Strasbourg, 4 November 2026 **T-PVS/Agenda (2026)16**

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

THIRD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS FOR THE PAN-EUROPEAN ACTION PLAN FOR STURGEONS

AGENDA

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		Documents	Expected results
16 October			
9:30 AM	**1. Opening of the meeting**	Recommendation No. 199 (2018) of the Standing Committee on the Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of the sturgeon T-PVS(2018)09	*National Focal Points are welcomed and the meeting is opened*
9:40 AM	**2. Adoption of the agenda**	**For adoption** T-PVS/Agenda (2026)16	*National Focal Points are informed of the aims of the meeting and adopt the agenda.*
9:45 AM	**3. Election of the Chair**	**For decision**	*National Focal Points elect the new Chair of the Group*
9:50 AM	**4. Joint report of World Wildlife Fund (WWF) & World Sturgeon Conservation Society (WSCS) on their activities** *Presentation by the experts, Ms Beate Striebel (WWF) and Mr Jörn Gessner (Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, WSCS)*	**For information and discussion**	*National Focal Points are informed about the state of play of the ongoing projects and processes in Europe related to the Sturgeon conservation.*
10:20 AM	**5. Implementation of the recommendations** **Recommendation No. 222 (2024),** **Recommendation No. 223 (2024),** **Recommendation No. 224 (2024)** *Presentation by Ms Beate Striebel (WWF)*	**For information and discussion**	*The National Focal Points are updated about the implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Standing Committee in 2024, in frames of existing projects in Europe, followed up by the discussion by the national experiences and priorities.*
10:40 AM	**6. Update on the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of the sturgeon by the National Focal Points** *Presentation by each NFP (5 min)*	**For information and discussion**	*National Focal Points report on progress, challenges and planned actions, including follow-up to the 2024 recommendations. To allow all countries to contribute within the available time, presentations should be brief; further details may be provided in writing.*

11:20 AM	***Break***		
11:30 AM	**7. Wildlife crime report outcomes** *Presentation by Ms Beate Striebel (WWF)*	**For information and discussion**	*National Focal Points are informed of the WWF report's findings and discuss relevant implications for sturgeon conservation.*
11:50 AM	**8. Fish pass for sturgeons** *Presentation by Mr Jörn Gessner, (Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, WSCS)*	**For information and discussion**	*National Focal Points are updated on guidance and experience relevant to fish passage for sturgeons, including the example of the Iron Gates feasibility study and the WePass project.*
12:20 PM	**9. State of play on exploring mechanisms to guide amendments to the appendices of the Bern Convention** *Presentation by the Secretariat*	**For information and discussion**	*National Focal Points are updated about the work of the Working Group on exploring mechanisms to guide amendments to the appendices of the Bern Convention*
12:40 PM	**10. Building capacity and increasing visibility** *Presentation by the Mr Yunus Emre FAKIOĞLU, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)*	**For information and discussion**	*National Focal Points are informed by the GFCM relevant work and discuss opportunities to strengthen coordination and visibility of sturgeon conservation efforts.*
13:00 PM	***11.*** **Next steps: Evaluation and revision of the Pan-European Action Plan**	**For discussion**	*National Focal Points discuss the ways forward, for evaluating implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons*
13:15 PM	**12. Date and place of the next meeting** *Presentation by the Secretariat*	**For decision**	*National Focal Points agree on the provisional date and place of the next meeting. Contracting Parties wishing to host the meeting are invited to inform the Secretariat.*
13:20 PM	**13. Any other business**	**For discussion**	*National Focal Points raise any additional matters.*
13:25 PM	**14. Conclusions of the meeting**		*The Chair and Secretariat summarise the meeting's conclusions.*
13.30 PM	**End of the meeting**		