

**Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1
on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 February 2008
at the 1018th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)¹*

Appendix 5: Model plan for annual reports

Annual report for the year 2018

State: Czech Republic

Name of the area: Karlštejn National Nature Reserve

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas:
6 years since renewal (2010)

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¹ As amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2014)2 on 2 July 2014 at the 1204th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies.
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1. Conditions: List here all conditions which were attached to the award or the renewal of the European Diploma. Explain either how the conditions have been totally complied with or detail the progress in complying with the conditions. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

No conditions were attached to the renewal of the European Diploma.

2. Recommendations: List here all recommendations which were attached to the award or the renewal of the European Diploma. Explain either how the recommendations have been totally complied with or detail the progress in complying with the recommendations. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

1. Continue the restoration of non-forested areas of forest steppes and xerophilous calcareous grasslands through appropriate management; make funding available to conclude contractual agreements with the goatherds and/or shepherds in order to guarantee grazing, and thereby maintenance, in the long term;

Goat and sheep grazing management, shrub and tree removal on dry calcareous grasslands and forest steppe localities continued on enlarged area compared to previous years (45 hectares of conservation grazing and 3.4 hectares of shrub removal). In addition, grazing of 8 hectares is funded from agri-environmental schemes. The obstacle for long term contracts is that financial funding is always announced only for the current year.

2. Continue the restoration of the broad-leaved forests by gradually eliminating conifer plantations; in the interests of allowing natural regeneration, avoid reintroducing non-native game species such as mouflon or fallow deer;

Removal of non-native conifer tree species (Norway spruce, black pine and European larch) on 4.3 hectares and their exchange for broad-leaved species (beech, oak, and lime) has continued. Due to vast bark beetle outbreak the extent of Norway spruce removal is expected to grow in the future. No non-native game species has been introduced.

3. Make it compulsory to draw up land-use plans (spatial development) and explore the possibility of reinforcing the special legal competences of the reserve's staff and other authorities responsible for nature conservation; also stimulate the establishment of regular consultation procedures with relevant local and regional authorities, scientists and NGOs;

All local communities have drawn up land-use plans. The cooperation with big stakeholders and scientific institutions has continued, mainly on enlarging and monitoring of conservation management, such as grazing or experimental coppicing on one hand, or extension of non-intervention area on the other hand. The main partner institutions are Lesy ČR („Forests of the Czech Republic“), Charles University in Prague and Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague.

4. Improve signposting, notably by translating the texts into English, and possibly into German, and by displaying the European Diploma logo on the signs;

New starting panels have been designed for educational trails in Karlštejn National Nature Reserve displaying the European Diploma logo. There are planned to be mounted in 10 locations in 2019.

5. Stimulate the development of high quality visitors' centres and organise environmental education for the wider public; encourage local authorities to disseminate information on the merits of the nature reserve and its position in Europe in appropriate places (such as railway stations, camping sites, municipal halls, museums, etc.);

The project of a visitor centre of about € 3,000,000 is being finalised. A series of negotiations with the communes about visitor policy has been hold. During the year, several educational excursions for the public were organised by the Administration staff.

6. Ensure that the necessary budget and resources are available for the manifold functions and operational tasks of the reserve's staff, including administration, research, surveillance, education and training, as well as habitat management.

In 2018, the budget of the Administration, including the budget for active management of target species and habitats, was provided to a regular extent in accordance with needs and capabilities of the office.

3. Site Management: List here any changes to the European Diploma holding site management, in relation to both terrestrial and aquatic environments (as appropriate), and in relation to staff and finances, since the last annual report was submitted to the Council of Europe. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

Site management has not changed.

4. Boundaries: Give details of any changes to the boundaries of the European Diploma holding site since the last annual report was submitted to the Council of Europe. If there are any changes, please attach an appropriate map to this report. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

No changes took place.