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## **Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas**

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Palais de l'Europe  
Room 17

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

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		Documents	Expected results
<b>Wednesday 18 March</b>			
<b>9.30</b>	<b>1. Opening of the meeting</b>  <i>Mr Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of the Group of Specialists</i>		
	<b>2. Adoption of the agenda</b>	Meeting agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2020) 1  <b>For adoption</b>	Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the aims of the meeting and adopt the agenda.
	<b>3. General information on activities presenting an interest for the work of the Group of Specialists</b>		
	3.a Short presentation of the report of the meeting of the group in 2019 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 2019 meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 13</a>  <b>For information</b>	The salient points of the 2019 meeting of the Group of Specialists are recalled.
	3.b Follow up by the Secretariat on the conclusions of the 2019 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 39th meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 10</a>	Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the follow up given to the outcomes and decisions of the 2019 meeting of the Group of Specialists.

		<p>List of renewal resolutions adopted by the Committee of Ministers in 2019  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 20</a></p> <p><b>For information</b></p>	
	<p><b>4. Pending draft Resolutions from 2019</b></p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views with the authorities of Netherland regarding their concerns on the conditions attached to the draft Resolutions renewing the European Diploma to the De Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve and to the Weerribben-Wieden National Park</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the De Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 11</a></p> <p>Report on the assessment visit to the Weerribben-Wieden National Park  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 9</a></p> <p>Draft Resolutions regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the De Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve and to the Weerribben-Wieden National Park discussed in 2019  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 11</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a revised wording of the conditions attached to the draft Resolutions renewing the European Diploma to the De Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve and to the Weerribben-Wieden.</p>
	<p><b>5. Results of the advisory visits, discussion and proposals to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe</b></p>		
	<p>5.a Doñana National Park (Spain)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Olivier Biber</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the Doñana National Park  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 01</a></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Doñana National Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption</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>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Doñana National Park <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	
	<p>5.b Germano-Luxembourg Nature Park (Germany/Luxembourg)</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 Germano-Luxembourg Nature Park <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 15</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Germano-Luxembourg Nature Park <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Germano-Luxembourg Nature Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.c Berchtesgaden National Park (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 Berchtesgaden National Park <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 02</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Berchtesgaden National Park <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Berchtesgaden National Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>

	<p>5.d Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve (Romania)</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 Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 18</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.e Fair Isle National Scenic Area (United Kingdom)</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 Fair Isle National Scenic Area <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 03</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Fair Isle National Scenic Area <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Fair Isle National Scenic Area which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.f Regional Park Gallipoli Cognato (Italy)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Eladio Fernández-Galiano</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 Regional Park Gallipoli Cognato <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 14</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the award of the European Diploma for Protected Areas to the Regional Park Gallipoli Cognato <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution awarding the European Diploma to the Regional Park Gallipoli Cognato which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>

	<p>5.g Regional Park of Migliarino, San Rossore and Massaciuccoli (Italy)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Pierre Galland</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 Regional Park of Migliarino, San Rossore and Massaciuccoli <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 15</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Regional Park of Migliarino, San Rossore and Massaciuccoli <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Regional Park of Migliarino, San Rossore and Massaciuccoli which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.h Vashlovani Protected Areas (Georgia)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Pierre Galland</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 Vashlovani Protected Areas <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 04</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Vashlovani Protected Areas <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Vashlovani Protected Areas which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.i Ipolytarnóc Protected Area (Hungary)</p> <p>Presentation by Mr Maurice Hoffmann</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 Ipolytarnóc Protected Area <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 05</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Ipolytarnóc Protected Area <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Ipolytarnóc Protected Area which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>

		<b>For discussion and decision</b>	
	<p>5.j Szénás Hills Protected Area (Hungary)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Bev Nichols</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 Szénás Hills Protected Area <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 14</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Szénás Hills Protected Area <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Szénás Hills Protected Area which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.k Karlštejn National Natural Reserve (Czech Republic)</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 Karlštejn National Natural Reserve <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 08</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Karlštejn National Natural Reserve <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Karlštejn National Natural Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.l Bile Karpaty Landscape Reserve (Czech Republic)</p> <p><i>Presentation by 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 Bile Karpaty Landscape Reserve <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 09</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Bile</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Bile Karpaty Landscape Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>

	<i>appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i>	Karpaty Landscape Reserve <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a>  <b>For discussion and decision</b>	
	5.m Berezinsky State Biosphere Reserve <i>Presentation by Ms Blanca Ramos</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 Berezinsky State Biosphere Reserve <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 06</a>  Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Berezinsky State Biosphere Reserve <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a>  <b>For discussion and decision</b>	Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Berezinsky State Biosphere Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.
	5.n Podyji National Park (Czech Republic) <i>Presentation by Mr Peter Skoberne</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 Podyji National Park <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 13</a>  Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Podyji National Park <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a>  <b>For discussion and decision</b>	Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Podyji National Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.
	5.o Sasso Fratino Integral Nature Reserve (Italy) <i>Presentation by Mr Peter Skoberne</i>	Report on the assessment visit to the Sasso Fratino Integral Nature Reserve <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 07</a>	Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Sasso Fratino Integral Nature Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.



	<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>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Sasso Fratino Integral Nature Reserve  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 12</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	
	<p><b>6. Presentation of the reporting results by the Secretariat and the Group of Specialists</b></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  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 17</a></p> <p><a href="#">Link to the dashboard of the European Diploma for Protected Areas</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></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 2019 as requiring particular attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scandola Nature Reserve (France)</li> <li>• Lüneburg Heath Nature Reserve (Germany)</li> <li>• Abruzzo Lazio and Molise National Park (Italy)</li> <li>• Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve</li> <li>• Wurzacher Ried Nature Reserve</li> </ul> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views on the situation of Diploma</i></p>	<p>Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2020) 17</a></p> <p>Report on the assessment visit to the Scandola Nature Reserve  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 2</a></p>	<p>Follow up on the monitoring of Diploma-holding areas requiring particular attention is agreed on.</p>

	<i>holding areas identified as requiring closer attention and to agree on follow up actions in the light of the 2019 annual reports and the information received by the Secretariat.</i>	<b>For discussion and decision</b>	
	<b>7. On-the-spot appraisal visits in 2020</b>  <i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views on the on-the-spot appraisal visits to be carried out in 2020</i>	List of areas whose Diploma should be renewed in 2021 <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 19</a>  <b>For discussion and decision</b>	Diploma holding areas whose Diploma is due in 2021 and for which an-the-spot appraisal visit is to take place in 2020 are identified.
	<b>8. Strategic Development of the European Diploma</b>		
	8.a Vision for the European Diploma  <i>Presentation by Mr Michael Usher</i>  <i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the vision for the European Diploma and exchange views on the possible follow up.</i>	Vision for the European Diploma <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 16</a>  <b>For discussion and decision</b>	Members of the Group of Specialists agree on the follow up to be given the vision and priority actions for promoting the European Diploma.
	8.b Dashboard of the European Diploma  <i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i>  <i>Members of the Group of Specialists are updated on the latest developments of the dashboard.</i>	<a href="#">Link to the dashboard of the European Diploma for Protected Areas</a>  <b>For information</b>	Members of the Group of Specialists take note the state of play of the dashboard and suggest possible improvements.
	8.c Database of Diploma holding areas  <i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i>  <i>Members of the Group of Specialists are updated</i>		Members of the Group of Specialists take note of the development of the database of Diploma holding areas.

	<i>on the state of play of the database of Diploma holding areas and of its contribution to raise the visibility of the European Diploma.</i>	<b>For information</b>	
	<p>8.d Mapping of the multiple designations / certifications of the Diploma holding areas</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are updated on the follow up on the mapping of multiple designations/certifications initiated in 2019 and discuss ways to further 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</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2019) 7 rev</a></p> <p><b>For information</b></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>
	<b>9. Any other business</b>		
	<b>10. Date and place of the next meeting</b>		
	<b>11. Conclusions of the meeting</b>		
<b>17.00</b>	<p><i>Thursday 19 March</i></p> <p><b>End of the meeting</b></p>		