



Strasbourg, 15 March 2019

T-PVS/Agenda(2019)2

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee  
**Bureau meeting**

Strasbourg, 18-19 March 2019  
(Room 15, opening: 9:00 am on 18 March)

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**DRAFT AGENDA**

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
2. **40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERN CONVENTION**
3. **FINANCING AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION**
  - 3.1 **Inter-sessional working group on financing: membership, working methods and draft working documents**
  - 3.2 **Contribution by the Bern Convention to the current and future post-2020 global biodiversity framework: planned activities and progress**
4. **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2019**

*[T-PVS/Inf(2019)6 – Calendar of 2019 meetings]*  
*[T-PVS(2018)16 - Programme of Activities and budget for 2019]*

  - 4.1 **European Diploma for Protected Areas: results of the meeting of the Group of Specialists and planning of the appraisal visits in 2019**

*[T-PVS/DE(2019)10 – Draft Resolutions on the Renewal of the European Diploma]*
  - 4.2 **Invasive Alien Species: state of preparation of the Group of Experts' meeting**

*[T-PVS/Agenda(2019)6 - Draft agenda]*
  - 4.3 **Illegal killing of birds: state of preparation of the joint Bern SFPs Network/CMS MIKT meeting**

*[T-PVS/Agenda(2019)5 - Draft agenda]*
  - 4.4 **Conservation of birds: state of play of the draft Programme of Work**
  - 4.5 **Setting-up of the Emerald Network: state of play and activities planned for 2019**
  - 4.6 **Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) on conservation status of species and habitats: state of play of the development of tools and capacity building activities**
  - 4.7 **Climate Change and Biodiversity and Protected Areas and Ecological Networks: state of preparation of the joint meeting of the Groups of Experts**
  - 4.8 **Conservation of amphibian and reptile species: state of affairs**
  - 4.9 **European Conference for the conservation of the lynx in West and Central Europe: state of play**

*[Concept Note]*
  - 4.10 **Review of the European Plant Conservation Strategy: coordination with Plata Europa**

## 5. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION

### 5.1 Biennial reporting request and submissions

### 5.2 ORS and EU Member States obligations

## 6. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION: CASE-FILES

*[T-PVS/Notes(2019)1 – Summary of open and possible case files]*

*[T-PVS/Notes(2019)2 – Summary of other complaints]*

*[T-PVS/Notes(2019)3 – Summary of complaints on stand-by]*

*[T-PVS/Inf(2019)5 – Register of Bern Convention's case-files]*

### 6.1 Open files

- 2004/2: Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)21 - Government Report]*  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)XX - Complainant Report]*
- 2012/9: Turkey: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)26 - Government Report]*  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)28 - Complainant Report]*
- 2013/1: North Macedonia: Hydro power development within the territory of Mavrovo National Park  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)XX - Government Report]*  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)XX - Complainant Report]*
- 2016/5: Albania: Presumed negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Vjosa river  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)25 - Government Report]*  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)20 - Complainant Report]*

N.B. Open files to be discussed directly at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Bureau:

- *1995/6: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula*
- *2010/5: Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias*

### 6.2 Possible files

- 2001/4: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)22 - Government Report]*  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)23 - NGO Report]*
- 2016/4: Montenegro: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)27 - Government Report]*  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)24 - Complainant Report]*

N.B. Possible files to be discussed directly at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Bureau:

- *2017/01: Norway: Lack of legal protection for Northern goshawk and birds of prey*

### 6.3 Complaints on stand-by

- 2014/3: Serbia: Presumed deliberate killing of birds & 2016/3: Alleged deliberate killing of birds of prey  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)8 - Government Report]*  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)14 - Complainant Report]*
- 2014/8: Greece: Presumed large-scale exploitation and marketing of protected marine shelled molluscs  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)XX - Government Report]*  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)XX - Complainant Report]*
- 2015/2: North Macedonia: Possible impact of wind-farm developments on bats  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)XX - Government Report]*  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)XX - Complainant Report]*
- 2016/6: Serbia: Presumed risk of national extinction of great bustards (*Otis tarda*)  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)7 - Government Report]*  
*[T-PVS/Files(2019)11 - Complainant Report]*

- 2016/9: Georgia: Possible threat to “Svaneti 1” Candidate Emerald Site (GE0000012) from Nenskra Hydro Power Plant development

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)12 - Government Report]*

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)XX - Complainant Report]*

#### **6.4 Other complaints**

- 2017/2: North Macedonia: Alleged negative impacts to Lake Ohrid and Galichica National Park candidate Emerald Sites due to infrastructure developments

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)XX - Government Report]*

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)XX - Complainant Report]*

- 2017/3: Serbia: Possible negative impact of a harbor’s construction on the confluence of the Sava into the Danube

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)6 - Government Report]*

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)13 - Complainant Report]*

- 2017/4: Ukraine: Presumed threat to Emerald site Tarutino (UA0000137) from cultivation developments

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)18 - Government Report]*

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)2 - NGO Report]*

- 2017/6: Iceland: Possible negative impact on Breiðafjörður Nature Reserve’s authentic birch woods from new road infrastructure

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)5 - Government Report]*

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)9 - Complainant Report]*

- 2017/07: Austria: Alleged threat to the Raaderwald Forest

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)XX - Government Report]*

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)10 - Complainant Report]*

- 2018/1: Ukraine: Presumed threat to Emerald site “Polonina Borzhava” (UA0000263) from wind energy development

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)16 - Government Report]*

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)15 - Complainant Report]*

- 2018/2: Ukraine: Presumed threat to Emerald site “Black Sea Biosphere Reserve” (UA0000017) from military trainings

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)17 - Government Report]*

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)3 - NGO Report]*

- 2018/4: Turkey: Alleged threat to Bodrum Tilkicik Bay from the development of a marine project

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)1 - Government Report]*

*[T-PVS/Files(2019)4 - Complainant Report]*

#### **7. FOLLOW-UP OF PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS AND CASE-FILES**

- Recommendation No.190 (2016) on the conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, specially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland
- Recommendation No. 199 (2018) on the Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of the sturgeon

#### **8. GEORGIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE: PROGRESS IN THE REPARATIONS FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON THE LINKS BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENT (APRIL, 2020)**

#### **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**