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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas

Annual meeting

Strasbourg, 18 March 2026
9.00 AM – 5.45 PM CET

Room G04, Agora Building

DRAFT AGENDA

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		Documents	Expected results
Wednesday, 18 March			
9.00	1. Opening of the meeting <i>Mr Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of the Group of Specialists</i>		
9.10	2. Adoption of the agenda <i>Presentation by the Secretariat (Alessandra Siino)</i>	Meeting agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2026)03 For adoption	Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the aims of the meeting and adopt the agenda.
9.15	3. Role and Mandate of the Group of Specialists <i>Presentation by the Secretariat (Krzysztof Zyman)</i>	Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas For information	Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of and discuss the role and mandate of the Group of Specialists.
	4. General information on activities presenting an interest for the work of the Group of Specialists		
9.30	4.a Short presentation of the report of the meeting of the group in 2025 and of the activities undertaken during the last year <i>Mr Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of the Group of Specialists</i> <i>Presentation by the Secretariat (Alessandra</i>	Report on the 2025 meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas T-PVS/DE(2025)07 Extract from the list of decisions and adopted texts on the European Diploma for Protected Areas, at the	The salient points of the 2025 meeting of the Group of Specialists are recalled. Information is provided about EDPA renewal and new award.

	<i>Siino)</i>	<p>45th meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention T-PVS/DE(2026)01</p> <p>CM/ResDip(2025)1 - Resolution on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Regional Park Gallipoli Cognato (Italy) (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 9 July 2025 at the 1534th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)</p> <p>CM/ResDip(2025)2 - Resolution on the award of the European Diploma for Protected Areas to the Sierra Nevada National Park, Nature Park and Biosphere Reserve (Spain) (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 9 July 2025 at the 1534th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)</p> <p>For information</p>	
9.50	<p>4.b Short presentation of the Granada Declaration adopted by managers of Diploma holding areas</p> <p><i>Mr Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of the Group of Specialists</i></p>	<p>Granada Declaration T-PVS/DE(2025)06 final</p> <p>For information</p>	The principal points of the Granada Declaration are recalled.
10.10	4.d Strategic Plan of the Bern Convention for the period to 2030	<p>Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 T-PVS(2023)18</p>	Members of the Group of Specialists take note of the ongoing work under the Strategic Plan of the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 and identify the targets of

	<i>Mr Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of the Group of Specialists</i>	For information and discussion	the Strategic Plan to which the monitoring of the European Diploma could contribute to.
10.30	5. New Applications for the European Diploma for Protected Areas <i>Presentations by the Secretariat (Alessandra Siino)</i>		
10.40	Coffee-break		
11.00	5a. Eagles' Nests Landscape Park (Poland) <i>Presentation by the applicants - Mr Paweł KOKOSZKA and Mr Paweł CIAPTACZ</i>	Application form – Eagles' Nests Landscape Park For discussion	Applicants present their application and exchange with the members of the Group of Specialists on the possible exceptional European interest of the area in question.
11.40	5b. Lagodekhi Protected Areas (Georgia) <i>Presentation by the applicants – Ms Tamar KHAKHISHVILI</i>	Application form – Lagodekhi protected Areas For discussion	Applicants present their application and exchange with the members of the Group of Specialists on the possible exceptional European interest of the area in question.
12.20	5.c Krzemionki Opatowskie Nature Reserve (Poland) <i>Presentation by the applicants – Ms Anna JUNIEWICZ and Mr Łukasz MISIUNA</i>	Application form - Krzemionki Opatowskie Nature Reserve For discussion	Applicants present their application and exchange with the members of the Group of Specialists on the possible exceptional European interest of the area in question.
13.00	Lunch break		
	6. Presentation of the reporting results by the Secretariat and the Group of Specialists		

<p>14.00</p>	<p>6.a Analysis of the annual reports</p> <p><i>Introduction by the Secretariat (Krzysztof Zyman)</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>2026 Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports T-PVS/DE(2026)02</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 EDPA holding areas with the conditions and/or recommendations attached to the award/renewal of the EDPA is assessed and possible areas at risk requiring closer monitoring or even an exceptional on the-spot appraisal visit are identified.</p>
<p>16.00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>		
<p>16.20</p>	<p>6.b Follow up on the areas identified in 2025 as requiring particular attention and update :</p> <p><i>Introduction by the Secretariat (Alessandra Siino) and feedback from the participants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wurzacher Ried Nature Reserve (Germany)</i> • <i>Scandola Nature Reserve (France)</i> • <i>Doñana National Park (Spain)</i> • <i>Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve (Germany)</i> • <i>Krimml Waterfalls Natural Site (Austria)</i> • <i>Purbeck Heritage Coast (UK)</i> • <i>Minsmere Nature Reserve (UK)</i> 	<p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Follow up on the monitoring of EDPA holding areas requiring particular attention is agreed on. Specialists update the list of areas requiring particular attention.</p>

16.50	7. On-the-spot appraisal visits in 2026 and 2027 <i>Presentation by the Secretariat (Krzysztof Zyman)</i>	List of areas which could benefit from an on-the-spot appraisal visit in 2026 and 2027 T-PVS/DE(2025)09 For discussion and decision	The list of EDPA holding areas and for which an on-the-spot appraisal visit is to take place in 2026 and 2027 are presented. Participants agree on the division of tasks and calendar for these visits in 2026 and on the approach to be taken for visits in 2027.
17.10	8. Cooperation with partners	For discussion	Participants exchange on cooperation with partners (UNESCO World Heritage Convention, Ramsar Convention, IUCN).
17.25	9. Election of the Chair	For decision	Members of the Group of Specialists elect the Chair of the Group.
17.35	10. Any other business		
17.40	11. Date and place of the next meeting	For discussion	Members of the Group of Specialists discuss possible dates and venue for the next meeting.
17.45	12. End of the meeting		