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T-PVS/Agenda(2024)13rev

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

44th meeting
Strasbourg, 2-6 December 2024
Strasbourg

Opening of the meeting: 2.00pm CET on Monday 2 December 2024¹

Close of the meeting: 12.30pm CET on Friday 6 December 2024

DRAFT AGENDA

PART I – OPENING

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- 2. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DELEGATIONS AND 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**
 - 2.1.1. Creation of the Department on the Reykjavík process and the environment / Directorate of social rights, health and environment*
 - 2.1.2. Involvement of the Bern Convention in the Reykjavík process*
 - 2.1.3. Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group on the Environment (GME)*

[GME(2024)1 – Terms of Reference of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group on the Environment (GME)]
[GME(2024)AR1 – Abridged report of the 1st meeting of the GME]

¹ Draft plan for the discussion of the agenda is available at the end of this document. Meeting documents shall be available one month before the meeting at this link: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/bern-convention/-/44th-standing-committee>

3. FINANCING AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION

3.1. Financing of the Bern Convention

*[T-PVS(2024)13 – Report of the 7th meeting of the ad hoc Drafting group of an Amending Protocol]
[T-PVS(2024)10 - Fourth draft Protocol amending the Bern Convention]
[T-PVS/Inf(2024)19- The Bern Convention financial situation]*

3.2. Voluntary contributions received in 2024: state of play

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

3.3. Vision and Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030

*[T-PVS(2024)02 – Report of the 1st meeting of the Working Group overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan]
[T-PVS(2024)08 – Report of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan]
[T-PVS(2024)12 - Operationalising the Strategic Plan's indicators – next steps]
[T-PVS(2024)14 – Compilation of the national voluntary updates on the Strategic Plan implementation]*

PART II – MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL ASPECTS

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

4.1. Biennial reports 2021-2022 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8

4.2. Proposal for amendment: Downlisting of the wolf (*Canis lupus*) from Appendix II to Appendix III of the Convention

*[T-PVS/Inf(2024)15 – Proposal by the European Union to amend Appendices II and III of the Bern Convention of the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats by moving the wolf (*Canis lupus*) from Appendix II to Appendix III]
[The Bern Convention and the protection of the wolf - FAQ]*

PART III – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

5. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

5.1. Conservation of Birds & IKB

5.2. Action Plan for the Eradication of the Ruddy Duck

5.3. Conservation of Large Carnivores

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

*[T-PVS(2024)07 - Draft recommendation on the assessment of the habitat of sturgeons / on sturgeon population monitoring / on ex situ conservation measures for sturgeons]
[T-PVS(2024)16 - Technical guideline on habitat assessment; T-PVS(2024)17 - Technical guideline on population monitoring; T-PVS(2024)18 - Technical guideline on ex-situ conservation measures]
[T-PVS(2024)05 – Report of the second meeting of the National Focal Points for the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons]*

5.5. Amphibians and Reptiles and Invasive Alien Species (IAS)

5.6. Conservation of Habitats

5.6.1. Emerald Network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest

[T-PVS/PA(2024)09 - meeting report of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks]

a) Legal framework of the Emerald Network

[T-PVS/PA(2024)11 - Draft recommendation on the further clarification of the obligations of Contracting Parties regarding the conservation of Emerald Network sites]

b) Targets of the post-2020 Emerald Network Strategic Workplan

[T-PVS/PA(2024)05 - Revisited targets for the Emerald Network for the period to 2030]

c) Proposed revision of the Emerald Network Standard Data Form (SDF)

[T-PVS/PA(2024)20 – Implications of and options for revising the Emerald Network Standard Data Form]

d) Draft updated list of adopted Emerald Network sites and draft updated list of candidate Emerald Network sites

[T-PVS/PA(2024)18 – Draft updated list of Emerald Network candidate sites]

[T-PVS/PA(2024)19 – Draft updated list of Emerald Network adopted sites]

5.6.2. European Diploma for Protected Area

[T-PVS/DE(2024)12 – Report of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas]

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

[T-PVS/PA(2024)10 – Report of the 5th meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on Reporting]

[T-PVS/PA(2024)17 – Report of the 6th meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on Reporting]

[T-PVS/PA(2024)14 – Reporting format]

[T-PVS/PA(2024)15 rev Checklists of Species and Habitats]

[T-PVS/PA(2024)12 rev – List of Invasive Alien Species]

[T-PVS/PA(2024)13 – Reporting guidelines – Explanatory notes]

[T-PVS/PA(2024)16 – Reporting guidelines – Concepts and definitions]

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

6. SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

6.1. Open Files

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

[T-PVS/Files(2024)50– Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)51– Complainant Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)80– Archelon NGO Report]

- 1995/06: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula

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

[T-PVS/Files(2024)48– Complainant Report]

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

[T-PVS/Files(2024)46– Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)47– Complainant Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)81– Archelon NGO Report]

- 2012/09: Türkiye: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs

[T-PVS/Files(2024)69– Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)49– Complainant Report]

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

[T-PVS/Files(2024)62– Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)61– Complainant Report]

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

[T-PVS/Files(2024)55– Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)75– Complainant Report]

- 2016/05: Albania: Presumed negative impact of developments on the Vjosa river including hydro-power plant development 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)09– Government Report]

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

- 2019/05: Türkiye: Habitat destruction in Mersin Anamur Beach - *on-the-spot appraisal (OSA)*

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

[T-PVS/Files(2024)06– Complainant Report]

[T-PVS/Inf(2024)13– Report of the on-the-spot appraisal]

[T-PVS(2024)15 - Draft Recommendation on the Mersin Anamur Beach]

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

[T-PVS/Files(2024)07– 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)67– Government Report]

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

- 2022/03: Norway: Wolf culling policy

[T-PVS/Files(2024)41– Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)63– 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]

- 2023/03: Switzerland: New wolf culling policy

[T-PVS/Files(2024)68– Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)70– Complainant Report]

6.3. Complaint on stand-by

- 2021/07: Serbia: Alleged threat to fauna species and protected sites due to the proposed construction of a lithium mine in the Jadar River Valley

[T-PVS/Files(2024)57– Government Report]

[T-PVS/Files(2024)54– Complainant Report]

6.4. Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations

- Recommendation No. 169 (2013) on the Rhone streber (Zingel asper) in the Doubs (France) and in the canton of Jura (Switzerland) in the framework of a case-file on stand-by 2011/05: France / Switzerland

T-PVS/Files(2024)79 – French Government Report

T-PVS/Files(2024)76 – Swiss Government Report

T-PVS/Files(2024)77 - Complainant Report

PART V – COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMME OF WORK 2025

7. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION WITH OTHER MEAs AND ORGANISATIONS

8. PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

[T-PVS(2024)09 – Draft Programme of activities and budget 2025 - 2026]

9. STATES TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO THE 45TH MEETING

PART VI – OTHER ITEMS

10. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND BUREAU MEMBERS

11. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 45TH MEETING

12. ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

13. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

DRAFT PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA²

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