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AGENDA

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		Documents	Expected results
Tuesday 5 March			
9.30	1. Opening of the meeting <i>Mr Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of the Group of Specialists</i>		
	2. Adoption of the agenda	Meeting agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2019) 3 For adoption	Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the aims of the meeting and adopt the agenda.
	3. General information on activities presenting an interest for the work of the Group of Specialists		
	3.a Short presentation of the report of the meeting of the group in 2018 and of the activities undertaken during the last year <i>Mr Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of the Group of Specialists</i>	Report of the 2018 meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas T-PVS/DE (2018) 11 For information	The salient points of the 2018 meeting of the Group of Specialists are recalled.
	3.b Follow up by the Secretariat on the conclusions of the 2018 meeting of the Group of Specialists <i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i>	Extract from the list of decisions and adopted texts on the European Diploma for Protected Areas, at the 38th meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention T-PVS/DE (2019) 5	Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the follow up given to the outcomes and decisions of the 2018 meeting of the Group of Specialists.

		For information	
	<p>4. Application to the European Diploma of the Regional Park Gallipoli Cognato</p> <p><i>Presentation by Ms Angela Ciliberti</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views on the application of the Regional Park Gallipoli Cognato and its possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Application form of the Regional Park Gallipoli Cognato T-PVS/DE (2019) 6</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>The relevance of the application of the Regional Park Gallipoli Cognato is assessed and the opportunity of an on-the-spot appraisal visit is agreed on.</p>
	<p>5. Results of the advisory visits, discussion and proposals to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe</p>		
	<p>5.a Scandola Nature Reserve (France)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Olivier Biber</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the Scandola Nature Reserve T-PVS/DE (2019) 2</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit and entrust the Secretariat with the follow up on the creation of the Marine Park.</p>
	<p>5.b Wollmatinger Ried Untersee-Gnadensee Nature Reserve (Germany)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Robert Brunner</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the Wollmatinger Ried Untersee-Gnadensee Nature Reserve T-PVS/DE (2018) 12</p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Wollmatinger Ried Untersee-Gnadensee Nature Reserve T-</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Wollmatinger Ried Untersee-Gnadensee Nature Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>

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	5.c Wurzacher Ried Nature Reserve (Germany) <i>Presentation by Mr Robert Brunner</i> <i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i>	Report on the assessment visit to the Wurzacher Ried Nature Reserve T-PVS/DE (2018) 13 Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Wurzacher Ried Nature Reserve T-PVS/DE (2019) 10 For discussion and decision	Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Wurzacher Ried Nature Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.
	5.d Triglav National Park (Slovenia) <i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i> <i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i>	Report on the assessment visit to the Triglav National Park T-PVS/DE (2018) 16 Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Triglav National Park T-PVS/DE (2019) 10 For discussion and decision	Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Triglav National Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.
	5.e De Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve (Netherlands) <i>Presentation by Mr Maurice Hoffmann</i> <i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on</i>	Report on the assessment visit to the De Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve T-PVS/DE (2019) 11 Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the De	Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the De Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.

	<p><i>possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve T-PVS/DE (2019) 10</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	
	<p>5.f National Park Weerribben-Wieden (Netherlands)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Maurice Hoffmann</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the National Park Weerribben-Wieden T-PVS/DE (2019) 9</p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the National Park Weerribben-Wieden T-PVS/DE (2019) 10</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the National Park Weerribben-Wieden which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.g Purbeck Heritage Coast (UK)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Ms Ana Rainho</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the Purbeck Heritage Coast T-PVS/DE (2019) 1</p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Purbeck Heritage Coast T-PVS/DE (2019) 10</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Purbeck Heritage Coast which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>

	<p>5.h Minsmere Nature Reserve (UK)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Ms Blanca Ramos</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the Minsmere Nature Reserve T-PVS/DE (2018) 14</p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Minsmere Nature Reserve T-PVS/DE (2019) 10</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Minsmere Nature Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.i Wachau Protected Landscape (Austria)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Peter Skoberne</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the Wachau Protected Landscape T-PVS/DE (2019) 8</p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Wachau Protected Landscape T-PVS/DE (2019) 10</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Wachau Protected Landscape which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.j Boschplaat Nature Reserve (Netherland)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Michael Usher</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the Boschplaat Nature Reserve T-PVS/DE (2018) 15</p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Boschplaat Nature Reserve T-PVS/DE (2019) 10</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Boschplaat Nature Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>

	<p>5.k Teide National Park (Spain)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Michael Usher</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the conclusions of the on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the Teide National Park T-PVS/DE (2019) 3</p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Teide National Park T-PVS/DE (2019) 10</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Teide National Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.l Cretan White Mountains National Park</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the opportunity of the renewal of the European Diploma of the Cretan White Mountains National Park in the light of the outcomes of the annual reports and in the absence of conclusions resulting from an on-the-spot appraisal visit.</i></p>	<p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree to carry out an on-the-spot appraisal visit to the Cretan White Mountains National Park before considering the renewal of its European Diploma which is due on 13 September 2019.</p>
	<p>5.m Desertas Nature Reserve</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the opportunity of the renewal of the European Diploma of the Desertas Nature Reserve in the light of the outcomes of the annual reports and in the absence of conclusions resulting from an on-the-spot appraisal visit.</i></p>	<p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree to carry out an on-the-spot appraisal visit to the Desertas Nature Reserve before considering the renewal of its European Diploma which is due on 1 July 2019.</p>

	<p>6. Presentation of the reporting results by the Secretariat and the Group of Specialists</p>		
	<p>6.a Analysis of the annual reports</p> <p><i>Introduction by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to share their comments on and discuss the outcomes of the annual reports and exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports T-PVS/DE (2019) 12</p> <p>Link to the dashboard of the European Diploma for Protected Areas</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>The compliance of the Diploma holding areas with the conditions and/or recommendations attached to the award/renewal of the European Diploma is assessed and possible areas at risk requiring a closer monitoring or even an exceptional on-the-spot appraisal visit are identified.</p>
	<p>6.b Follow up on the areas identified in 2018 as requiring particular attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lüneburg Heath Nature Reserve (Germany) • Abruzzo Lazio and Molise National Park (Italy) De Oostvaardersplassen" Nature Reserve (the Netherlands) • National Park Weerribben-Wieden (the Netherlands) • Germano-Luxembourg Nature Park (Germany/Luxemburg) • Doñana National Park • Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views on the situation of Diploma holding areas identified as requiring closer attention and to agree on follow up actions in the light of the 2018 annual reports and the information received by the Secretariat.</i></p>	<p>Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports T-PVS/DE (2019) 12</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Follow up on the monitoring of Diploma-holding areas requiring particular attention are agreed on.</p>

	<p>7. On-the-spot appraisal visits in 2019</p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views on the on-the-spot appraisal visits to be carried out in 2019.</i></p>	<p>List of areas whose Diploma should be renewed in 2020 T-PVS/DE (2019) 4</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Diploma holding areas whose Diploma is due in 2020 and for which an-the-spot appraisal visit is to take place are identified.</p>
	<p>8. Strategic Development of the European Diploma</p>		
	<p>8.a Dashboard of the European Diploma</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views on the further development of the dashboard and on the proposed scoring of the compliance with the reporting obligations.</i></p>	<p>Link to the dashboard of the European Diploma for Protected Areas</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on the use of the dashboard for overseeing the monitoring of the European Diploma.</p> <p>The scoring system of the compliance of Diploma holding areas with their reporting obligations is agreed on.</p>
	<p>8.b Database of the Diploma holding areas</p> <p><i>Presentation by Marc Roekaerts</i></p> <p><i>Members of Group of Specialists are invited to exchange view on the updated database of the Diploma holding areas, its further development and its use.</i></p>	<p>For discussion</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on the updated database of the Diploma holding areas and mandate the Secretariat to liaise with the European Environment Agency so as to upload it on to the Common Database of Designated Areas (CDDA).</p>
	<p>8.c Mapping of the multiple designations / certifications of the Diploma holding areas</p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views on the opportunity to explore how to streamline the monitoring mechanisms of other designations/certifications for protected areas and the one of the European Diploma.</i></p>	<p>Map of the multiple designations / certifications awarded to Diploma holding areas T-PVS/DE (2019) 7</p> <p>For discussion</p>	<p>Possible avenues to ensure a better coordination of the monitoring with the authorities in charge of the designations / certifications for protected areas overlapping with the European Diploma are identified.</p>

	8.d Attractiveness of the European Diploma <i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views on possible means for improving the attractiveness of the European Diploma especially in the case of multiple and overlapping designations/certifications.</i>	For discussion	Possible means for promoting the European Diploma are identified.
	9. Any other business		
	10. Date and place of the next meeting		
	11. Conclusions of the meeting		
12.30	<i>Wednesday 6 March</i> End of the meeting		