Strasbourg, 26 November 2026 **T-PVS/Agenda(2026)15**

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

46th meeting
Strasbourg, 7-11 December 2026
Strasbourg

Opening of the meeting: 2:00 PM (CET) on Monday 7 December 2026[1]
Close of the meeting: 2:00 PM (CET) on Friday 11 December 2026

DRAFT AGENDA

PART I – OPENING

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES AND FROM THE SECRETARIAT

[T-PVS(2026)04 – Report of the Spring Bureau meeting]
[T-PVS(2026)05 – Report of the extraordinary Bureau meeting]
[T-PVS(2026)06 – Report of the Summer Bureau meeting]
[T-PVS(2026)09_rev (update on 19.11.2026) – Report of the Autumn Bureau meeting]

2.1. Reykjavík process and the environment

[CDENV(2026)1 – Terms of reference of the Steering Committee on the Environment (CDENV)]
[CDENV(2026)AR1 – Abridged report of the 1st meeting of the CDENV]
[CDENV(2026)AR2 – Abridged report of the 2nd meeting of the CDENV]
[Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment]
[Action Plan related to the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment]

2.2. Participation of the Council of Europe in the COP 17 (Yerevan, Armenia, October 2026) and in the COP 31 (Antalya, Türkiye, November 2026)

[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/-/46th-standing-committee

3. FINANCING AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION

3.1. Revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee

[T-PVS/Inf(2026)16_rev – Draft revised Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)18_rev – Explanatory table proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee]

3.2. Ways ahead with the Bern Convention complaint system

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

[T-PVS/Inf(2026)35_rev - Terms of Reference Working Group on exploring mechanisms to guide amendments to the appendices of the Bern Convention]
[T-PVS(2026)08- Report of the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on exploring mechanisms to guide amendments to the appendices of the Bern Convention]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)17_rev – Briefing note – Criteria and procedures for amending Appendices to the Bern Convention]

3.4. Financing of the Bern Convention

3.4.1. Voluntary contributions received in 2026: state of play

[T-PVS/Inf(2026)31 - Table of the voluntary contributions received]

3.4.2. Working Group on exploring sustainable financing options for the Bern Convention

3.5. Working Group on overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan

[T-PVS(2026)01 – Report of the 4th meeting of the Working Group overseeing the implementation of the Bern Convention Strategic Plan to 2030]
[T-PVS(2026)10 – Report of the 16th meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks (GoEPAEN) jointly with the 5th meeting of the Working Group on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan]
[T-PVS(2026)19 - Report on voluntary national updates on implementation of the Strategic Plan]

3.6. Convention on the protection of the environment through criminal law: exchange of views

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

3.7. World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH): exchange of views

PART II – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

4.1. Conservation of Large Carnivores

[T-PVS(2026)03 (update on 26.11.2026) – Report of the meeting of the Group of Experts on Large Carnivores]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)24 - Report on wolf protection status overview]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)27 - Draft Carpathian lynx conservation strategy]

4.2. Conservation of Birds & IKB

[T-PVS/Inf(2026)14 - Mid-term assessment Rome Strategic Plan]

[T-PVS/Inf(2026)20 - Report on motivations behind IKB]

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

4.4. 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(2026)15 - Report of the meeting of the Group on the Action Plan for the
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)33 - Eradication of the Ruddy Duck (Oxyura jamaicensis) in the Western Palaearctic: 2026 progress report on implementation of the 2021-2025 action plan]
[T-PVS(2026)17 – Draft Recommendation - New Ruddy Duck Action Plan 2027-2031]

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

[T-PVS/Inf(2018)06 - Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons]
[T-PVS/Agenda(2026)16 - Agenda of the third meeting of the National Focal Points for the PANEUAP]
[T-TVS(2026)14 - Report of the 3rd Meeting of the National Focal Points for the PANEUAP]

4.6. Conservation of Habitats

4.6.1 Emerald Network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest

[T-PVS(2026)10– Report of the 16th meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks (GoEPAEN) jointly with the 5th meeting of the Working Group on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan]

a) Emerald Network updated Standard Data Form guidelines

[T-PVS/Inf(2026)19 - Draft Updated Standard Data Form guidelines]

b) Procedure for assessing proposed ASCIs at biogeographical level and approving Emerald sites

[T-PVS/PA(2026)03 - Procedure for assessing proposed Areas of Special Conservation Interest (ASCIs) at biogeographical level and process for approving Emerald Sites]

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

[T-PVS/PA(2026)01_rev (update on 20.11.2026) – Draft updated list of Emerald Network candidate sites]
[T-PVS/PA(2026)02 – Draft updated list of Emerald Network adopted sites]

d) Update on the support provided to Contracting Parties to ensure updated databased are submitted to the Bern Convention – TAEIX workshop (Skopje – 17-19 November 2026)

[T-PVS/PA(2026)05 (update on 16.11.2026) - Transitioning from the Emerald Network to the Natura 2000 Network – Outlining the process for EU candidate countries]

4.6.2 European Diploma for Protected Area (EDPA)

a) Meeting of the Group of Specialists on the EDPA

[T-PVS/DE(2026)03 –Report of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas]

b) Visits to EDPA sites

[T-PVS/DE(2026)04 - List of the 2026 on-the-spot appraisal visits]
[T-PVS/DE(2026)05– List of areas which could benefit from an on-the-spot appraisal in 2027]

PART III – MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL ASPECTS

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

5.1. Biennial reports 2023-2024 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8: state of play and new Online Reporting System

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

[T-PVS Inf(2025)43 - Terms of Reference Working Group on Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)]
[T-PVS(2026)07 – Report on the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Reporting under Resolution No.8 (2012)]

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(2026)1986-08_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2026)1986-08_comp - Complainant Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2026)1986-08_ngo - Archelon NGO 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]
[T-PVS/Files(2026)2010-05_ngo - Archelon NGO Report]

- 1995/06: Cyprus: 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 Kazanli

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2000-01_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2026)2000-01_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 Mavrovo National Park

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2013-01_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2026) 2013-01_comp - Complainant Report]

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

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2017-02_gov - Goverment Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2026)2017-02_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]

- 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-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]

6.2. Possible Files

- 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]

- 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]

- 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]
[T-PVS/Inf(2026)34_rev (update on 12.11.2026) - Draft Report OSA visit]
[T-PVS(2026)20 (update on 10.11.2026) - Draft Recommendation on the Possible negative impact of mining activities in Bosilegrad and in the Homolje Mt region]

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

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2022-07_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2026)2022-07_comp - Complainant 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]

6.3. Complaints on stand-by

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

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2024-05_gov – Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2026)2024-05_comp – Complainant Report]

- 2011/05: Switzerland: Threats to the Rhone streber (Zingel asper) in the Doubs (France) and in the cantons of Jura and Neuchâtel (Switzerland)

[T-PVS/Files(2026)2011-05_gov – Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2026)2011-05_comp – Complainant report]

6.4. Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations

- Bulgaria: Recommendation No. 200 (2018) on the windfarms planned near Balchik and Kaliakra, and other wind farm developments on the Via Pontica route

[T-PVS/Files(2026) Rec.200(2018)_gov_comp – Government- Complainant Joint Report]

- France: Recommendation No. 68 (1998) on the protection of the common Hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in Alsace (France)

[T-PVS/Files(2026)Rec.68 (1998)_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2026)Rec.68 (1998)_comp - Complainant Report]

PART V – COOPERATION AND PROGRAMME OF WORK 2026

7. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION WITH OTHER MEAS AND ORGANISATIONS

8. PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2027

[T-PVS(2026)18 – Draft Programme of activities and budget 2027]

9. STATES TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO THE 47TH MEETING

PART VI – OTHER ITEMS

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

11. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 47TH MEETING

12. ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

13. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

TENTATIVE ORDER OF BUSINESS[2]

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[2] Time slots are indicative only- certain agenda items may be reshuffled during the meeting when necessary.

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Wednesday, 9 December 2026	
6.2 Possible files ➢ 2022/06: Serbia: Possible negative impact of mining activities in Bosilegrad and in the Homolje Mt region; On-the-spot appraisal (OSA) ➢ 2020/04: Armenia: The Amulsar gold mine project and its impacts on Emerald Network sites ➢ 2023/03: Switzerland: New wolf culling policy ***Coffee break*** ➢ 2016/04: Montenegro: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site ➢ 2022/07: Bosnia and Herzegovina: Possible negative impact of mining activities in Trstionica – Gornja Bukovica and Vareš **6.3 Complaints on stand-by** ➢ 2024/05: Bosnia and Herzegovina: Alleged threat to habitat and protected species from the 'Upper Horizons' Hydropower Project	**4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS** **4.1 Conservation of Large Carnivores** **4.6 Conservation of Habitats** ***Coffee break*** **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** **6.3 Complaints on stand-by** ➢ 2011/05: Switzerland: Threats to the Rhone streber (Zingel asper) in the Doubs (France) and in the cantons of Jura and Neuchâtel (Switzerland)

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Thursday, 10 December 2026	
3.6 Convention on the protection of the environment through criminal law: exchange of views **3.7 Exchange of views with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) - online** **6.4. Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations** ➢ Bulgaria: Recommendation No. 200 (2018) on the windfarms planned near Balchik and Kaliakra, and other wind farm developments on the Via Pontica route (Bulgaria) ➢ France: Recommendation No. 68 (1998) on the protection of the common Hamster (Cricetus cricetus) in Alsace (France) ***Coffee break*** **4.2 Conservation of Birds & IKB** **4.3 Amphibians, Reptiles and Invasive Alien Species (IAS)** **4.4 Action Plan for the Eradication of the Ruddy Duck** **4.5 Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of Sturgeons**	*Possible continuation of unfinished business*
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