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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Group of Experts on the Conservation of Amphibians and  
Reptiles**

28 September 2021  
(Virtual meeting, opening: 13:30 CEST)

**DRAFT AGENDA**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS</b>
13:30	<b>1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIR AND TOUR THE TABLE</b>  Opening remarks by Mr Benedikt Schmidt, Chair of the Group of Experts and tour de table	
13:55	<b>2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b>	<i>Meeting Agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2021)14</i>  <i>Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting T-PVS(2017)28E</i> ----- Participants are informed of the objectives of the meeting. The meeting agenda is adopted.
14:00	<b>3. REPORTS BY PARTIES ON NATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES ON THE CONSERVATION OF AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES</b>  Representatives of Contracting Parties and Observers to the Bern Convention are invited to present on actions and initiatives at national level on herpetofaunal conservation (max. 3 minutes each)	----- Participants are informed of recent initiatives and actions implemented at national level on the conservation of amphibians and reptiles.
14:40	<b>4. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF THE BATRACHOCHYTRIUM SALAMANDRIVORANS CHYTRID FUNGUS (BSal)</b>	----- Participants are given an update on newest research on the BSal.

	<p>4.1. RESEARCH ON THE BATRACHOCHYTRIUM SALAMANDRIVORANS CHYTRID FUNGUS</p> <p>Presentation by Prof An Martel and Prof Frank Pasmans, Ghent University</p>	
15: 05	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>	
15:15	<p><b>4 PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF THE BATRACHOCHYTRIUM SALAMANDRIVORANS CHYTRID FUNGUS (BSal)</b></p> <p>4.2 MANAGEMENT OF THE BATRACHOCHYTRIUM SALAMANDRIVORANS CHYTRID FUNGUS</p> <p>Presentation by Dr Stefano Canessa, Institute of Ecology and Evolution, Bern University</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>Participants are given an update on management options for the BSaI.</p>
15:40	<p><b>4 PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF THE BATRACHOCHYTRIUM SALAMANDRIVORANS CHYTRID FUNGUS (BSal)</b></p> <p>4.3 ANALYSIS OF PARTIES' REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATION NO. 176 (2015)</p> <p>Presentation of an analysis of measures put in place at national level in response to Recommendation No. 176 (2015) of the Standing Committee.</p> <p>Members of the Group of Experts share their comments and exchange views on ways to address any gaps and insufficiencies in the implementation of the Recommendation.</p>	<p><i>T-PVS/Inf(2021)34</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Participants are informed of the measures put in place at national level by Parties to control the spread of the BSaI.</p> <p>The Group of Experts is expected to advise the Standing Committee on ways to address any gaps and insufficiencies in the implementation of the Recommendation.</p>
16:10	<p><b>5. THE IMPACT OF RUN-OF-RIVER SMALL HYDROPOWER PLANTS ON BIODIVERSITY IN THE BALKANS</b></p> <p>Presentation by Ms Jelka Crnobrnja Isailović, University of Niš &amp; Senior Scientist at University of Belgrade</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>Participants are informed of the impact of run-of-river small hydropowerplants on biodiversity, with a particular view on amphibians and reptiles, in the Balkans</p>
16:35	<p><b>6. PROPOSALS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO THE BERN CONVENTION: WORK AHEAD</b></p> <p>Discussion on possible new areas of focus for the future work of the Group of Experts</p>	<p>The Group of Experts agrees on issues to be dealt with by the Group of Experts in the future.</p>
16:50	<b>7. NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS</b>	Date and venue for the next meeting of the Group of Experts, in 2023, is agreed on.
16:55	<b>8. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR</b>	The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Group are elected
17:00	<b>9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
17:15	<b>10. CLOSING OF THE MEETING</b>	