiming to identify the main reasons for the decreasing water quality in this lake. Define and implement appropriate management measures to prevent further water contamination. Improve and keep the water quality in this lake at the same levels currently observed in the remaining lakes of the Naardermeer Nature Reserve.
6. Initiate studies focusing on the biological control of invasive alien plant species occurring in the Reserve and prepare a strategic plan for their mechanical or manual control.
7. Strengthen the monitoring programmes and the conservation measures to guarantee the presence of naturally occurring species newly appeared in the diploma area.



## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Central Balkan National Park (Bulgaria)**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Central Balkan National Park (Bulgaria)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2009)1 on the award of the European Diploma to the Central Balkan National Park (Bulgaria);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Central Balkan National Park, until 21 October 2028;

Attaches the following eight recommendations to the renewal:

1. Implement the new Management Plan and in particular control the protective measures for the different zones. After 5 years make a comprehensive mid-term assessment and revise the relevant parts of the plan as appropriate.
2. Take measures to better control poaching in the park and implement as soon as possible the Strategic guidelines for the development of the security and control in Central Balkan

National Park which includes a section for poaching prevention. In particular, strictly limit the road development and systematically control their usage.

3. Maintain a strict control of the grazing permits and forbid any increase of grazing animals. Maintain the pressure to reduce grazing by horses, which are much more difficult to control, and improve the number of water sources and their access.
4. Produce a comprehensive impact monitoring of the grazing; in general, allocate the necessary funding for more management-orientated scientific research and studies.
5. Propose solutions at national level for improving the infrastructure related to mountain pastures, like animal and shepherds' shelters and dairy facilities. Improve their visual and ecological impact, as well as their sanitary conditions for dairy production.
6. Explore solutions for increasing the role of the National Park in the management of the tourist infrastructure (chalets) inside the park, including their maintenance, the control of their ecological impact and their use as information points.
7. Use the newly established Biosphere Reserve to reinforce the role of the Public Advisory Council as link between the National Park, the municipalities and civil society organisations around the park. Allocate adequate financial and human resources to fulfil the tasks and commitments taken at international level with the designation of the park as part of Biosphere Reserve and World Heritage property and establish, as soon as possible, corresponding management structures.
8. As soon as possible, prepare and adopt management plans for the Natura 2000 areas adjacent to the Park.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Maritime Alps Nature Park (Italy)**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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#### **Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ... on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Maritime Alps Nature Park (Italy)**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution Res(93)20 on the award of the European Diploma to Argentera Nature Park (Italy);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2012)20 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Maritime Alps Nature Park (new name);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Maritime Alps Nature Park, until 3 May 2028;

Attaches the following condition to the renewal:

1. Secure an adequate annual budget and ensure a reasonable increase in the management and administration staff to be able to carry out all the necessary work related to maintenance, conservation and sustainable tourism.

Attaches the following four recommendations to the renewal:

1. Explore the feasibility to officially recognise the two Nature Parks of Maritime and Marguareis as one National Park.
2. Explore the extent to which small, scattered reserves (Ciciu del Villar, Benevagienna, Crava Morozzo, Sorgenti del Belbo and Grotte di Bossea) which have very different characteristics, can be managed at a local level by Municipalities or the Province.
3. Ascertain that the amendment of the law L.R.19 29/06/2009 does not jeopardize any of the park conservation regulations.
4. Pursue the co-operation and the trans-boundary work with the Mercantour National Park and further explore the setting up of an Alpi Maritime Mercantour International Park to be agreed between the authorities of Italy and France. Continue working towards increasing integration.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Poloniny National Park (Slovak Republic)**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Poloniny National Park (Slovak Republic)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution Res(98)26 on the award of the European Diploma to the Poloniny National Park (Slovak Republic);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2012)19 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Poloniny National Park (Slovak Republic);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Poloniny National Park, until 18 September 2028;

Attaches the following three conditions to the renewal:

1. By 31 December 2021 submit to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe a detailed report, covering the implementation of every one of the 52 actions in the 'Poloniny National Park Action Plan' (Appendix 6.6.17 of the 'Poloniny National Park Management Plan for 2017-2026').
2. By 31 December 2023 initiate the revision of management and action plans for the Poloniny National Park so that they can be approved (by Government Resolution, if necessary) before they are due to be implemented on 1 January 2028.
3. Deploy adequate resources, both financial and human, in order to achieve a satisfactory outcome of the actions detailed in the Poloniny National Park Action Plan.

Attaches the following eight recommendations to the renewal:

1. By 2020, develop a prioritised plan for all land in state ownership to be re-classified in levels 3, 4 or 5; and demonstrate significant progress in re-classifying the forest in level 3 into either level 4 (with exploitation by a selection silvicultural system) or into level 5 (no exploitation).
2. Encourage church, association and private landowners to move their land into level 3 or level 4, utilising a single tree or group selection silvicultural system wherever appropriate.
3. Maintain the management of meadows outside the World Heritage Site, preferably by summer grazing with livestock or alternatively by cutting and removing the cut material from the site.
4. Liaise with appropriate stakeholders, especially those involved with sustainable tourism, to prepare an inventory of objects of cultural significance within the National Park and support a prioritised programme of restoration of these culturally significance objects.
5. Develop effective programmes of research and monitoring which provide data helpful to the management of the National Park's resources.
6. Devise and implement with local stakeholders a tourism development strategy and a prioritised action plan so that the infrastructure of facilities can be developed for the benefit of both the National Park and the economic well-being of the people who live in the area.
7. Maintain cooperation with the other nations which incorporate parts of the 'Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe' World Heritage Site, as well as with Bieszczadi National Park in Poland, the East Carpathian Biosphere Reserve and the two neighbouring Landscape Protected Areas – Východné Karpaty and Vihorlat.
8. Continue the dialogue with local communities in order build confidence and foster involvement in the Diploma holding area.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Dobročský Prales<sup>1</sup> National Nature Reserve (Slovak Republic)**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Dobročský Prales<sup>1</sup> National Nature Reserve (Slovak Republic)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution Res(98)28 on the award of the European Diploma to the Dobročský Prales National Nature Reserve (Slovak Republic);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2012)11 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Dobročský Prales National Nature Reserve (Slovak Republic);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Dobročský Prales National Nature Reserve, until 18 September 2028;

Attaches the following condition to the renewal:

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<sup>1</sup> The word "Prales" was erroneously missing in the previous resolutions awarding (Res (98)28) and renewing (CM/ResDip(2012)11) the European Diploma for Protected Areas but has now been added following respective information provided by the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic by letter dated 26 March 2018.

1. Conduct a study involving all stakeholders which verifies the necessity of a new forest road into the buffer zone and identifies measures guaranteeing a least-intervention solution to minimise the impacts of the road, provided that the construction is not carried out during the vegetation period and in the breeding season, and that the felling itself does not include heavy machinery. A natural re-cultivation of the road should be foreseen once the forestry measures have been implemented. Report to the Council of Europe before starting the road works.

Attaches the following four recommendations to the renewal:

1. Add a chapter on scientific research to the management plan defining clearly the needs of the management of the nature reserve and including a timetable to avoid surveys that are not directly connected to the further development of the area.
2. Develop a precautionary approach on how to deal with invasive alien species to be prepared in case of their appearance.
3. Prepare a study on the effects of climate change and global warming both on the nature reserve itself and on the regional forests, including a strategy on how to manage the surrounding forest to avoid negative impacts in the nature reserve.
4. Explore the possibility to move the exhibition from the Skalicou cottage to the Forestry Museum.



## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Burren Region (Ireland)**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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#### **Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ... on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Burren Region (Ireland)**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2013)3 on the award of the European Diploma to the Burren Region (Ireland);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Burren Region, until 10 July 2028;

Attaches the following condition to the renewal:

1. Secure a budget from 2022 onwards for the development of a successor programme to the current Burren Programme. Share with the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas the details of the successor programme to the current Burren programme prior to its entry into force.

Attaches the following four recommendations to the renewal:

1. Prepare an overarching management framework document for the Burren Region Diploma holding area, outlining the various management initiatives and their inter-relationships.
2. Aim both to increase the quality of the natural heritage and to prevent damage to the cultural heritage in those areas of the Burren Region not included within the three Special Areas of Conservation.
3. Work with other stakeholders, especially in relation to tourism predicated on the farm holdings, as well as the natural and cultural heritage, to support the community living and working in the Burren Region.
4. Consider the development of further walking trails throughout the Burren Region.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Khosrov Forest Reserve (Armenia)**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Khosrov Forest Reserve (Armenia)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2013)2 on the award of the European Diploma to the Khosrov Forest Reserve (Armenia);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Khosrov Forest Reserve, until 10 July 2028;

Attaches the following three conditions to the renewal:

1. By 2020, design and adopt a management plan for the long term conservation of the area which will include strategic aims, goals and targets, an estimated budget and a timeframe for its full implementation as well as a monitoring mechanism for the assessment of the implemented management measures.  
The management plan should also consider a strategic approach for the development of a sustainable tourism compatible with the carrying capacity of the Khosrov Forest Reserve and preserving its integrity as a strict protected area.

The draft management plan should be submitted to the Secretariat of the Bern Convention prior to its adoption.

2. Engage a political and administrative process aiming to sustain the preservation of the European interest of the area by means of expanding the territory of the reserve to preserve at best the state of conservation of the key species (large carnivores and herbivores); removing the existing eleven enclaves along the border of the Khosrov Forest State Reserve; establishing a buffer zone with clear limits and regime, minimizing hunting and grazing potential impacts on the reserve; and addressing the issue of the “*transit routes*” that cross the reserve, and contribute to minimize their general impacts on the natural assets of the Diploma holding area.
3. Maintain and sustain the legal regime of strict protected area for the Khosrov Forest State Reserve in the future law on the protection of nature currently under discussion in the Parliament.

Attaches the following three recommendations to the renewal:

1. As part of the new management plan; develop and fund an awareness and training programme for local people, visitors and members of the staff of the reserve in relation to the management of litter and other wastes, and to the development of sustainable tourism.
2. Secure the Khosrov Forest State Reserve administration capacities in the future, with the support of the Armenian authorities and external donors; Provide staff with specific incentives to foster their interest in the preservation of the Reserve and its values.
3. Assess the state of conservation of the wolf (*Canis lupus*), both at national level and in the Diploma holding area, and adapt the current legal and administrative regime of protection accordingly; Design a “Wolf concept” providing a general legal and administrative framework for the management of that species in Armenia, in line with the Bern Convention and the regulation of the European Diploma for Protected Areas.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the volcanic phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula (Hungary)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the volcanic phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula (Hungary)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution ResDip(2003)18 on the award of the European Diploma to the volcanic phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula (Hungary);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2012)15 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the volcanic phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula (Hungary);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the volcanic phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula, until 28 May 2028;

Attaches the following nine recommendations to the renewal:

1. By 2020 prepare an overarching management document integrating the relevant planning instruments currently applicable to the site; define management objectives for the 5 main zones.

2. Together with the Municipal authorities, continue enforce the ban on new buildings on the site.
3. Continue to manage and control visitor pressure; together with the Municipal authorities take measures to moderate the motor traffic in the peninsula.
4. Keep the balance between closed forested areas and open areas (open meadows, meadows with hedges and bushes, lavender fields with oaks and almonds).
5. Encourage farming and wine-growing practices consistent with the conservation of natural and landscape assets and establish a functional buffer zone between the vineyards and the wetland zone.
6. Pursue the acquisition policy of private land.
7. Take the necessary steps to improve the water quality of the Belső Lake.
8. Continue to control invasive species such as the Ailanthus.
9. Pursue the co-ordinated management with nearby protected areas such as the reed beds on the shore of Lake Balaton and the Külső and Felső marshes.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park (Belarus)**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park (Belarus)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution Res(97)23 on the award of the European Diploma to the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park (Belarus);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2013)1 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park (Belarus);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park, until 30 September 2028;

Attaches the following condition to the renewal:

1. By 2020, design and adopt a management plan for the long term conservation of the area which will include strategic aims, goals and targets, an estimated budget and a timeframe for its full implementation as well as a monitoring mechanism for the assessment of the implemented management measures.

The management plan should meet international standards and will consider the recommendations attached to the renewal of the European Diploma.

The draft management plan should be submitted to the Secretariat of the Bern Convention prior to its adoption.

Attaches the following thirteen recommendations to the renewal:

1. Maintain a high level of human capacities and a skilled and professional staff
2. Increase and secure the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park budget with State resources, so as to be able to continue to manage the Diploma holding area in an exemplary way, as required by the European diploma regulation.
3. Expand the strict protected zone of the Diploma holding area to the historic Bialowieza forest limits and manage this zone in order to preserve and enhance the ecological and biological natural processes which are key assets of the European interest of the Diploma holding area.
4. Totally protect the old growth tree communities and restore and enhance old natural forest all over the historical Bialowieza forest.
5. Pursue the efforts for preserving the ecological character of wetlands and for an integrated management of water resources.
6. Pursue the efforts for reducing the red deer population (*Cervus elaphus*) and for removing all winter feeding places from the Diploma holding area (core and buffer zones).
7. Assess the state of conservation of the elk (*Alces alces*) and design a hunting regime accordingly.
8. Pursue the efforts for preventing/fighting against the spread of invasive alien species in the Diploma holding area and especially for eliminating *Quercus rubra*, *Solidago Canadensis* and exotic fishes.
9. Create an overall database including performance indicators, covering both natural resources and socioeconomic uses and activities in order to ensure the continuous monitoring of the European significance of the Diploma holding area.
10. Adopt a clear and sustainable tourism strategy and engage a more active sustainable development policy together with the local stakeholders, and if possible with the authorities of Poland, promoting and supporting extensive farming, manufacture and marketing of green products and services and the preservation and renovation of cultural heritage.  
Include in the forthcoming management plan a specific programme of activities aiming to preserve/restore the local cultural heritage including architecture, local breeds, traditional uses and activities as well as all other cultural assets of the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park and its buffer zone, so as to strengthen a sustainable development in the Diploma holding area.
11. Ban hunting in the whole Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park territory and minimize hunting pressure in its buffer zone.  
With reference to the moratorium on wolf hunting established in 2015, and as planned in the current management plan, forbid wolf hunting by law on the territory of the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park as well as in the whole historic Bialowieza forest;
12. Develop a long-term vision for the European bison population and strengthen its scientific and technical cooperation with the authorities of Poland in the whole historic Bialowieza forest.



13. Consult with IUCN Large Herbivores Commission in order to assess whether the European Bison occurring in the Diploma holding area requires specific conservation measures.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Mercantour National Park (France)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Mercantour National Park (France)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution Res(93)21 on the award of the European Diploma to the Mercantour National Park (France);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)17 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Mercantour National Park (France);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Mercantour National Park, until 3 May 2028;

Attaches the following five recommendations to the renewal:

1. Continue to work towards a full adherence and inclusion of the remaining municipalities that have not yet adopted the Charter of the Park.
2. Pursue all possible efforts and explore ways and means to secure the funding to ensure that the

management of the Park and activities and projects in the field of scientific research, monitoring, education and awareness raising of the public, partnership projects with the municipalities, all equally important, can be achieved in a harmonious way.

3. Continue the monitoring of large carnivores and other key species on a regular basis including in cooperation and networking with neighbouring regions and countries;
4. Seek the best possible solution in the special case of the road of the Bonette pass (“piste de la Moutière” or “route de la Bonette”, the so called “Requalification Bonette”) so as to allow the road and the part of the core zone of the Park it crosses to remain an adventure on its own especially for motorists while at the same time diminishing the negative impact on nature to the best possible level and aiming at sensitising the motorists to the objectives of the National Park.
5. Pursue the co-operation and the trans-boundary work with the Maritime Alps Nature Park and further explore the setting up of an Alpi Maritime Mercantour International Park to be agreed between the authorities of France and Italy. Continue working towards increasing integration.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Montecristo Island Nature Reserve (Italy)**

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on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Montecristo Island Nature Reserve (Italy)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution (88)10 on the award of the European Diploma to the Montecristo Island Nature Reserve (Italy);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)16 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Montecristo Island Nature Reserve (Italy);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Montecristo Island Nature Reserve, until 12 June 2028;

Attaches the following six recommendations to the renewal:

1. Explore, with the help of the IUCN Species Survival Commission, the status of the "Montecristo Goat", the needs for its preservation and in the case its in situ conservation is needed, the ways and means of its integration and conservation within the Island's ecosystems.

2. Continue the monitoring of the Island's flora, fauna and vegetation units, and evaluate the management activities that are necessary for the conservation of the species and the restoration of the native vegetation.
3. Continue the ecological surveillance of the Island in order to detect undesirable alien species early enough to ensure their eradication.
4. Complete the remote surveillance system as far as necessary and feasible in order to be able to detect and prohibit any illegal activities on and around the island.
5. Explore any sensible arrangements for the visitors as a possible alternative to the existing rule of the quota of 1000 per year, including possible improvements of the awareness raising and education of the public visiting the Island.
6. Ensure that the resources are secured in a sustainable way to maintain the management of the Reserve and to further develop its long term management plan.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve (United Kingdom)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve (United Kingdom)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution (83)7 on the award of the European Diploma to the Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve (United Kingdom);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)12 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve (United Kingdom);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve, until 25 May 2028;

Attaches the following five recommendations to the renewal:

1. Make a comprehensive mid-term assessment of the implementation of the Beinn Eighe National Nature Reserve Management Plan (2015 – 2026) in 2020 and revise the relevant parts of the plan as appropriate.

2. Prepare a revised management plan, taking an appropriately long-term view based on adaptation to the effects of climate change, by the end of 2026.
3. Ensure the continuance of monitoring of, and research on, the flora and fauna for the conservation of the native species, to derive appropriate performance and conservation indicators, and to assess the effects of climate change.
4. Devise and implement with local stakeholders a tourism development strategy and a prioritised action plan so that the infrastructure of facilities can be developed for the benefit of both the National Nature Reserve and the economic well-being of the people who live in the area.
5. Develop further awareness raising and educational activities on the role of biodiversity and ecosystem services, particularly targeting children and youths.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Bieszczady National Park (Poland)**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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#### **Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ... on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Bieszczady National Park (Poland)**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution Res(98)27 on the award of the European Diploma to the Bieszczady National Park (Poland);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2012)18 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Bieszczady National Park (Poland);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Bieszczady National Park, until 18 September 2028;

Attaches the following six recommendations to the renewal:

1. Develop and implement three-year action plans, within the framework of the management plan (2011 – 2031), and set up a monitoring mechanism based on performance and conservation indicators.



2. Pursue the efforts to include the beech forests of the Bieszczady National Park in the World Natural Heritage list. Aim to harmonise the management of the contiguous beech forests and upland meadows with the similar forests and meadows across the border in the Poloniny National Park (Slovak Republic).
3. Manage and control visitor pressure. Devise and implement with local stakeholders a sustainable tourism strategy and a prioritised action plan so that the infrastructure of facilities can be developed in line with conservation objectives of the area.
4. Strengthen the cooperation between the management of the Bieszczady National Park and the municipalities, with a view to forging a common vision and designing common objectives for regional planning and development, taking the biological and landscape interests, and sensitive nature of the site, into account.
5. Develop further awareness raising and educational activities on the role of biodiversity and ecosystem services targeting children and youths.
6. Continue the monitoring of the flora, fauna and vegetation units, and evaluate the management activities that are necessary for the conservation of the species and the restoration of the native vegetation.

## **Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Thayatal National Park (Austria)**

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### **Standing Committee to the Bern Convention Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas (T-PVS/DE)**

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ...  
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded  
to the Thayatal National Park (Austria)**  
*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2018  
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution Res(65)6 instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution ResDip(2003)16 on the award of the European Diploma to the the Thayatal National Park (Austria);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2012)17 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Thayatal National Park (Austria);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 21 and 22 February 2018;

Having regard to the proposals of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention;

Noting that holding the European Diploma implies the maintenance of the exceptional European interest, the continuance of the exemplary management and the compliance with the provisions of Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 especially with regard to the obligations to report annually and to give appropriate visibility to the European Diploma;

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Thayatal National Park, until 28 May 2028;

Attaches the following six recommendations to the renewal:

1. Set the minimum flow in the river Thaya/Dyje at as large a level as possible. The present minimum levels of 2.8 m<sup>3</sup>/sec (summer) and 3.3 m<sup>3</sup>/sec (winter) should be maintained or increased and become legally enforceable. The flow rate should never be permitted to drop below these minimum rates, except at times of absolute necessity (i.e. during a prolonged

drought) which should be on the basis of agreement between the Podyjí National Park (Czech Republic), the E.ON Company and the relevant agencies of national, regional and local government.

2. Pursue efforts to bring the river into “good ecological potential” according to the EU’s Water Framework Directive. In achieving this aim the fish population needs to be improved and the presence of dead wood (coarse woody debris) in the river should continue to be encouraged and monitored;
3. Avoid strong surges of water as far as is possible, consistent with the safe operation of the Vranov Hydroelectric Plant. Instead of sharp peaks in the flow rate, every effort should be made by the operators of the Vranov Dam to flatten out the peaks by more gradual build up to larger flow rates.
4. Monitor periodically the fish stocks in the river by the national park authorities in cooperation with appropriate stakeholders. Management of the fish stocks can then be agreed on the basis of evidence gathered during monitoring. The results of all monitoring and research, irrespective of who funded it, should be made publically available so that the data are used for the benefit of all stakeholders;
5. Develop in liaison with the Podyjí National Park a programme for minimizing fishing in the Thaya/Dyje River, aiming for the final termination of fishing.
6. Evaluate the existing agreement on cooperation between Podyjí and Thayatal National Parks to reflect the possibility of a twinning agreement