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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**1st meeting of the
Restricted Group of Experts on
Biodiversity and Climate Change**

14-15 June 2017
Council of Europe Office in Paris,
55 Avenue Kléber (Metro station : Boissière)

- AGENDA -

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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 2017

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS
9H00- 9H15	<p>1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</p> <p>Welcome by Gianluca Silvestrini, Head of Major Hazards and Environment Division, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe.</p>	<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants are informed of the objectives of the meeting. - Participants get to know each other.
9H15- 9H30	<p>2. QUICK REMINDER ON THE BERN CONVENTION PROGRAMME OF WORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND RELEVANT ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>Presentation by Iva Obretenova, Secretary of the Bern Convention.</p>	<p>Relevant document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bern Convention PoW on Climate Change and Biodiversity Conservation - T-PVS/Inf(2015)25E <p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants are informed about the work of the Bern Convention on climate change.
9H30-9H45	<p>3. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE RESTRICTED GROUP OF EXPERTS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING</p> <p>Presentation by Iva Obretenova, Secretary of the Bern Convention.</p>	<p>Relevant document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concept note on the expected results of the meeting - T-PVS/Inf(2017)10 <p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants are informed about the expected results of the meeting. - The terms of reference of the group are finalised. - The expected results of the meeting are agreed on.
9H45-10H45	<p>4. IDENTIFYING SYNERGIES AND POSSIBLE BERN CONVENTION/EUR-OPA MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT JOINT INITIATIVES</p> <p>Presentation of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement by Gianluca Silvestrini.</p> <p>Presentation by Fabrice Renaud, United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security, member of the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR).</p> <p>Discussion on possible synergies and joint initiatives between the Bern Convention and EUR-OPA.</p>	<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants are informed of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) and its work on climate change & disaster risk reduction. - Participants are informed of the PEDRR initiatives. - Possible synergies and joint Bern/EUR-OPA initiatives are identified.
10H45-11H00	COFFEE BREAK	
11H00-11H45	<p>5. UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AT NATIONAL LEVEL IN RELATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY</p> <p>Oral presentations by Parties to the Bern Convention on actions and initiatives at national level on assessment of species vulnerability to climate change, adaptive</p>	<p>Relevant document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bern Convention PoW on Climate Change and Biodiversity Conservation - T-PVS/Inf(2015)25E

	protected areas management and communication. Questions and answers session.	Expected results: - Participants are informed on recent initiatives and actions implemented at national level in other Bern Convention Contracting Parties in the three priority areas of the PoW.
11H45-12H30	6. STREAMLINING REPORTING FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES ON RELEVANT CLIMATE CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BERN CONVENTION Reminder of Bern Convention practices and tools in monitoring action by Parties, by Iva Obretenova Guidelines for reporting by Parties on climate change and biodiversity, by Prof. Brian Huntley	Relevant document: - Proposed Guidelines for reporting by Parties - T-PVS/Inf(2015)13E Expected results: - Participants are informed on the past experiences with reporting by Parties and the proposed new ways of organising this exercise
12H30-14H00	LUNCH BREAK	
14H00-15H00	6. STREAMLINING REPORTING FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES ON RELEVANT CLIMATE CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BERN CONVENTION (CONT.) Discussion on the ways and means to organise action-oriented reporting on the implementation of relevant Bern Convention Recommendations	Relevant document: - Proposed Guidelines for reporting by Parties - T-PVS/Inf(2015)13E Expected results: - Next reporting round on the implementation of Bern Recommendations is planned. - Methodology and tools to be used for the reporting are agreed on. - Possible synergies with EUROPA are taken into account in the reporting exercise.
15H00-15H30	7. SUPPORTING CONTRACTING PARTIES IN IMPLEMENTING STANDARDS AND ACTIONS 7.1 Assessment of Bern Convention species vulnerability Analysis of the most widely used methods for assessing the vulnerability of species to climate change, by Christopher Wheatley	Expected results: - Participants are informed on the existing methods for the vulnerability assessment of species and on the results obtained from their use.
15H30-15H50	COFFEE BREAK	
15H50-16H50	7. SUPPORTING CONTRACTING PARTIES IN IMPLEMENTING STANDARDS AND ACTIONS (CONT.) 7.1 Assessment of Bern Convention species vulnerability (cont.) Discussion on the pros and cons of the different vulnerability assessment methods and on the most appropriate one to be used by the Bern Convention	Expected results: - The methodology to be used for the assessment of the Bern species vulnerability is identified. - The next reporting round on the Bern Recommendations is planned.
16H50-17H30	7. SUPPORTING CONTRACTING PARTIES IN IMPLEMENTING STANDARDS AND ACTIONS 7.2 Supporting adaptive management of protected	Expected results: - Participants are informed on existing tools and initiatives in

	<p>areas</p> <p>Review of existing tools, initiatives and cooperation opportunities by Simon Duffield</p>	other fora.
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9H00-10H00	<p>7. SUPPORTING CONTRACTING PARTIES IN IMPLEMENTING STANDARDS AND ACTIONS (CONT.)</p> <p>7.2 Supporting adaptive management of protected areas (cont.)</p> <p>Discussion on the future work of the Convention in the field.</p>	<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The core elements of protected areas' adaptive management are identified. - Cooperation opportunities with partner organisations are identified. - Eventual joint ventures with other Bern Convention Groups of experts and other partner organisations are planned. - Possible synergies with EUR-OPA are taken into account.
10H00-10H30	<p>8. COMMUNICATING ON CLIMATE CHANGES AND BIODIVERSITY</p> <p>Reminder of Bern Convention activities and tools, by Olly Watts.</p> <p>Oral presentations by Parties on recent actions in communicating on climate change and main obstacles encountered.</p>	<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants are informed on the past work of the Convention in improving communication on the link between climate change and biodiversity and on recent relevant initiatives at national level.
10H30-10H50	COFFEE BREAK	
10H50-11H30	<p>9. COMMUNICATING ON CLIMATE CHANGES AND BIODIVERSITY (CONT.)</p> <p>Discussion on possible new communication strategies, messages and actions at both national and European levels.</p>	<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most relevant audiences and messages are identified. - Future work of the Convention in the field is planned.
11H30-12H15	<p>10. PROPOSALS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO THE BERN CONVENTION</p> <p>Discussion on the conclusions of the meeting, proposals to the Standing Committee and next steps.</p>	<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actions for implementing the three main priorities of the PoW are planned and responsibilities identified. - Main messages from the Group to the Standing Committee are agreed upon.
12H15-12H30	11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	NA
12H30	CLOSURE OF THE MEETING	