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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
AND NATURAL HABITATS

## **Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks**

12<sup>th</sup> meeting  
5 - 6 October 2021  
(virtual meeting)

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

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		Documents	Expected results
<b>Tuesday 5 October</b>			
<b>14.00</b>	<b>1. Opening of the meeting</b>		
	<b>2. Adoption of the agenda</b>	Meeting agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2021)15  <b>For adoption</b>	Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the aims of the meeting and adopt the agenda.
	<b>3. Mandate of the Group and decisions of the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention</b>  <i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i>	Report of the 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks <a href="#">T-PVS/PA (2020)08</a>  Extract from the list of decisions and adopted texts on the protection of habitats <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2021)03</a>  <b>For information</b>	The salient points of the 40 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention are recalled.
	<b>4. Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)</b>		
	4.a Questionnaire on the reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)  <i>Presentation by Otars Opermanis / Marc Roekaerts</i>  <i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of outcomes of the survey carried out among Contracting Parties to understand the challenges they</i>	Opinions about the reporting under the Resolution No. 8 (2012): assessment of the past reporting exercise and pointers for the future <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2021)04</a>	Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on the follow up to be given to the conclusions of the survey.

	<p><i>faced during the reporting, the obstacles to their participation in the reporting and their expectations for the future reporting cycle and are invited to exchange views on possible follow up work.</i></p>	<p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	
	<p>4.b National summary dashboards</p> <p><i>Presentation by Marc Roekaerts / Otars Opermanis</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the state of development of the national summary dashboards.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Link to the Habitats Directive (Article 17) national summary dashboards</a></p> <p><b>For information</b></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the development of the national summary dashboards.</p>
	<p><b>5. Development of the Emerald Network guidance and tools</b></p>		
	<p>5.a Legal framework of the Emerald Network</p> <p><i>Presentation by Arie Trouwborst</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the outcomes of the consultation of Contracting Parties on the conclusions of the 2020 legal analysis and of possible next steps and are invited to exchange views on possible follow up work</i></p>	<p>Future work on the legal framework of the Emerald Network – possible next steps  <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2021)01</a></p> <p>Outcomes of the consultation of Contracting Parties on how to follow up on the conclusions of the 2020 legal analysis  <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2021)02</a></p> <p>Obligations of Bern Convention parties regarding the conservation of candidate and adopted Emerald Network sites: a legal analysis  <a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2020)07</a></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts provide pointers for building on the 2020 legal analysis and agree on the next steps.</p>

		<b>For discussion and decision</b>	
	<p>5.b Criteria for assessing negative changes in Emerald Network databases</p> <p><i>Presentation by Otars Opermanis</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the state of play of the reflection on the criteria considered for the assessment of negative changes in Emerald Network databases.</i></p>	<p>Criteria for the assessment of changes in the Emerald Network databases</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2021)05</a></p> <p><b>For information</b></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the state of art of the reflection on the criteria for the assessment of negative changes in Emerald Network databases.</p>
	<p>5.c Emerald Network Barometer</p> <p><i>Presentation by Marc Roekaerts / Otars Opermanis</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the state of development of the Emerald Network Barometer assessing progress of Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Emerald Network.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Link to the Natura 2000 Barometer</a></p> <p>Monitoring framework for the implementation of the Emerald Network</p> <p><a href="#">T-PVS/PA(2020)02</a></p> <p><b>For information</b></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the development of the Emerald Network Barometer.</p>
	<p>5.d Emerald Network tools</p> <p><i>Presentation by Marc Roekaerts</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the further development of the Emerald Network Webapp and Viewer.</i></p>	<p><b>For information</b></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the development of the Emerald Network tools.</p>

	<p><b>6. State of play of the Emerald Network and future perspectives</b></p>		
	<p>6.a Emerald Network data mobilisation in the Western Balkans</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mette Palitzsch Lund European Environment Agency</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the scope and objectives of the IPA project on Emerald Network data mobilisation in the Western Balkans implemented by the European Environment Agency.</i></p>	<p><b>For information</b></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the scope and objectives of the project on Emerald Network data mobilisation in the Western Balkans.</p>
	<p>6.b Progress in the implementation of the Emerald Network in Belarus</p> <p><i>Presentation by Alexandra Bayeva Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Belarus</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the outcomes of the project implemented within the frame of the Council of Europe country specific action plan in 2020</i></p>	<p><b>For information</b></p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the development of the Emerald Network in Belarus.</p>
	<p>6.c Biogeographical evaluation of the list of sites proposed by Georgia</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p>		<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the planned biogeographical evaluation of the list of sites proposed by Georgia</p>

	<p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the preparation of the biogeographical evaluation of the list of sites proposed by Georgia.</i></p>	<p><b>For information</b></p>	
	<p>6.d Nomination of Emerald Network sites</p> <p><i>Reminder by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Representatives of the Contracting Parties and Observer states are invited to confirm that all newly proposed sites from their latest national databases are to be sent for official nomination as candidate sites to the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention.</i></p> <p><i>Representatives of the Contracting Parties and Observer states are invited to inform the Secretariat whether their country is submitting its candidate Emerald Network sites for official adoption as Emerald Network sites by the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention.</i></p>	<p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Countries may request the official nomination of their newly proposed Emerald Network sites as candidate Emerald Network sites by the Standing Committee.</p> <p>Countries may request the official adoption as Emerald Network sites (ASCI) of their candidate sites by the Standing Committee.</p>
	<p><b>7. Future work of the Group of Experts</b></p>		
	<p>7.a Programme of activities 2022</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are invited to propose and discuss new activities in 2022</i></p>	<p><b>For discussion and decision</b></p>	<p>Priority activities are identified and will feed into the Programme of activity 2022 of the Bern Convention (subject to the availability of financial and human resources)</p>
	<p>7.b Date and place of the next meeting of the Group of Experts</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p>		<p>The provisional venue and dates of the next meeting are agreed on.</p>

	<i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts wishing to host the next meeting of the Group of Experts are invited to inform the Secretariat.</i>	<b>For decision</b>	
	<b>8. Any other business</b>		
	<b>9. Conclusions of the meeting</b>		
<b>17.00</b>	<b>Wednesday 6 October</b> <b>End of the meeting</b>		