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AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Group of Specialists on the
European Diploma for Protected Areas**

8 March 2017

Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
(Room 6, opening at 9h00)

AGENDA

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WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2017

9h00 – 9h40 Welcome and opening of the meeting

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIR

Dr. Jan Willem Sneep (the Netherlands), 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 2016 AND OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE LAST YEAR

Dr. Jan Willem Sneep, Chair of the Group of Specialists

FOLLOW UP BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE 2016 MEETING OF THE GROUP OF SPECIALISTS

Ms Iva Obretenova, Secretary of the Bern Convention

Report of meeting of the GS EDPA [T-PVS/DE (2016) 4]

Extract from the list of decisions and adopted texts on the European Diploma for Protected Areas, at the 36th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention [T-PVS/DE (2017)1]

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

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

- Matsalu National Park (Estonia) by Mr Michael Usher (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

Report on the assessment visit to Matsalu National Park [T-PVS/DE (2017) 5]

Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Matsalu National Park [T-PVS/DE (2017) 9]

- Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve (Germany) by Mr Robert Brunner (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

Report on the assessment visit to Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2016) 12]

Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2017) 9]

10h30 – 10h50 COFFEE BREAK

- Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park (Spain) by Mr Olivier Biber (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

Report on the assessment visit to Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park [T-PVS/DE (2017) 4]

Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park [T-PVS/DE (2017) 9]

- Kostomuksha Strict Nature Reserve (Russian Federation) by Mr Hervé Lethier (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

Report on the assessment visit to Kostomuksha Strict Nature Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2016) 14]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Kostomuksha Strict Nature Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2017) 9]

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

Report on the assessment visit to Tsentralno-Chernozemny Biosphere Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2016) 16]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Tsentralno-Chernozemny Biosphere Reserve [T-PVS/DE (2017) 9]

- Store Mosse National Park (Sweden) by Mr Pierre Galland (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

Report on the assessment visit to Store Mosse National Park [T-PVS/DE (2017) 6]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Store Mosse National Park [T-PVS/DE (2017) 9]

12h30 – 13h45 LUNCH BREAK

13h45– 14h10 Assessment reports with a view to the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas (continued)

- Bullerö and Långviksskär Nature Reserves (Sweden), by Mr Pierre Galland (10 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

Report on the assessment visit to Bullerö and Långviksskär Nature Reserves [T-PVS/DE (2016) 15]
Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Bullerö and Långviksskär Nature Reserves [T-PVS/DE (2017) 9]

14h10 – 16h00 Annual reports 2016

5. FOLLOW UP ON THE 2016 CONCLUSIONS OF THE GROUP OF SPECIALISTS REGARDING POLONINY NATIONAL PARK AND BIALOWIEZA NATIONAL PARK

Report of meeting of the GS EDPA [T-PVS/DE (2016) 4]
Opinion on Poloniny National Park's management plan drafted by Mr Robert Brunner and Mr Hervé Lethier [T-PVS/DE (2017) 10]
Report of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic [T-PVS/DE (2017) 11]

Update of the situation of the Bialowieza National Park [T-PVS/DE (2017)13]

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

Compilation of annual reports by EDPA zones [T-PVS/DE (2017) 2]
Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports [T-PVS/DE (2017)12]

16h00 – 16h20 COFFEE BREAK

16h20 – 17h15 Annual reports 2016 (continued)

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

- Follow up on the areas identified in 2016 as requiring particular attention (Central Balkan National Park (Bulgaria), Lüneburg Heath Nature Reserve (Germany), Abruzzo Lazio and Molise National Park (Italy), Oka National Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation))
- Suggested actions
- Possible exceptional on-the-spot appraisals to be carried out in 2017
- Draft list of areas to be visited in 2017 and 2018 with a view to a renewal of their Diploma in 2019*

* In 2017, 9 assessment visits are expected to be carried out with a view to the renewal of the Diploma of the areas concerned in 2018. These 9 visits complement the 7 visits already carried out in 2016. In 2018, there are 13 such areas for possible renewal of their Diploma in 2019. The Group of Specialists should identify priority areas for appraisals in 2017 and 2018

**Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports [T-PVS/DE (2017)12]
List of areas whose Diploma should be renewed in 2019 [T-PVS/DE (2017) 8]**

17h15 – 18h00 Other business

8. VISIBILITY AND COMMUNICATION

- Videos on the Bern Convention and the Emerald Network
- Use of the Diploma logo
- Bienial thematic meetings of the EDPA managers

9. CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING