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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

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

20 – 21 February 2023
(In-person meeting)

DRAFT AGENDA

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Secretariat of the Bern Convention*

		Documents	Expected results
Tuesday 20 February			
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(2024)02 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 2023 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 2023 meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas T-PVS/DE(2023)11 For information	The salient points of the 2023 meeting of the Group of Specialists are recalled.
	3.b Follow up by the Secretariat on the conclusions of the 2023 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 43 rd meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention T-PVS/DE(2024)07	Members of the Group of Specialists take note of the follow up given to the outcomes and decisions of the 2023 meeting of the Group of Specialists.

	<p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the follow up given to the conclusions of the 2023 meeting of the Group of Specialists and of the decisions of the 43rd Standing Committee regarding the European Diploma.</i></p>	<p>List of resolutions renewing the Diploma adopted by the Committee of Ministers in 2023 CM/Del/Dec(2023)1469/9.1a</p> <p>For information</p>	
	<p>3.c Consequences of the cessation of the membership of the Russian Federation to the Council of Europe and of the freeze of the technical cooperation with Belarus</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the consequences on the European Diploma of the exclusion of the Russian Federation from the Council of Europe and of the freeze of the cooperation with Belarus.</i></p>	<p>Decision of the Committee of Ministers on the European Diploma for Protected Areas in the Russian Federation and Belarus CM/Del/Dec(2023)1469/9.1b</p> <p>For information</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists take note that the Resolution of the Committee of Ministers CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas is not applicable anymore in the Russian Federation and Belarus.</p>
	<p>3.d Vision and Strategic Plan of the Bern Convention for the period to 2030</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the Vision and Strategic Plan of the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 and invited to reflect on how the monitoring of the European Diploma can contribute to the achievement of the Strategic Plan.</i></p>	<p>Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 T-PVS(2023)18</p> <p>Vision for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 T-PVS(2021)14</p> <p>For discussion</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists take note of the Vision and Strategic Plan of the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 and identify the targets of the Strategic Plan to which the monitoring of the European Diploma could contribute to.</p>

	<p>4. Application of the Sierra Nevada National Park (Spain) for the European Diploma for Protected Areas</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Francisco de Asís Muñoz Collado, Director of the Sierra Nevada National Park</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss whether the Sierra Nevada National Park meets, in principle, the requirements of the European Diploma and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>Application of the Sierra Nevada National Park</p> <p>Application form</p>	<p>Follow up on the application of the Sierra Nevada National Park for the European Diploma is agreed on. An on-the-spot appraisal visit could be mandated to verify the application and assess the opportunity to award the European Diploma to the Sierra Nevada National Park.</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 Seitsemien National Park (Finland)</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 Seitsemien National Park</p> <p>T-PVS/DE(2024)08</p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Seitsemien National Park</p> <p>T-PVS/DE(2024)03</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 Seitsemien National Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.b Ekenäs Archipelago National Park (Tammisaari) (Finland)</p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the Ekenäs Archipelago National Park (Tammisaari)</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to the Ekenäs Archipelago National Park (Tammisaari) which will be sent</p>

	<p><u>Presentation by Ms Blanca Ramos</u></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><u>T-PVS/DE(2024)04</u></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Ekenäs Archipelago National Park (Tammisaari)</p> <p><u>T-PVS/DE(2024)03</u></p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.c Peak District National Park (UK)</p> <p><u>Presentation by Ms Blanca Ramos / Mr Michael Schimek</u></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 Peak District National Park</p> <p><u>T-PVS/DE(2024)05</u></p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Peak District National Park</p> <p><u>T-PVS/DE(2024)03</u></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 Peak District National Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.d Muddus, Sarek and Padjelanta National Parks (Sweden)</p> <p><u>Presentation by Mr Pierre Galland / Ms Çigdem Adem</u></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to</i></p>	<p>Report on the combined assessment visit to the Muddus, Sarek and Padjelanta National Parks</p> <p><u>T-PVS/DE(2024)06</u></p> <p>Draft resolutions regarding the</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on the draft resolutions renewing the European Diplomas to the Muddus, Sarek and Padjelanta National Parks which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>

	<p><i>discuss the conclusions of the combined on-the-spot appraisal visit report and to exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>renewal of the European Diplomas for Protected Areas awarded to the Muddus, Sarek and Padjelanta National Parks</p> <p>T-PVS/DE(2024)03</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	
	<p>5.e Siebengebirge Nature Reserve (Germany)</p> <p>Presentation by Mr Peter Skoberne / Ms Renata Kosińska</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 Siebengebirge Nature Reserve</p> <p>T-PVS/DE(2024)09</p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Siebengebirge Nature Reserve</p> <p>T-PVS/DE(2024)03</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 Siebengebirge Nature Reserve which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.f Kuşçenneti National Park (Türkiye)</p> <p>Presentation by Mr Peter Skoberne / Mr Luc Hoogenstein</p> <p>Tribute to Tansu Gürpınar</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 Kuşçenneti National Park</p> <p>T-PVS/DE(2024)10</p> <p>Draft resolution regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Kuşçenneti National Park</p> <p>T-PVS/DE(2024)03</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution renewing the European Diploma to Kuşçenneti National Park which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>

		For discussion and decision	
	6. Presentation of the reporting results by the Secretariat and the Group of Specialists		
	<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>2024 Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports T-PVS/DE(2024)11</p> <p>2023 Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports T-PVS/DE(2023)09</p> <p>Methodological note on the usage of the assessment forms of the annual reports T-PVS/DE(2024)02</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 2023 as requiring particular attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wurzacher Ried Nature Reserve (Germany) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation by Mr Siegfried Roth, manager of the Nature Reserve ➤ Letter of the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector ➤ Annex 0 Letter of the Regionalverband 	<p>2024 Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports T-PVS/DE(2024)11</p>	<p>Follow up on the monitoring of Diploma-holding areas requiring particular attention is agreed on.</p>

	<p>Bodensee-Oberschwaben</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Annex A3 Demarcation of the wind energy priority zones ➤ Annex B Maps • Scandola Nature Reserve (France) • Doñana National Park (Spain) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Judgment of the European Court of Justice of 24 June 2021 ➤ Report on the Joint WHC / IUCN / RAMSAR Reactive monitoring mission to Doñana National Park, Spain (25-28 February 2020) • Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve (Germany) • Krimml Waterfalls Natural Site (Austria) <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 2023 annual reports and the information received by the Secretariat.</i></p>	<p>For discussion and decision</p>	
	<p>7. On-the-spot appraisal visits in 2024</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></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 2024</i></p>	<p>List of areas which could benefit from an on-the-spot appraisal visit in 2024</p> <p>T-PVS/DE(2023)13</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Diploma holding areas whose Diploma is due in 2025 and for which an-the-spot appraisal visit is to take place in 2024 are identified.</p>
	<p>8. Preparation of the 60th anniversary of the European Diploma</p>	<p>Concept note on the 60th anniversary of the European Diploma</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists provide the Secretariat with guidance for the preparation of the celebration of the</p>

	<p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the concept note presenting the celebration activities of the 60th anniversary of the European Diploma and to exchange views on its follow up.</i></p>	<p>T-PVS/DE(2024)01</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>60th anniversary of the European Diploma.</p>
	<p>9. Any other business</p>		
	<p>10. Date and place of the next meeting</p>		
	<p>11. Conclusions of the meeting</p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the contribution of the meeting of the Group of Specialists to the achievement of the Strategic Plan of the Bern Convention for the period to 2030.</i></p>	<p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on the extent to which to meeting of the Group of Specialists has contributed to the targets of the Strategic Plan.</p>
<p>13.00</p>	<p>Wednesday 21st February</p> <p>End of the meeting</p>		