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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks

14th meeting

17 – 18 April 2024

Venue: Rathaussaal, Städtle 3-5, Vaduz, Liechtenstein

DRAFT AGENDA

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		Documents	Expected results
Wednesday 17 April			
9.00	1. Opening of the meeting	Opening address by the Secretariat of the Bern Convention	
	2. Election of the Chair		
	3. Adoption of the agenda	Meeting agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2024)01 For adoption	Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the aims of the meeting and adopt the agenda.
	4. Mandate of the Group and decisions of the 42nd and 43rd meetings of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention <i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i>	Report of the 13 th meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks T-PVS/PA(2022)07 Extract from the list of decisions and adopted texts on the protection of habitats of the 42 nd and 43 rd meetings of the Standing Committee T-PVS/PA(2024)01 and T-PVS/PA(2024)02 For information	The salient points of the 42 nd and 43 rd meetings of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention are recalled.
	5. Vision and Strategic Plan of the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 <i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i>	Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 T-PVS(2023)18 Vision for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030	Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the Vision and Strategic Plan of the Bern Convention for the period to 2030.

	<p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the Vision and Strategic Plan of the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 and invited to reflect on the contribution of the work of the Group of Experts to the achievement of the Strategic Plan.</i></p>	<p>T-PVS(2021)14</p> <p>For information</p>	
	<p>6. Development of the Emerald Network guidance and tools</p>		
	<p>6.a Legal framework of the Emerald Network</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Arie Trouwborst, consultant</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the challenges and problems faced by Parties with the implementation of the Emerald Network and are invited to identify possible solutions.</i></p>	<p>Challenges and problems faced by Contracting Parties with the implementation of the Emerald Network – Possible solutions T-PVS/PA(2024)03</p> <p>Future work on the legal framework of the Emerald Network – possible next steps T-PVS/PA(2021)01</p> <p>Outcomes of the consultation of Contracting Parties on how to follow up on the conclusions of the 2020 legal analysis T-PVS/PA(2021)02</p> <p>Obligations of Bern Convention parties regarding the conservation of candidate and adopted Emerald Network sites: a legal analysis T-PVS/PA(2020)07</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on the solutions to the challenges and problems reported by Contracted Parties and provide the Secretariat with guidance for developing concrete options for addressing these challenges and problems.</p>
	<p>6.b Post-2020 Emerald Network strategic workplan</p>	<p>Revisited targets for the Emerald Network for the period to 2030</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on relevant targets to be achieved within the</p>

	<p><i>Presentation by Mr Otars Opermanis, consultant</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are reminded of the post-2020 Emerald Network strategic workplan and are invited to exchange views on the targets to be achieved in the light of the Vision of the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 and its related Strategic Plan as well as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.</i></p>	<p>T-PVS/PA(2024)05</p> <p>Post-2020 Emerald Network strategic workplan T-PVS/PA(2020)04rev</p> <p>Monitoring framework for the implementation of the Emerald Network T-PVS/PA(2020)02</p> <p>Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 T-PVS(2023)18</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>frame of the Post-2020 Emerald Network strategic workplan.</p>
	<p>6.c Amended Natura 2000 Standard Data Form</p> <p><i>Presentation by XX – European Environment Agency</i> <i>Presentation by Mr Marc Roekaerts, consultant</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the changes in the Natura 2000 Standard Data Form (SDF) and are invited to exchange views on the interest of these changes for the Emerald Network SDF and the indicators of the Emerald Network Barometer.</i></p>	<p>Document underlining the changes in the revised Natura 2000 Standard Data Form T-PVS/PA(2024)04</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the amendments in the Natura 2000 SDF and provide the Secretariat with guidance on the extent to which the amendments should be reflected in the Emerald Network SDF.</p>
	<p>6.d Reportnet 3 delivery platform</p> <p><i>Presentation by XX – European Environment Agency</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the new delivery process to Reportnet 3 and</i></p>		<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the delivery process to Reportnet 3 and provide the Secretariat with guidance on follow up work.</p>

	<p><i>are invited to exchange views on the implications for the delivery of Emerald Network databases.</i></p>	<p>For discussion and decision</p>	
	<p>7. State of play of the Emerald Network and future perspectives</p>		
	<p>7.a European Union for Environment Programme in the Eastern Partnership region</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Otars Opermanis on behalf of the World Bank</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed the results of the European Union for Environment Programme implemented by the World Bank in the Eastern Partnership region.</i></p>	<p>Website EU4Environment</p> <p>For information</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the progress in the implementation of the European Union for Environment Programme.</p>
	<p>7.b National roadmaps developed by Eastern Partnership countries</p> <p><i>Presentation by Ms Veronica Josu – representative of the Republic of Moldova</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the roadmaps developed by Eastern Partnership countries for implementing the Post-2020 Emerald Network strategic workplan and are invited to exchange views on the extent the roadmaps could be a source of inspiration for other Parties to the Convention.</i></p>	<p>Link to the Roadmap of the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>For information</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the roadmaps developed by Eastern Partnership countries.</p>
	<p>7.c Emerald Network in Liechtenstein</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Oliver Mueller, Office of Environment</i></p>		<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the highlights of the Emerald Network in Liechtenstein.</p>

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	<p>7.d Development of the network in Contracting Parties and nomination of Emerald Network sites</p> <p><i>Tour de table</i> <i>Reminder by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Representatives of the Contracting Parties are invited to update the Group of Experts of the latest developments regarding the Emerald Network in their countries.</i></p> <p><i>Representatives of the Contracting Parties and Observer states are invited to confirm that all newly proposed sites from their latest national databases are to be sent for official nomination as candidate sites to the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention.</i></p> <p><i>Representatives of the Contracting Parties and Observer states are invited to inform the Secretariat whether their country is submitting its candidate Emerald Network sites for official adoption as Emerald Network sites by the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention.</i></p>	For discussion and decision	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the recent developments of the Emerald Network in Contracting Parties.</p> <p>Countries may request the official nomination of their newly proposed Emerald Network sites as candidate Emerald Network sites by the Standing Committee.</p> <p>Countries may request the official adoption as Emerald Network sites (ASCI) of their candidate sites by the Standing Committee.</p>
	8. Future work of the Group of Experts		
	<p>8.a Programme of activities 2024 - 2025</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p>		<p>Priority activities are identified and will feed into the 2024 programme of work and/or be included in the 2025 draft Programme of Activity of the Bern</p>

	<i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are invited to propose and discuss priority activities in 2024 and 2025.</i>	For discussion and decision	Convention (subject to the availability of financial and human resources)
	<p>8.b Date and place of the next meeting of the Group of Experts</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts wishing to host the next meeting of the Group of Experts are invited to inform the Secretariat.</i></p>	For decision	The provisional venue and dates of the next meeting are agreed on.
	9. Any other business		
	10. Conclusions of the meeting		
12.00	Thursday 18 April End of the formal meeting		
12.30	Lunch in Ruggell hosted by Ms Sabine MONAUNI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs, Economy and Environment of Liechtenstein		
13.30 - 17.00	Excursion to the Ruggeller Riet Nature Reserve led by Dr. Jürgen Kühnis and Rainer Kühnis, <i>Opening Remarks</i> by Ms Sabine MONAUNI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs, Economy and Environment of Liechtenstein and Mr Christian Öhri, Mayor of Ruggell		