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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
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## **Roundtable of the Managers of the Diploma holding areas**

21 - 22 May 2025

*Venue: Parque de las Ciencias, Granada, Spain*

## **AGENDA**

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		Documents	Expected results
<b>Wednesday 21 May 2025</b>			
<b>14.30 – 15.00</b>	<p><b>1. Opening of the roundtable and keynote speech</b></p> <p>Mr Rafael Benitez, Director of Social Rights, Health and Environment, Council of Europe</p> <p>Mr Claude Origer, vice-Chair of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention</p> <p>Mr Jorge Bonache, jefe de Servicio de Conservación, Organismo Autónomo Parques Nacionales (OAPN)</p>	<p><i>The Spanish National Park network and the representativity criteria for the selection of potential candidates for declaration</i></p>	<p><i>Mr Benitez opens the meeting, welcomes the participants and moderates the Roundtable.</i></p> <p><i>The Secretariat informs participants of the working method and of the logistical issues</i></p> <p><i>The Spanish representant addresses the managers of the Diploma holding areas and presents the Spanish National Park Network and the relevance of the representativity criteria in its definition</i></p>
<b>15.00 – 16.00</b>	<p><b>2. Session 1: Adaptation of mountain parks / protected areas to climate change</b></p> <p><i>Introduction by Mr Francisco Asis Muñoz Collado, Director of the Sierra National Park</i></p> <p><i>Managers of Diploma holding areas showcase their experience and participants are invited to exchanges views on the extent to which the case studies presented can inspire other Diploma holding areas.</i></p>	<p><b>For discussion</b></p>	

	<p>2.a Case study of the Sierra Nevada National Park (Spain): Sierra Nevada, Global Change Observatory</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Regino Zamora, University of Granada, Sierra Nevada Observatory of Global Change</i></p>	Based on the case studies presented and in the light of the outcomes of the discussion, participants identify relevant practices for addressing climate change in mountainous protected areas.
	<p>2.b Case study: Effects of climate change in the Swiss National Park: mitigate or accept?</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Ruedi Haller, Director of the Swiss National Park</i></p>	
	<p>2.c Case study: Actions adopted to mitigate climate change effects in the Carpathian Biosphere Reserve (CBR), Ukraine</p> <p><i>Presentation by Ms Iryna Yonash, manager of the CBR</i></p>	
Coffee break		
16.30 – 17.30	<p><b>3. Session 2: Water management and protected areas</b></p> <p><i>Introduction by Mr Michael Schimek, independent expert of the European Diploma</i></p> <p><i>Managers of Diploma holding areas showcase their experience and participants are invited to exchanges views on the extent to which the case studies presented can inspire other Diploma holding areas.</i></p>	

	<p>3.a Case Study of the Sierra Nevada National Park (Spain): Ancestral nature-based solutions for the water management of Sierra Nevada</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Sergio Martos-Rosillo, Researcher of the Geological and Mining Institute of Spain – Spanish National Researcher Council (IGME-CSIC)</i></p>	<b>For discussion</b>	Based on the case studies presented and in the light of the outcomes of the discussion, participants identify relevant practices for managing water protected areas.
	<p>3.b Case study: Farming for Water – A Burren Case Study (Ireland)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Dr. Brendan Dunford, The Burrenbeo Trust</i></p>		
<b>17.30 – 18.45</b>	<p><b>4. Session 3: Tourism and protected areas</b></p> <p><i>Introduction by Ms Çigdem Adem, independent expert of the European Diploma</i></p> <p><i>Managers of Diploma holding areas showcase their experience and participants are invited to exchanges views on the extent to which the case studies presented can inspire other Diploma holding areas.</i></p>	<b>For discussion</b>	Based on the case studies presented and in the light of the outcomes of the discussion, participants identify relevant practices for managing tourism in protected areas.
	<p>4.a Case study: Contribution of the Tourism Sustainability Plans to protected areas in Spain</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr. Ricardo Blanco, Tourism Secretary of State</i></p>		

	4.b Case study: nature tourism / eco-tourism in the Kuscenneti National Park (Türkiye)  <i>Presentation by Ms Oya Bumin, City Planner, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry</i>		
18.45	End of the afternoon session		
21.00	Departure from the hotel to the Alhambra visit		
22.00	Visit of the Alhambra		
Thursday 22 May 2025			
8.45: Intervention of Mr Jan Plesnick, Chair of the EDPA Group of Specialist			
8.45– 10.20	5. Session 4: Successful examples of recovery, rehabilitation or restoration of habitats / species  <i>Introduction by Ms Renata Krzyściak-Kosińska, independent expert of the European Diploma</i>  5a: The European bison – a story of successful recovery from extinction in the wild  <i>Managers of Diploma holding areas showcase their experience and participants are invited to exchanges views on the extent to which the case studies presented can inspire other Diploma holding areas.</i>		

	<p>5.b Case study: the recovery of the Iberian Lynx (<i>Lynx pardinus</i>) and other big carnivores in the Iberian Peninsula</p> <p><i>Presentation by Dr Eloy Revilla, Director of the Doñana Biological Station</i></p>	<b>For discussion</b>	Based on the case studies presented and in the light of the outcomes of the discussion, participants identify relevant conservation or restoration practices of species and / or habitats.
	<p>5.c Case study: restoring natural dynamics in the Boschplaat Nature Reserve (the Netherlands)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Joeri Lamers, Boswachter, Staatsbosbeheer, Team Terschelling</i></p>		
	<p>5.d Case study: reintroduction of the European ground squirrel (<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>) in the Volcanic phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula (Hungary)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Vers József, manager of the Volcanic phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula</i></p>		
<b>Coffee break</b>			
<b>10.40 – 12.00</b>	<p><b>6. Session 5: Parks and their inhabitants: relationship with local stakeholders</b></p> <p><i>Introduction by Mr Pierre Galland, independent expert of the European Diploma</i></p> <p><i>Managers of Diploma holding areas showcase their experience and participants are invited to exchanges views on the extent to which the case studies presented can inspire other Diploma holding areas.</i></p>		

	<p>6.a Case study of the Sierra Nevada National Park (Spain): The experience of being locals living in protected areas: the Pampaneira Experience in the Sierra Nevada NP. <i>Presentation by Mr Angel Pérez, Major of Pampaneira, Alpujarra region. President of AMUPARNA.</i></p> <p>6.b Case study: the role of local stakeholders in the Szénás Hills Protected Area (Hungary) <i>Presentation by Mr Pál Kézdy, Manager of the Szénás Hills Protected Area</i></p> <p>6.c Case study: the contribution of sheep breeders to the conservation of "The Queen of the Alps" (<i>Eryngium alpinum</i>) in the Mercantour National Park (France) <i>Presentation by Mr Xavier Fribourg, Head of the Ubaye Verdon Territorial Service</i></p>	For discussion	Based on the case studies presented and in the light of the outcomes of the discussion, participants identify relevant practices for constructive cooperation with local stakeholders.
12.00 – 12.45	<p><b>7. Presentation of the conclusions of the roundtable and adoption of the Granada Declaration</b></p> <p><i>Summary of the discussions and presentation of the conclusions by the General rapporteur, Mr Christian Kayser, member of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas.</i></p>	Draft final declaration <a href="#">TPVS/DE(2025)06</a>	Participants agree on the terms of a final declaration.

	<i>Participants are invited to discuss and adopt a final declaration</i>	<b>For discussion and decision</b>	
<b>12.45</b>	<b>End of the meeting</b>		
<b>12.45– 13.00</b>	<b>Presentation of the Sierra Nevada National Park and introduction to the visit</b>		
<b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	<i>Lunch offered by the Sierra Nevada National Park</i>		
<b>14.45 – 19.30</b>	<b>(Departure from the hotel at 14.45)</b> <b>Visit of the Sierra Nevada National Park</b> <b>(Back to Granada at 20.00)</b>		