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## **Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas**

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*(virtual meeting)*

### **DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA FOR PROTECTED AREAS**

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MINISTERS' DEPUTIES

Resolutions

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**Resolution CM/ResDip(2021)XX**

**on the extension of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Hautes Fagnes Nature Reserve (Belgium), Ekenäs Archipelago National Park (Tammisaari) (Finland), Seitsemien National Park (Finland), Camargue National Reserve (France), Vanoise National Park (France), Bayerischer Wald National Park (Germany), Siebengebirge Nature Reserve (Germany), Gran Paradiso National Park (Italy), Piatra Craiului National Park (Romania), Kuşçenneti National Park (Turkey), Peak District National Park (United Kingdom)**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on **date** 2021  
at the **XX**<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

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The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.a of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Having regard to Resolution [Res\(65\)6](#) instituting the European Diploma for certain protected landscapes, reserves and natural features, as amended by Resolution [CM/ResDip\(2008\)1](#) on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas;

Having regard to Resolution Res(66)22 on the award of the European Diploma and to Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)9 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Hautes Fagnes Nature Reserve (Belgium) running until 28 March 2021;

Having regard to Resolution Res(96)30 on the award of the European Diploma and to Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)7 on the renewal of European Diploma to the Ekenäs Archipelago National Park (Tammisaari) (Finland) running until 19 June 2021;

Having regard to Resolution Res(96)29 on the award of the European Diploma and to Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)8 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Seitsemien National Park (Finland) running until 19 June 2021;

Having regard to Resolution Res(66)22 on the award the European Diploma and to Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)5 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Camargue National Reserve (France) running until 28 March 2021;

Having regard to Resolution Res(76)14 on the award of the European Diploma to the Vanoise National Park (France), Having regard to Resolution ResDip(2006)9 on the award of the European Diploma to the Gran Paradiso National Park (Italy) and to Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)3 on the renewal of the European Diploma of Protected Areas awarded to the Gran Paradiso National Park (Italy) and the Vanoise National Park (France) running until 18 March 2021;

Having regard to Resolution Res(86)18 on the award of the European Diploma and to Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)4 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Bayerischer Wald National Park (Germany) running until 18 June 2021;

Having regard to Resolution Res(71)21 on the award of the European Diploma and Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)10 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Siebengebirge Nature Reserve (Germany) running until 21 September 2021;

Having regard to Resolution ResDip(2006)10 on the award of the European Diploma and to Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)2 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Piatra Craiului National Park (Romania) running until 27 September 2021;

Having regard to Resolution Res(76)15 on the award of the European Diploma and to Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)6 on the renewal of the European Diploma to Kuşçenneti National Park (Turkey) running until 14 March 2021;

Having regard to Resolution Res(66)22 on the award of the European Diploma and to Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)11 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Peak District National Park (United Kingdom) running until 28 March 2021;

Taking into consideration that in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic led to the postponement or cancelation of the on-the-spot appraisal visits to the above-mentioned Diploma holding areas;

Taking into consideration that in the absence of on-the-spot appraisal visit reports, the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas on 24 February 2021 was not able to assess the extent to which the above-mentioned Diploma holding areas complied with the requirements of the European Diploma for Protected Areas and therefore could not assess whether a renewal of the Diploma should be proposed to the Committee of Ministers ;

Having regard to the proposal of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention to avoid a gap between the expiry of the award of the European Diploma and its possible renewal;

Extends on an exceptional basis the validity and the provisions of:

- Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)9 on the renewal of the European Diploma of Protected Areas awarded to the Hautes Fagnes Nature Reserve (Belgium) until 28 March 2023;
- Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)7 on the renewal of European Diploma to the Ekenäs Archipelago National Park (Tammisaari) (Finland) until 19 June 2023;
- Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)8 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Seitsemien National Park (Finland) until 19 June 2023;
- Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)5 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Camargue National Reserve (France) until 28 March 2023;
- Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)3 on the renewal of the European Diploma of Protected Areas awarded to the Gran Paradiso National Park (Italy) and the Vanoise National Park (France) until 18 March 2023;
- Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)4 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Bayerischer Wald National Park (Germany) until 18 June 2023;
- Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)10 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Siebengebirge Nature Reserve (Germany) until 21 September 2023;
- Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)2 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Piatra Craiului National Park (Romania) until 27 September 2023;
- Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)6 on the renewal of the European Diploma to Kuşçenneti National Park (Turkey) until 14 March 2023;
- Resolution CM/ResDip(2011)11 on the renewal of the European Diploma to the Peak District National Park (United Kingdom) until 28 March 2023.