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

23- 24 February 2022  
(*Virtual meeting*)

**DRAFT AGENDA**

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		Documents	Expected results
<b>Wednesday 23 February</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(2022)02  <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 2021 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 2021 meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas <a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2021)06</a>  <b>For information</b>	The salient points of the 2021 meeting of the Group of Specialists are recalled.
	3.b Follow up by the Secretariat on the conclusions of the 2021 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 41 <sup>st</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention <a href="#">T-PVS/DE (2022)04</a>	Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the follow up given to the outcomes and decisions of the 2021 meeting of the Group of Specialists.

		<p>List of resolutions renewing the Diploma adopted by the Committee of Ministers in 2021  <a href="#">CM/ResDip(2021)1</a>  <a href="#">CM/ResDip(2021)2</a></p> <p>List of resolutions extending the validity of the Diploma adopted by the Committee of Ministers in 2021  <a href="#">CM/ResDip(2021)3</a></p> <p><b>For information</b></p>	
	<p><b>4. Consequences and lessons learnt from the COVID 19 pandemic</b></p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the state of play of the on-the-spot appraisal visits and are invited to discuss the lessons learnt from the implementation of the scenario for virtual on-the-spot appraisal visits.</i></p>	<p>Status of the on-the-spot appraisal visits  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)01</a></p> <p>Scenario for virtual on-the-spot appraisal visits  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2021)02</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists provide guidance on how to absorb the backlog of on-the-spot appraisal visits and on whether the scenario for virtual on-the-spot appraisal visits should be revised or improved.</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 Bayerischer Wald National Park (Germany)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Robert Brunner</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the Bayerischer Wald National Park  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)02</a></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Bayerischer Wald National Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>

	<p><i>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 Bayerischer Wald National Park  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)09</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	
	<p>5.b Weltenburger Enge 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 extra-ordinary on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Report on the extra-ordinary assessment visit to the Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)03</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on the follow up to be given to the conclusions of the extra-ordinary assessment visit to the Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve.</p>
	<p>5.c Vanoise National Park (France)</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 Vanoise National Park</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)06</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Vanoise National Park  <a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)09</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 Vanoise National Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.d Gran Paradiso National Park (Italy)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Pierre Galland</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the Gran Paradiso National Park</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Gran Paradiso National Park which will be sent to the Committee</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><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)07</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Gran Paradiso National Park</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)09</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.e Krimml Waterfalls Natural Site (Austria)</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 Krimml Waterfalls Natural Site</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)08</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Krimml Waterfalls Natural Site</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)09</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 Krimml Waterfalls Natural Site which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.f Carpathian Biosphere Reserve (Ukraine)</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 Carpathian Biosphere Reserve</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)11</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Carpathian Biosphere Reserve</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)09</a></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Carpathian Biosphere Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>

		<b>For discussion and decision</b>	
	<p>5.g Selvagens Islands Nature Reserve (Portugal)</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 Selvagens Islands Nature Reserve</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2021)08</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Selvagens Islands Nature Reserve</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)09</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 Selvagens Islands Nature Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.h Swiss National Park (Switzerland)</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 Swiss National Park</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)05</a></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Swiss National Park</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)09</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 Swiss National Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<b>6. Presentation of the reporting results by the Secretariat and the Group of Specialists</b>		
	6.a Analysis of the annual reports	Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports	The compliance of the Diploma holding areas with the conditions and/or recommendations attached to the

	<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><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)10</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>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 2021 as requiring particular attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scandola Nature Reserve (France)</li> <li>• Doñana National Park (Spain) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="#">Judgment of the European Court of Justice of 24 June 2021</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">Report on the Joint WHC / IUCN / RAMSAR Reactive monitoring mission</a> to Doñana National Park, Spain (25-28 February 2020)</li> </ul> </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 holding areas identified as requiring closer attention and to agree on follow up actions in the light of the 2021 annual reports and the information received by the Secretariat.</i></p>	<p>Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)10</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Follow up on the monitoring of Diploma-holding areas requiring particular attention is agreed on.</p>

	<p><b>7. On-the-spot appraisal visits in 2022</b></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 2022</i></p>	<p>Status of the on-the-spot appraisal visits</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2022)01</a></p> <p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Diploma holding areas whose Diploma is due in 2023 and for which an-the-spot appraisal visit is to take place in 2022 are identified.</p>
	<p><b>8. Follow up on the communication strategy for the European Diploma</b></p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the follow up given to the communication plan discussed last year and to provide insight on how to further elaborate on it.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Link</a> to the virtual exhibition of the European Diploma for Protected Areas</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a> to the new webpage of the European Diploma</p> <p>Communication plan for the European Diploma <a href="#">T-PVS/DE(2021)03rev</a></p> <p><b>For information</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on priority actions for promoting the European Diploma.</p>
	<p><b>9. Creation of a pool of independent experts – results of the call for manifestation of interest</b></p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the results of the call for manifestation of interest to constitute a pool of independent experts.</i></p>	<p><b>For information</b></p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists take note of the information provided.</p>



	<b>10. Any other business</b>		
	<b>11. Date and place of the next meeting</b>		
	<b>12. Conclusions of the meeting</b>		
<b>12.30</b>	<i>Thursday 24 February</i> <b>End of the meeting</b>		