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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**GROUP OF SPECIALISTS -EUROPEAN DIPLOMA OF PROTECTED AREAS  
9-10 FEBRUARY 2012, STRASBOURG  
ROOM 14, PALAIS DE L'EUROPE**

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**Draft Agenda**

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<b>THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY</b>
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**9h30-10h00 Welcome and Opening**

1. Opening of the meeting by the Chair, Mr Michael Usher (United Kingdom) and presentation of the new members of the Group, Mr Aleksei Lotman (Estonia), Mr Peter Skoberne (Slovenia), Mr/Mrs ... (Turkey)

2. Adoption of the agenda

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3. General information on activities presenting an interest for the work of the Group

4. Short presentation by the Chair of the minutes of the 2011 meeting of the Group of specialists and report on actions undertaken during the last year

**10h00-10h45 Applications for the European Diploma**

5. Applications for the European Diploma of Protected Areas: presentation by the representatives of areas candidates of the application files of the Khosrov Forest State reserve (Armenia) and the Burren region (Ireland)

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6. Information given by the Secretariat regarding the National Park of Sumava (Czech Republic)

**10h45-11h00 Coffee break****11h00-12h30 Renewal of the European**

7. Renewal of the European Diploma of Protected Areas to 10 awarded areas:

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7.1 Areas in which an on-the-spot appraisal has been carried out: presentation of appraisal reports, discussion and proposals to the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention

- National Park of the Abruzzi (Italy)

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- *Mr Hervé Lethier*

- Maremma Nature Park (Italy)

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- *Mr Hervé Lethier*

- Lüneburg Heath Nature Reserve (Germany)

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- *Mr Michael Fasel*

- Carpathian Biosphere Reserve (Ukraine)

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- *Mr Hervé Lethier*

**12h30-14h00 Lunch break****14h00-16h00 Renewal(to be continued)**

- Muddus National Park (Sweden)

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- *Mr Pierre Galland*
- Sarek and Padjelanta National Parks (Sweden) *T-PVS/DE(2012)3*
- *Mr Pierre Galland*
- Selvagens Islands Nature Reserve (Portugal) *T-PVS/DE(2012)8*
- *Mr Joe Sultana*
- Port Cros National Park (France) *T-PVS/DE(2012)2*
- *Mr Pierre Hunkeler*

7.2 Areas in which no on-the-spot appraisal has been carried out: presentation by the Secretariat of the draft Resolutions, discussion and proposals to the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention *T-PVS/DE(2012)13*

- Swiss National Park (Switzerland)
- Krimml Falls Natural site (Austria)

**16h00-16h20 Coffee break**

**16h20-17h30 Non renewal of the European Diploma**

8. Situation of the Bialowieża National Park (Poland) and of the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National (Belarus) since the non-renewal in 2007:

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Presentation by the Secretariat of the state of progress. Presentation by the expert Mr Eckhart Kuijken of the report further to the visit of the National Park of Belovezhskaya Pushcha, discussion and proposal to the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention

*A dinner will be organised in an Alsatian restaurant (20h00) to gather participants if they wish. More information will be given during the meeting.  
Please note, this is not an invitation of the Council of Europe.*

<b>FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY</b>
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**9h30-10h30 Annual reports**

1. Annual reports:  
Brief presentation of a synthesis by the Secretariat and discussion of reports which need special attention

**10h30-11h00 Renewal 2013 and Amendment to Resolutions**

2. Renewal foreseen in 2013: first renewal to the National Park of Retezat (Romania)
3. Amendments to the Resolutions adopted in 2008 regarding the renewal of the Diploma in order to adjust the period of validity

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**11h00-11h15 Coffee break**

**11h15- 12h30 Future of the European Diploma**

4. Presentation by the consultant, Mr Marc Roekaerts, of the report. Analysis of the revised version of the document prepared by the Secretariat, proposals of future actions and setting-up of objectives by 2015

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**12h30-14h00 Lunch break**

**14h00-15h00 Discussion on the future of the European Diploma (to be continued)**

**15h00-16h00 Other business and closure of the meeting**

5. Date of the next meeting
6. Other business
7. Closure