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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks

11th meeting
7 - 8 October 2020
(virtual meeting)

DRAFT AGENDA

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		Documents	Expected results
Wednesday 7 October			
9.00	1. Opening of the meeting		
	2. Adoption of the agenda	Meeting agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2020)08 For adoption	Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the aims of the meeting and adopt the agenda.
	3. Mandate of the Group and decisions of the 39th meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention <i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i>	Report of the 10 th meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks T-PVS/PA(2019)15E Extract from the list of decisions and adopted texts on the protection of habitats T-PVS/PA(2020)05 For information	The salient points of the 39 th meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention are recalled.
	4. Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) <i>Presentation by Marc Roekaerts / Otars Opermanis</i>	Final assessment of the reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) T-PVS/PA(2020)03 For discussion and decision	Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on the follow up to be given to the results of the assessment.

	<p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed on the results of the Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) and invited to exchange views on possible follow up work.</i></p>		
	<p>5. Development of the Emerald Network guidance</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 on the gaps in the legal framework of the Emerald Network and invited to exchange views on the opportunity to reinforce it.</i></p>	<p>Comparative study with Natura 2000: Obligations of Bern Convention parties regarding the conservation of candidate and adopted Emerald Network sites: a legal analysis T-PVS/PA(2020)07</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on the follow up to be given to the comparative studies and mandate the Secretariat to draft recommendations to be examined at the 40th Standing Committee.</p>
	<p>5.b Monitoring framework</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 criteria considered for the monitoring framework and invited to exchange views on the opportunity use it for assessing progress of Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Emerald Network and for the online barometer.</i></p>	<p>Monitoring framework for the implementation of the Emerald Network T-PVS/PA(2020)02</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on the follow up to be given to the monitoring framework and mandate the Secretariat to build on it for the assessment of progress of Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Emerald Network and for the online barometer.</p>

	<p>6. 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 development of the Emerald Network Webapp and Viewer.</i></p>	<p>For information</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the development of the Emerald Network tools.</p>
	<p>7. State of play of the Emerald Network and future perspectives</p>		
	<p>7.a Transfer of Natura 2000 sites from UK under the Emerald Network</p> <p><i>Presentation by James Williams</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the intention of UK's authorities to ask the 40th Standing Committee to approve the transfer of their Natura 2000 sites under the Emerald Network and invited to exchange views on the challenges and possible consequences of the operation.</i></p>	<p>Background document T-PVS/PA(2020)06</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on the principle of the transfer of Natura 2000 sites from UK under the Emerald Network and mandate the Secretariat to follow up on the technical obstacles.</p>
	<p>7.b Development of the Emerald Network in Belarus</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p>		<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the development of the Emerald Network in Belarus.</p>

	<p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the progress in the implementation of the Emerald Network in Belarus within the frame of the Council of Europe country specific action plan.</i></p>	<p>For information</p>	
	<p>7.c State of play of the Emerald Network in Armenia</p> <p><i>At the request of the Bureau of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention, members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the current negative developments regarding the Emerald Network in Armenia.</i></p>	<p>For information</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts take note of the situation of the Emerald Network in Armenia.</p>
	<p>7.d Evaluation of the implementation of the revised calendar for the Emerald Network (2011 – 2020)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Otars Opermanis</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the results of the assessment of the implementation of the Emerald Network calendar.</i></p>	<p>Assessment of the Revised calendar for the implementation of the Emerald Network (2011 – 2020)</p> <p>T-PVS/PA(2020)04</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on the follow up to be given to the assessment report.</p>
	<p>7.e Post 2020 Strategic workplan for the Emerald Network</p>	<p>Post 2020 workplan for the Implementation of the Emerald Network</p>	<p>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on the post 2020 implementation workplan and invite the Standing Committee to adopt it.</p>

	<p><i>Presentation by Otars Opermanis</i></p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are informed of the draft post 2020 implementation workplan of the Emerald Network and invited to exchange views on the feasibility of its objectives.</i></p>	<p>T-PVS/PA(2020)04</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	
	<p>7.f 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 sites by the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention.</i></p>	<p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Countries may request the official nomination of their newly proposed Emerald Network sites as candidate Emerald sites by the Standing Committee.</p> <p>Countries may request the official adoption as Emerald Network sites of their candidate sites by the Standing Committee.</p>
	<p>8. Future work of the Group of Experts</p>		

	<p>8.a Programme of activities 2021</p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts are invited to propose and discuss new activities in 2020</i></p>	For discussion and decision	Priority activities are identified and will feed into the Programme of activity 2020 of the Bern Convention (subject to the availability of financial and human resources)
	<p>8.b Date and place of the next meeting of the Group of Experts</p> <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></p>	For decision	The provisional venue and dates of the next meeting are agreed on.
	<p>9. Any other business</p> <p>Covid-19 and protected areas</p> <p><i>Members of and observers to the Group of Experts discuss the opportunity to address in the future the role of protected areas in the face of pandemics and the impact of pandemics on protected areas.</i></p>	<p>Editorial Essay: Covid-19 and protected and conserved areas</p> <p>For discussion</p>	Members of and observers to the Group of Experts agree on whether the Group of Experts should focus on the theme “Covid-19 and protected areas” in the future.
	10. Conclusions of the meeting		
13.00	<p>Thursday 8 October</p> <p>End of the meeting</p>		