



Strasbourg, 4th March 2024

T-PVS/Agenda(2024)3

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee
Bureau meeting

18-19 March 2024
(opening: 9:30 am on 18th March)

DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. Adoption of the agenda

1.2. Statement by Mr Rafael Benitez, Director of Social rights, Health and Environment

2. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARIAT

**2.1. Follow up to the Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe on
16-17 May 2023 in Reykjavík, Iceland**

- **Creation of the Department on the Reykjavík process and the Environment /
Directorate of Social rights, Health and Environment**
- **Involvement of the Bern Convention in the Reykjavík process**

2.2. Staff turnover

3. FINANCING AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION

3.1. Draft Protocol amending the Bern Convention – state of play

*[T-PVS(2023)13 - Draft Protocol amending the Bern Convention]
[T-PVS(2023)19 - Explanatory report to the amending Protocol]*

3.2. Voluntary contributions received in 2023 and 2024: state of play

*[T-PVS/Inf(2023)11Rev - Table of the voluntary contributions received]
[T-PVS/Inf(2024)08 - Table of the voluntary contributions received]*

3.3. Report on the use of the resources from the Special Account of the Bern Convention

3.4. Rules of Procedure – initial discussion on possible future modifications

3.5. Working Group on overseeing implementation of the Strategic Plan

3.6. Case-file reflection: Prioritising new complaints and facilitating the closure/dismissal of case-files

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2024

[Calendar of meetings 2024]

[T-PVS(2023)21 - Programme of Activities and budget for 2024]

4.1. European Diploma for Protected Areas: results of the meeting of the Group of Specialists (20-21 February 2024) and planning of the appraisal visits in 2024

[T-PVS/DE(2024)12 – Draft meeting report]

[T-PVS/DE(2024)03 – Draft Resolutions on the renewal of the European Diploma]

[T-PVS/DE(2024)01 – Concept note - 60th anniversary of the European Diploma]

4.2. Emerald Network: work plan for 2024 and preparation of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks (Vaduz, 17-18 April 2024)

[T-PVS/Agenda(2024)01 – Agenda of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks]

4.3. Kresna technical workshop in line with Recommendation No. 212 (2021): “Challenges & opportunities for the conservation of reptiles and large carnivores during linear infrastructure development in South-East Europe” (22-24 April 2024): State of play

4.4. Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) on the conservation status of species and habitats

[T-PVS/Agenda(2024)04 – Agenda of the Ad hoc Working Group on Reporting]

4.5. Group of Experts on the Conservation of Birds and IKB

4.6. Large Carnivores

4.7. Important Herpetofauna Areas

[T-PVS/Inf(2024)07 –Survey_Development of Important Herpetofauna Areas]

4.8. Reinforcing the collaboration between the Group of Experts on Amphibians and Reptiles and the Group of Experts on invasive alien species

5. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION (Biennial reporting and Online reporting system)

6. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION: CASE-FILES

[T-PVS/Notes(2024)1 – Summary of open and possible case files]

[T-PVS/Notes(2024)2– Summary of complaints on stand-by]

[T-PVS/Notes(2024)3– Summary of new & pending complaints]

[T-PVS/Inf(2024)1 – Register of Bern Convention’s case-files]

6.1. Open files

- 2016/5: Albania: Presumed negative impact of developments on the Vjosa river including hydro-power plant and Vlora International Airport

[T-PVS/Files(2024)13 - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)14 - Complainant Report]

- 2017/02: North Macedonia: Alleged negative impacts to Lake Ohrid and Galichica National Park candidate Emerald Sites due to infrastructure developments

[T-PVS/Files(2024)9 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2024)10 - Complainant Report]

- 2019/5: Türkiye: Habitat destruction in Mersin Anamur Beach

[T-PVS/Files(2024)31 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2024)6 - Complainant Report]

- 2020/09: Bosnia and Herzegovina: Possible negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Neretva river

[T-PVS/Files(2024)7 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2024)21 - Complainant Report]

6.2. Possible files

- 2001/04: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge

[T-PVS/Files(2024)34 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2024)35 - Complainant Report]

- 2020/04: Armenia: The Amulsar gold mine project and its impacts on Emerald Network sites

[T-PVS/Files(2024)15 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2024)16 - Complainant Report]

6.3. Complaints on stand-by

- 2014/08: Greece: Presumed large-scale exploitation and marketing of protected marine shelled molluscs

[T-PVS/Files(2024)26 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2024)xx - Complainant Report]

- 2016/09: Georgia: Possible threat to “Svaneti 1” Emerald Site (GE0000012) from Nenskra Hydro Power Plant development

[T-PVS/Files(2024)17 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2024)18 - Complainant Report]

- 2020/06: Portugal: Presumed threat to Tagus Estuary Special Protected Area from a new airport

[T-PVS/Files(2024)19 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2024)20 - Complainant Report]

- 2021/2: Norway: Alleged threat to birds and protected sites due to the proposed construction of windfarms

[T-PVS/Files(2024)28 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2024)29 - Complainant Report]

- 2021/05: Germany: Habitat loss in Baden-Württemberg threatening the conservation of *Tetrao urogallus*

[T-PVS/Files(2024)32 - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2024)27 - Complainant Report]

- 2021/06: France: Conservation of the Western hazel grouse (*Tetrastes bonasia rhenana*)

[T-PVS/Files(2024)36 - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)2 - Complainant Report]

- 2022/01: Serbia: Alleged habitat destruction in the area of Novi Sad due to proposed infrastructure constructions

[T-PVS/Files(2024)33 - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)1 - Complainant Report]

- 2022/02: Austria: Alleged violation of the Convention in relation to deliberate killing of *lutra lutra*

[T-PVS/Files(2024)xx - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)5 - Complainant Report]

- 2022/03: Norway: Wolf Culling Policy in Norway

[T-PVS/Files(2024)24 - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)25 - Complainant Report]

- 2022/04: Montenegro: Hydropower plant development on Emerald Network site Komarnica (ME000000P)

[T-PVS/Files(2024)11 - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)12 - Complainant Report]

- 2022/06: Serbia: Possible negative impact of mining activities in Bosilegrad and in the Homolje Mt region

[T-PVS/Files(2024)22 - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)23 - Complainant Report]

6.4. New (pending) complaints

- 2022/7: Bosnia and Herzegovina: Possible negative impact of mining activities in Trstionica – Gornja Bukovica and Vareš

[T-PVS/Files(2024)3 - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)4 - Complainant Report]

6.5. New complaints

- 2023/1: Albania: Alleged habitat destruction due to the construction of the Skavica Hydropower Plant on the Drin River

[T-PVS/Files(2023)32 – Complaint form]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)8 - Government Report]

- 2023/2: Switzerland: Alleged damage to protected habitats and species due to logging activities in the Belpau Emerald Network site (CH0000028)

[T-PVS/Files(2023)34 – Complaint form]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)xx - Government Report]

- 2023/3: Switzerland: New wolf culling policy

[T-PVS/Files(2023)62 – Complaint form]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)30 - Government Report]

6.6. Resumption of certain Ukrainian case-files

6.7. Follow-up of previous recommendations and case-files

- [Recommendation No. 68 \(1998\)](#) on protection of the common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in Alsace (France)

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. Dates of the 44th Standing Committee meeting