



Strasbourg, 22 September 2026

T-PVS/Agenda(2026)12

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee
Bureau meeting

22nd-24th September 2026
(opening: 9:30 am on 22nd September)
(closing: 5:00 pm on 24th September)
(Room B4_06C, Agora Building)

DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. Adoption of the agenda

[T-PVS/Agenda(2026)12]

2. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARIAT

2.1. Staff announcements

3. FINANCING AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION

3.1. Reykjavík process and the environment

- Participation in the meeting of the Committee of Ministers Rapporteur Group on Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment (GR-C) on 30 June 2026;
- Participation in upcoming meetings, including COP 17 in Armenia and COP 31 in Türkiye.

3.2. Working Group on the draft Protocol amending the Bern Convention

[[T-PVS/Inf\(2025\)42](#) - Terms of Reference Working Group on exploring sustainable financing options for the Bern Convention]

3.3. Voluntary contributions received in 2026: state of play

[XXX - Table of the voluntary contributions received in 2026]

3.4. Working Group on exploring mechanisms to guide amendments to the appendices of the Bern Convention

[[T-PVS/Inf\(2025\)41](#) - Terms of Reference Working Group on exploring mechanisms to guide amendments to the appendices of the Bern Convention]

[\[T-PVS/Inf\(2026\)17\]](#) – Briefing note –
Criteria and procedures for amending Appendices to the Bern Convention]
[T-PVS(2026)14- Report of the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on exploring mechanisms to guide amendments to the appendices of the Bern Convention]

3.5. Working Group on overseeing implementation of the Strategic Plan

[\[T-PVS\(2026\)01\]](#) - Report of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan]
[\[T-PVS/Agenda\(2026\)10\]](#)– Draft agenda 16th meeting of the GoEPAEN jointly with the 5th meeting of the Working Group on supervising the implementation of the Strategic Plan]
[\[Indicator factsheets\]](#)

3.6. Draft revised Rules of procedure of the Standing Committee

[\[T-PVS/Inf\(2026\)16\]](#) – Draft revised Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)18 – Suggested amendments_Rules of Procedure_explanatory note]

3.7. Ways ahead with the Bern Convention complaint system

[T-PVS/Inf(2026)06 – Secretariat reflection on further enhancements within the case-file system of the Bern Convention]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)12 - Revised Case-file system Guide of Procedures]

3.8. Convention on the protection of the environment through criminal law: possible synergies with the Bern Convention

[Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law ([CETS No. 228](#))]

4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

[\[Calendar of meetings 2026\]](#)
[\[T-PVS\(2025\)12\]](#) - Programme of Activities and budget for 2026]

4.1. European Diploma for Protected Areas

[\[T-PVS \(2026\)02\]](#) - Report of the meeting of the Group of Specialists 2026]

4.2. Emerald Network of Areas of Special Conversation Interest

[\[T-PVS/Inf\(2026\)10\]](#) -Legal analysis of the scope for authorising potentially harmful activities]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)11- Draft Revised Guidelines for explaining negative changes in Emerald Network proposed, candidate and adopted sites]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)19 - Draft Updated Standard Data Form guidelines]
[\[T-PVS/Agenda\(2026\)10\]](#)– Draft agenda 16th meeting of the GoEPAEN jointly with the 5th meeting of the Working Group on supervising the implementation of the Strategic Plan]

4.3. Group of Experts on Large Carnivores

[T-PVS(2026)03 - Group of Experts on Large Carnivores_24 March 2026]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)21 - draft rev Rec on wolf-dog hybridization]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)24 - report on wolf protection status overview]

4.4. Group of Experts on Conservation of Birds and addressing IKB

[T-PVS/Inf(2026)14 - Mid-term assessment Rome Strategic Plan]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)20 - Report on motivations behind IKB]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)25 - draft Terms of Reference of the Group of Experts on Birds]

4.5. Groups of Experts on Invasive Alien Species, on Amphibians and Reptiles

[T-PVS/Inf(2026)26 - draft Terms of Reference of the Group of Experts on IASs]

4.6. Action Plan for the Eradication of the Ruddy Duck

[\[Recommendation No. 209 \(2020\)\]](#) on the eradication of the ruddy duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*) in the Western Palaearctic by 2025]

[T-PVS/Agenda(2026)17 - draft agenda of the Expert Meeting on the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Eradication of the Ruddy Duck]

4.7. Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of Sturgeons

*[T-PVS/Inf(2018)6 - Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons]
[T-PVS/Agenda(2026)16 - draft agenda of the third meeting of the National Focal Points for the PANEUAP]*

5. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION

5.1. Biennial reporting and new Online Reporting System

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

[T-PVS(2026)07 - Report of the meeting of the Working Group on reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)]

6. 46TH STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

6.1. Draft Agenda and tentative order of business

[T-PVS/Agenda(2026)15 – Preliminary draft agenda]

6.2. Programme of activities 2027/2028

[T-PVS(2026)13 – Preliminary draft programme of Activities and budget for 2027/2028]

7. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONVENTION

7.1. Information regarding the planned Gonio Development Project located at Chorokhi Delta (GE0000054) sit

[T-PVS/Inf(2026)03 – Resolution of the Participants of the Conference on the Alienation of Krtsanisi–Gonio]

7.2. Request to support a meeting on the Genus Zingel

8. CASE-FILES

Summaries

8.1. Open files

[T-PVS/Notes(2026)7 – Summary of open case files]

- 1986/08: Greece: Recommendation No. 9 (1987) on the protection of *Caretta caretta* in Laganas Bay, Zakynthos

[T-PVS/Files(2026)1986-08_gov - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2026)1986-08_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2010/05: Greece: Threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2010-05_gov - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2010-05_comp - Complainant Report]

- 1995/06: Cyprus: Sea turtles at Akamas peninsula

[T-PVS/Files(2026)1995-06_gov - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2026)1995-06_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2000/01: Türkiye: Green turtle in Kazanlı

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2001-01_gov - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2001-01_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2012/09(a): Türkiye: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye SPA

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2012-09-a_gov - Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2012-09-a_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2013/01: North Macedonia: Hydro power development within the territory of the Mavrovo National Park

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2013-01_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

- 2016/05: Albania: Presumed negative impact of developments on the Vjosa river including hydro-power plant and Vlora International Airport

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2016-05_gov](#) - Government Report]

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2016-05_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

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

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2017-02_gov](#) - Government Report]

- 2019/05: Türkiye: Habitat destruction in Mersin Anamur Beach

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2019-05_gov](#) - Government Report]

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2019-05_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

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

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2020-09_gov](#) - Government Report]

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2020-09_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

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

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2022-02_gov](#) - Government Report]

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2022-02_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

- 2022/03: Norway: Wolf culling policy

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2022-03_gov](#) - Government Report]

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2022-03_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

8.2. Possible files

[T-PVS/Notes(2026)8 – Summary of possible and biennial follow-up case files]

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

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2001-04_gov-comp](#) - Joint Report]

- 2016/04: Montenegro: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2016-04_gov](#) - Government Report]

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2016-04_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

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

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2020-04_gov](#) - Government Report]

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2020-04_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

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

[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2022-06_gov](#) - Government Report]

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2022-06_comp\]](#) - Complainant Report]

- 2022/07: Bosnia and Herzegovina: Possible negative impact of mining activities in Trstionica – Gornja Bukovica and Vareš

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2022-07_comp\]](#) - Complainant Report]

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2022-07_gov\]](#) - Government Report]

- 2023/03: Switzerland: New wolf culling policy

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2023-03_gov\]](#) - Government Report]

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2023-03_comp\]](#) - Complainant Report]

8.3. Biennial follow-up

[T-PVS/Notes(2026)8 – Summary of possible and biennial follow-up case files]

- France: Recommendation No. 68 (1998) on the protection of the common Hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in Alsace (France)
- Bulgaria: Recommendation No. 200 (2018) on the windfarms planned near Balchik and Kaliakra, and other wind farm developments on the Via Pontica route (Bulgaria)

8.4. Complaints on stand-by

[T-PVS/Notes(2026)9– Summary of complaints on stand-by]

- 2012/09(b): Türkiye: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Patara SPA

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2012-09-b_gov\]](#) - Government Report]

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2012-09-b_comp\]](#) - Complainant Report]

- 2023/01: Albania: Alleged habitat destruction due to the construction of the Skavica Hydropower Plant on the Drin River

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2023-01_gov\]](#) - Government Report]

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2023-01_comp\]](#) - Complainant Report]

- 2024/01: France: Alleged insufficient protection of the Hermann's tortoise (*Testudo Hermannii*)

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2024-01_gov\]](#) - Government Report]

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2024-01_comp\]](#) - Complainant Report]

- 2024/02: Ukraine: Deforestation in an Emerald Network site (UA0000338) in Kyiv Region

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2025\)2024-02_gov\]](#) - Government Report]

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2025\)2024-02_comp\]](#) - Complainant Report]

8.5. New (pending) complaints

[T-PVS/Notes(2026)10– Summary of new & new (pending) complaints]

- 2024/05: Bosnia and Herzegovina: Alleged threat to habitat and protected species from the 'Upper Horizons' Hydropower Project

[\[Complaint form\]](#)

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2024-05_comp\]](#) - Complainant Report]

[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2024-05_gov\]](#) - Government Report]

- 2025/01: Serbia: Alleged threat to habitat and protected species by the construction of the Gradina S4 hydropower plant on the Studenica River

[Complaint form]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2025\)2025-01_gov](#) - Government Report]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2025\)2025-01_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

- 2025/02: France: Alleged damage to the protected species present and their habitats in the context of the project to reopen navigation on the Rhône-Rhine canal

[Complaint form]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2025-02_gov](#) - Government Report]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2025-02_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

8.6. New complaints

[T-PVS/Notes(2026)10– Summary of new & new (pending)
complaints]

- 2024/04: European Union: Alleged threat to protected bird species due to drying of settling lagoons in Mia Millia/Haspolat (Cyprus)

[Complaint form]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2024-04_gov](#) - Respondent Report]

- 2025/03: Ukraine: Alleged destruction of aquatic habitats and fish in the Emerald Network site - Skhidnyi Svydovets - UA0000259 due to the construction of hydropower plants in the Teresva River basin

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2025-03_gov - Respondent Report]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2025-03_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

- 2025/04: Ukraine: Alleged habitat destruction in the Osokorky Meadows Reserve due to proposed transportation network constructions

[Complaint form]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2025-04_gov](#) - Respondent Report]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2025-04_comp](#) - Complainant Report]

- 2026/01: Türkiye: Nuclear Power Plant Threat to Strandzha/Longoz Ecosystems

[Complaint form]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2026-01_gov](#) - Respondent Report]

- 2026/02: Czech Republic: Large-scale industrial development in the Sokolov region of the Czech Republic

[Complaint form]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2026-02_gov](#) - Respondent Report]

- 2026/03: France: Alleged negative impact on birds of a very high-voltage power line Jonquières - Fos sur Mer

[Complaint form]
[\[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2026-03_gov](#) - Respondent Report]

- 2026/04: Bulgaria: Alleged threat to the critical habitats of endangered vultures due to the gold mining concession "Rozino"

[Complaint form]
[[T-PVS/Files\(2026\)2026-04_gov](#) - Respondent Report]

- 2026/05: Ukraine: Building windfarms in Ukrainian Carpathians

[Complaint form]

- 2026/06: Croatia: Planned Radioactive Waste Management Centre at the Čerkezovac site on Trgovska Gora

[Complaint form]

- 2026/07: Romania: Presumed threat to the Brown Bear population in Romania

[Complaint form]

8.7. New complaint forms received

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Dates of the Standing Committee meeting and possible calendar for 2027

9.2 Requests for Observer status under the Bern Convention