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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

43rd meeting

Strasbourg, 27 November - 1 December 2023

Strasbourg

Opening of the meeting: 2.00 pm CET on Monday, 27th November 2023¹

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. Notification of denunciation by Belarus of the Bern Convention**
 - 2.2. Reykjavik Summit and Council of Europe's work on biodiversity**
- 3. FINANCING AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION**
 - 3.1. Financing of the Bern Convention**
 - 3.1.1. State of elaboration of the Protocol amending the Bern Convention*
 - 3.1.2. Procedure which led to the drafting of the Protocol*
 - 3.1.3. Procedure to be followed for the adoption of the Protocol*
 - 3.1.4. Next steps*
 - 3.2. Vision and Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030 and contribution to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework**

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/-/43rd-standing-committee-meeting>

3.3. Case-file reflection: Assessment of incoming complaints**3.4. Rules of Procedure - Possible future modifications****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****PART III – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS****5. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS****5.1. Conservation of Birds & IKB****5.2. Amphibians and Reptiles: Group of Experts meeting & Conservation of Marine Turtles****5.3. Action Plan for the Eradication of the Ruddy Duck****5.4. Conservation of Large Carnivores****5.5. Conservation of Habitats:**

5.5.1. Emerald Network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest

5.5.2. European Diploma for Protected Areas

5.6. Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) on the conservation status of species and habitats**PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS****6. SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS****6.1. Open Files**

- 2017/2: North Macedonia: Alleged negative impacts to Lake Ohrid and Galichica National Park candidate Emerald Sites due to infrastructure developments - *on-the-spot appraisal*
- 2013/1: North Macedonia: Hydro power development within the territory of the Mavrovo National Park
- 2016/4: Montenegro: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site
- 2016/5: Albania: Presumed negative impact of developments on the Vjosa river including hydro-power plant development and Vlora International Airport – *written procedure*
- 2020/9: Bosnia and Herzegovina: Possible negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Neretva River
- 1995/6: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
- 2010/5: Greece: Threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias
- 2012/9: Türkiye: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs
- 1986/8: Greece: Recommendation No. 9 (1987) on the protection of *Caretta Caretta* in Laganas bay, Zakynthos
- 2019/5: Türkiye: Habitat destruction in Mersin Anamur Beach

6.2. Possible Files

- 2001/4: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge
- 2020/4: Armenia: The Amulsar gold mine project and its impacts on Emerald Network sites

6.3. Follow-up of Recommendations

- [Recommendation No. 95 \(2002\)](#) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanlı beach, Türkiye
- [Recommendation No.190 \(2016\)](#) on the conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, especially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland

PART V – COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMME OF WORK 2024

- 7. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION WITH OTHER MEAS AND ORGANISATIONS**
- 8. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2024**
- 9. STATES TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO THE 44TH MEETING**

PART VI – OTHER ITEMS

- 10. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND BUREAU MEMBERS**
- 11. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 44TH MEETING**
- 12. ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING**
- 13. CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

DRAFT PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA²

MORNINGS 9.00 am - 12.30 pm (CET)	AFTERNOONS 2.00 pm – 5.30 pm (CET)
MONDAY 27th November	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OPENING AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA 2. REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON & COMMUNICATIONS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Notification of denunciation by Belarus of the Bern Convention 2.2 Reykjavík Summit and Council of Europe’s work on biodiversity 3. FINANCING AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Financing of the Bern Convention <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1.1 <i>State of elaboration of the Protocol amending the Bern Convention</i> 3.1.2 <i>Procedure which led to the drafting of the Protocol</i> 3.1.3 <i>Procedure to be followed for the adoption of the Protocol</i> 3.1.4 <i>Next steps</i> 3.3 Case-file reflection: Assessment of incoming complaints 3.4 Rules of Procedure: Possible future modifications
TUESDAY 28th November	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.2 Vision and Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention 4. MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Biennial reports 2021/2022 5. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 Conservation of Birds & IKB 5.2 Amphibians and Reptiles: Group of Experts & Conservation of Marine Turtles 5.3 Action Plan for the Eradication of the Ruddy Duck 5.4 Conservation of Large Carnivores 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5.5 Conservation of Habitats <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5.5.1 <i>Emerald Network of ASCIs</i> 5.5.2 <i>European Diploma for Protected Areas</i> 5.6 Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) on the conservation status of species and habitats 6. SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Open Files <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2017/2: North Macedonia: Alleged negative impacts to Lake Ohrid and Galichica National Park candidate Emerald Sites due to infrastructure developments - OSA ➤ 2013/1: North Macedonia: Hydro power development within the territory of the Mavrovo National Park

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

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WEDNESDAY 29th November	
<p>6.1 Open Files (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2016/4: Montenegro: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site ➤ 2016/5: Albania: Presumed negative impact of developments on the Vjosa river including hydro-power plant development and Vlora International Airport – <i>written procedure</i> ➤ 2020/9: Bosnia and Herzegovina: Possible negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Neretva river ➤ 1995/6: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula ➤ 2010/5: Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias 	<p>Open Files (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2012/9: Türkiye: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs ➤ 1986/8: Greece: Recommendation No. 9 (1987) on the protection of <i>Caretta Caretta</i> in Laganas bay, Zakynthos ➤ 2019/5: Türkiye: Habitat destruction in Mersin Anamur Beach <p>6.2 Possible files</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2001/4: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge ➤ 2020/4: Armenia: The Amulsar gold mine project and its impacts on Emerald Network sites
THURSDAY 30th November	
<p>6.3 Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recommendation No. 95 (2002) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanlı beach, Türkiye ➤ Recommendation No.190 (2016) on the conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, especially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland <p>7. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION WITH OTHER MEAS AND ORGANISATIONS</p> <p>8. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2024</p> <p>9. STATES TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO THE 44TH MEETING</p>	<p><i>Possible continuation of unfinished business</i></p>
FRIDAY 1st December	
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