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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Standing Committee**

40<sup>th</sup> meeting (*virtual*)  
Strasbourg, 30 November - 4 December 2020

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Opening of the meeting: 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 2020 <sup>1</sup>

***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**
- 3. FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION**
  - 3.1 Financing of the Bern Convention**
  - 3.2 Vision for the Bern Convention for the post-2020 decade and contribution to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework**

**PART II – MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL ASPECTS**

- 4. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION**
  - 4.1 Biennial reports 2015-2016 and 2017-2018 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2013 - 2016**
    - 4.1.1 State of play of submissions of biennial reports*
    - 4.1.2 Biennial reports by Contracting Parties which are EU Member States: rules and instructions*

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<sup>1</sup> Plan for the discussion of the agenda is available at the end of this document

### **PART III – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS**

#### **5. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS**

##### **5.1 Invasive Alien Species**

##### **5.2 Conservation of birds: eradication of illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds**

##### **5.3 Eradication of the Ruddy Duck**

##### **5.4 Review of the Plant Conservation Strategy**

##### **5.5 Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons**

##### **5.6 Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Turtles**

##### **5.7 Conservation of habitats:**

5.7.1 *Emerald Network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest*

5.7.2 *European Diploma for Protected Areas*

##### **5.8 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 Files opened**

- 1995/6 - Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
- 2004/2 - Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica
- 2010/5 - Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias
- 2012/9 - Turkey: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs
- 2013/1 - North Macedonia: Hydro power development within the territory of the Mavrovo National Park
- 2016/5 - Albania: Presumed negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Vjosa river
- 2016/4 - Montenegro: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site

##### **6.2 Possible files**

- 2001/4 - Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge
- 2017/1 - Norway: Lack of legal protection for Northern goshawk and birds of prey
- 1986/8 - Greece: Recommendation No. 9 (1987) on the protection of *Caretta Caretta* in Laganas bay, Zakynthos
- 2019/5: Turkey: Habitat destruction in Mersin Anamur Beach

##### **6.3 Complaints on stand-by**

- 2017/6: Iceland: Possible negative impact on Breiðafjörður Nature Reserve's authentic birch woods from new road infrastructure

- 2018/1: Ukraine: Presumed threat to Emerald site “Polonina Borzhava” (UA0000263) from wind energy development (taking into account the “Other Complaints” concerning Emerald Network sites in Ukraine)

#### **6.4 Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations**

- Closed file No. 2011/4: Threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*) in Turkey
- Recommendation No. 169 (2013) on the Rhone streber (*Zingel asper*) in the Doubs (France) and in the canton of Jura (Switzerland) in the framework of a case-file on stand-by 2011/5: France / Switzerland

### **PART V – COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMME OF WORK 2021**

- 7. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION WITH OTHER MEAS AND ORGANISATIONS**
- 8. AWARENESS AND VISIBILITY**
- 9. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2021**
- 10. STATES TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO THE 41<sup>ST</sup> MEETING**

### **PART VI – OTHER ITEMS**

- 11. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND BUREAU MEMBERS**
- 12. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 41<sup>ST</sup> MEETING**
- 13. ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING**
- 14. OTHER BUSINESS (ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

## PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA

MORNINGS 9.00 am - 12.30 pm	AFTERNOONS 2.00 pm – 5.30 pm
<b>MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> ( <i>Contracting Parties only</i> )	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>OPENING AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b></li> <li>2. <b>REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON &amp; COMMUNICATIONS</b></li> <li>3. <b>FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 <b>Financing and development of the Bern Convention</b></li> <li>3.2 <b>The Bern Convention in the post-2020 decade and its contribution to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>4. <b>MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 <b>Biennial and quadrennial reports</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1.1 <i>State of play of submissions of biennial reports</i></li> <li>4.1.2 <i>Biennial reports by Contracting Parties which are EU Member States: rules and instructions</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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<b>WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.1 <b>Files opened (continued)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2013/1: North Macedonia: Hydro power development within the territory of the Mavrovo national Park</li> <li>➤ 2016/5: Albania: Presumed negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Vjosa river</li> <li>➤ 2016/4: Montenegro: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site</li> </ul> </li> <li>6.2 <b>Possible files</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2001/4: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge</li> <li>➤ 2017/01: Norway: Lack of legal protection for Northern goshawk and birds of prey</li> <li>➤ 1986/8 - Greece: Recommendation No. 9 (1987) on the protection of Caretta Caretta in Laganas bay, Zakynthos</li> <li>➤ 2019/5: Turkey: Habitat destruction in Mersin Anamur Beach</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.3 <b>Complaints on stand-by</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2017/6: Iceland: Possible negative impact on Breiðafjörður Nature Reserve’s authentic birch woods from new road infrastructure</li> <li>➤ 2018/1: Ukraine: Presumed threat to Emerald site “Polonina Borzhava” (UA0000263) from wind energy development (taking into account the “Other Complaints” concerning Emerald Network sites in Ukraine)</li> </ul> </li> <li>6.4 <b>Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Closed file No. 2011/4: Threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (<i>Monachus monachus</i>) in Turkey</li> <li>➤ Recommendation No. 169 (2013) on the Rhone streber (<i>Zingel asper</i>) in the Doubs (France) and in the canton of Jura (Switzerland) in the framework of a case-file on stand-by 2011/5: France / Switzerland</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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<b>14. OTHER BUSINESS</b>	

*Please note:*

*The 40<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee will be held virtually via KUDO.*

*Documents for the meeting are available at:*

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/bern-convention/-/40th-standing-committee-meeting>