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OF THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA FOR PROTECTED
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Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve (Germany)

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**Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ...
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded
to the Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve (Germany)**
*(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(78)21 on the award of the European Diploma to the Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve (Germany);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)11 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve (Germany);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 8 March 2017;

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

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve, until 2 March 2028;

Attaches the following three conditions to the renewal:

1. Conduct an expertise on legal options to stop or at least regulate disembarking of private boats on the right bank of the Danube between the Weltenburg landing place and river kilometre 2416, and to ban overnight camping and campfires in the whole European Diploma area. Report to the Council of Europe by 2020 at the latest.
2. Extend, wherever ecologically and touristy worthwhile and as soon as possible, the stricter regulations of the decree on the Nature Reserve Hirschberg und Altmuehleiten to the area of the Nature Reserve Weltenburger Enge to make the rules more comprehensible for visitors

and supervision more effective, and to underline the togetherness of both sites as an ecological entity.

3. Take more responsibility for the preservation of the archeologic monument Keltenwall (Celts' wall) and stop further damage and erosion through visitors' management or appropriate installations to limit hiking and mountain-biking on the monument, in cooperation with the government agency for monument conservation.

Attaches the following eight recommendations to the renewal:

1. Realise as soon as possible the formal extension of the European Diploma area to 934 hectares, change the name to Weltenburger Enge und Hirschberg und Altmuehlleiten and adapt as soon as possible all signposts, brochures, maps and leaflets to the new area. Prepare and adopt by 2020 an overall management plan in addition to the existing NATURA2000 management plan.
2. Assess the effects of wave disturbances of larger boats on the river bank and on selected and relevant species, especially fish, freshwater molluscs and dragonflies.
3. Consider a harmonisation of information boards and a better planning of their distribution across the area and add the European Diploma logo at least to those boards containing information on natural and cultural highlights within the European Diploma area. This includes the information point at the landing place in Kelheim. Immediately add information about the role of the European Diploma on information boards, at least those at the main access routes.
4. Increase and conduct more efficient control of illegal mountain-biking off the official mountain-bike routes.
5. Carefully examine the opening of official viewing points taking into consideration the natural value of the specific site, and close down a number of uncontrolled and unsafe spots.
6. Put an emphasis on the natural succession of forests and the development of more natural forest reserves in the total area and avoid clear cuts of any size. Minimize commercial exploitation of forests and stop the use of heavy machinery in forestry management. Thoroughly weigh up any intervention in the forest around the Befreiungshalle and refrain from any forest management that cannot be considered ecological.
7. Recognise the need for a professional on-the-spot supervision of the area including fieldwork by professional and permanent staff and envisage an increase in capacity of permanent supervision staff.
8. Assess the technical possibilities and financial support for restoration of the cultural monument Klosterl.

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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(88)12 on the award of the European Diploma to the Bullerö and Långviksskär Nature Reserves (Sweden);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)15 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Bullerö and Långviksskär Nature Reserves (Sweden);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 8 March 2017;

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

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Bullerö and Långviksskär Nature Reserves, until 12 June 2028;

Attaches the following condition to the renewal:

1. Prepare and adopt by 2020 a new management plan for both Bullerö and Långviksskär Nature Reserves, including a simple but comprehensive monitoring system including birds, fishes, environmental parameters and visitors.

Attaches the following four recommendations to the renewal:

1. Pursue the efforts of establishing a national park including both reserves as well as surrounding islands and waters.

2. Continue to monitor the activities which are potential sources of disturbances, and enforce the regulations regarding in particular the access to closed areas and make the monitoring results easily accessible to managers and visitors.
3. Continue providing support to farming activities on the islands, following the objectives of landscape and biodiversity conservation.
4. Continue the campaign to control the population of minks.

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Having regard to Resolution Res(88)11 on the award of the European Diploma to the Store Mosse National Park (Sweden);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)14 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Store Mosse National Park (Sweden);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 8 March 2017;

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

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Store Mosse National Park, until 13 June 2028;

Attaches the following five recommendations to the renewal:

1. Reduce the dependency upon volunteers for monitoring and regular maintenance work.
2. Continue encouraging more scientific research in the Park and ensure that all results are centralised in a database maintained by the Park or, as appropriate, a relevant scientific institution.
3. Secure the long-term management and restoration of the Lakes Kävsjön and Häradsösjön for increased birdlife.

4. Set-up a comprehensive but simple monitoring system for the Park to be attached to the management plan; monitor carefully the effectiveness and impact of the lakes management and restoration as well as of the LIFE mire restoration project.
5. Implement the new national system for information materials, signs and trail marking and, in particular, give appropriate visibility to and communicate more actively about the European Diploma for Protected Areas.

Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Matsalu National Park (Estonia)

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Draft Resolution CM/ResDip(2018) ... on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Matsalu National Park (Estonia)

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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)17 on the award of the European Diploma to the Matsalu National Park (Estonia);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2012)16 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Matsalu National Park (Estonia);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 8 March 2017;

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

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

Attaches the following condition to the renewal:

1. Ensure that the management plan for 2015 to 2024 is implemented and appropriately funded, and revised before the end of the plan's period in 2024.

Attaches the following six recommendations to the renewal:

1. Continue the co-operation with the local farmers and other stakeholders for improving the management and the well-being of the grassland communities of the National Park. Liaise with both farmers and others in relation to the use of the hay cut.

2. Envisage the setting up of Scientific Advisory Group in order to achieve the full potential of the National Park for scientific research and education. The Group would provide strategic advice and, upon request, review the quality of research proposals and scientific results, and provide other scientific advice.
3. Despite the hunting restrictions within the National Park, strengthen the cooperation with hunters for the management and control of some invasive species.
4. Set up a warning system to detect at an early stage and enable appropriate action to be taken against alien, invasive species which could threaten the biodiversity of the National Park.
5. Prepare a climate change adaptation plan for the National Park by 2024.
6. Ensure that printed guides to the hiking trails and routes in Estonian and translations into the major European languages are available for national and international visitors and assess the opportunity and feasibility of an increase of the number of trails.

Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Ordesa y Monte Perdido National Park (Spain)

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Having regard to Resolution Res(88)9 on the award of the European Diploma to the Ordesa y Monte Perdido National Park (Spain);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)13 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Ordesa y Monte Perdido National Park (Spain);

Taking into consideration the expert's report presented at the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 8 March 2017;

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

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Ordesa y Monte Perdido National Park, until 13 June 2028;

Attaches the following three recommendations to the renewal:

1. Pursue the management of the Park in accordance with the Land Use and Management Plan (PRUG) approved in 2015, the law no. 30/2014 of 3 December 2014 on National Parks and the Royal Decree no. 389/2016 of 22 October 2016 which adopted the Master Plan of the National Parks Network. Follow up on the foreseen creation of a visitors' access at Pineta Valley and the new visitors centre at Escalona and strengthen the collaboration with the Pyrenées National Park (France).

2. Raise the awareness of people entering the Park on the rule that dogs are only allowed in the Park if held on leach through more surveillance within the Park, and inform visitors that they are not allowed to enter the French National Park with a dog, even on leach.
3. Subject to the availability of resources, conduct a study on mitigating the impact of visitors on flora and fauna, landscape and assess the effect of promoting alternative access ways to the Park on the quality of the visits in sectors with high touristic pressure.

Draft Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Tsentralno-Chernozemny Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation)

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Having regard to Resolution Res(98)25 on the award of the European Diploma to the Tsentralno-Chernozemny Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2012)12 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Tsentralno-Chernozemny 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 8 March 2017;

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

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Tsentralno-Chernozemny Biosphere Reserve, until 18 September 2028;

Attaches the following condition to the renewal:

1. Clarify by 2020 the status of the three units withdrawn from the management of the Tsentralno Chernozemny Strict Nature Reserve (Janskoy, Lycie Gory and Stinky Izgoria) in 1990 and entrusted since then to the Belogorye Strict Nature Reserve; Maintain, if possible, these three units within the diploma-holding area given their contribution to its European significance.

Attaches the following four recommendations to the renewal:

1. Ensure that the necessary funding for the diploma-holding area is provided for in the federal budget and obtain greater financial support from the Kursk regional authorities.
2. Draft and implement a programme to update and renovate the museum.
3. Ensure that the current project for the extension of the biosphere reserve is completed as soon as possible and link it by 2022 to a management plan for the buffer and transitional zones in particular, thereby ensuring the European significance of the diploma-holding and maintaining its integrity.
4. Continue and strengthen the international co-operation efforts of the Tsentralno Chernozemny Strict Nature Reserve by means of projects that meet the major interests of Steppe environments in this part of Europe and which contribute to meet the Aichi targets.

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Having regard to Resolution Res(98)24 on the award of the European Diploma to the Kostomuksha Strict Nature Reserve (Russian Federation);

Having regard to Resolution CM/ResDip(2012)13 on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Kostomuksha Strict Nature 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 8 March 2017;

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

Renews the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Kostomuksha Strict Nature Reserve (Russian Federation), until 18 September 2028;

Attaches the following seven recommendations to the renewal:

1. In cooperation with the Finnish authorities, remove security equipment (wire fences, electric fencing and other devices) on the border between the two countries to optimise links between the two sides of the border and to foster ecological functionalities.
2. Implement individual training plans for field staff in the conservation/management of natural environments and in natural sciences in general so as to broaden the scope and raise the level of skills of such staff in matters which are central to their work.

3. Consider the renewal of the management plan for the diploma-holding area for a period that is consistent with the duration of the renewal of the European diploma and with a view to its updating in the context of the integration of the diploma-holding area in the Kostomuksha Nature Reserve since 2015.
4. Finalise by 2022 the project for the establishment of the biosphere reserve including the diploma-holding area. Ensure the strong commitment of local authorities and socio-economic stakeholders to help the authorities of the diploma-holding area to preserve it. This should also help adapt the composition of the diploma-holding area and in particular its buffer zone and if possible extend them, so as to confirm its European significance and the preservation of the diploma-holding area; it is referred in particular to the central area of the Kalevala National Park.
5. Ensure the long term preservation of the natural aspect of the diploma-holding area, which helps to maintain its European significance by the appropriate management of fires and other natural processes as a whole.
6. Develop a regional vision of “scientific, and/or nature-based” tourism development so as to optimise the potential of the diploma-holding area and of the Kostomuksha Nature Reserve as a whole; this should (1) be considered with the support of the UNESCO MAB (Man and the Biosphere) programme and of the Council of Europe, (2) involve regional and local authorities and the private sector and (3) exclude all tourist practices that are incompatible with the natural aspect of the diploma-holding area, such as artificial feeding of wildlife.
7. Continue monitoring the pumping of water in the diploma-holding area and provide regular information on its impact on the diploma-holding area in the annual reports on this area.