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Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas

24 February 2021
(*Virtual meeting*)

DRAFT AGENDA

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		Documents	Expected results
Wednesday 24 February			
9.30	1. Opening of the meeting <i>Mr Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of the Group of Specialists</i>		
	2. Adoption of the agenda	Meeting agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2021) 1 For adoption	Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the aims of the meeting and adopt the agenda.
	3. General information on activities presenting an interest for the work of the Group of Specialists		
	3.a Short presentation of the report of the meeting of the group in 2020 and of the activities undertaken during the last year <i>Mr Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of the Group of Specialists</i>	Report of the 2020 meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas T-PVS/DE (2020) 18 For information	The salient points of the 2020 meeting of the Group of Specialists are recalled.
	3.b Follow up by the Secretariat on the conclusions of the 2020 meeting of the Group of Specialists <i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i>	Extract from the list of decisions and adopted texts on the European Diploma for Protected Areas, at the 40th meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention T-PVS/DE (2021) 01	Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the follow up given to the outcomes and decisions of the 2020 meeting of the Group of Specialists.

		<p>List of renewal resolutions adopted by the Committee of Ministers in 2019 T-PVS/DE (2020) 21</p> <p>For information</p>	
	<p>4. Pending draft Resolutions from 2019</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views with the authorities of Netherland regarding their concerns on the conditions attached to the draft Resolutions renewing the European Diploma to the De Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve and to the Weerribben-Wieden National Park</i></p>	<p>Report on the assessment visit to the De Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve T-PVS/DE (2019) 11</p> <p>Report on the assessment visit to the Weerribben-Wieden National Park T-PVS/DE (2019) 9</p> <p>Draft Resolutions regarding the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the De Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve and to the Weerribben-Wieden National Park discussed in 2019 T-PVS/DE (2020) 11</p> <p>Background paper from the Dutch authorities</p> <p>Netherlands' comments</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a revised wording of the conditions attached to the draft Resolutions renewing the European Diploma to the De Oostvaardersplassen Nature Reserve and to the Weerribben-Wieden.</p>
	<p>5. Consequences of the postponement of the advisory visits, discussion and proposals to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of</p>		

	Europe		
	<p>5.a Extension of the validity of the European Diploma to 11 areas</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the exceptional extension of the validity of European Diploma of 11 areas for which the on-the-spot appraisal visits were postponed because of the pandemic.</i></p>	<p>List of areas whose Diploma should be renewed in 2021 T-PVS/DE (2020) 19</p> <p>Draft resolution extending the validity of the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to 13 areas pending an on-the-spot appraisal visit T-PVS/DE (2021) 04</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on a draft resolution on the exceptional extension of the validity of the European Diploma of 11 areas which will be sent to the Committee of Ministers for formal adoption.</p>
	<p>5.b Alternatives to physical on-the-spot appraisal visits</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss alternatives to physical on-the-spot appraisal visits in order to ensure the continuity of the monitoring of the European Diploma.</i></p>	<p>Scenario for virtual on-the-spot appraisal visits T-PVS/DE (2021) 02</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists mandate the Secretariat to revise the scenario for virtual on-the-spot appraisal visits (T-PVS/DE (2021) 02) along the outcomes of the discussion and to further explore the feasibility of carrying out virtual on-the-spot appraisal visits with a sample of Diploma holding areas.</p>
	6. Presentation of the reporting results by the Secretariat and the Group of Specialists		
	<p>6.a Analysis of the annual reports</p> <p><i>Introduction by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to</i></p>	<p>Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports T-PVS/DE (2021) 05</p> <p>Link to the dashboard of the</p>	<p>The compliance of the Diploma holding areas with the conditions and/or recommendations attached to the award/renewal of the European Diploma is assessed and possible areas at risk requiring a closer monitoring or even an exceptional on-the-spot appraisal visit are identified.</p>

	<p><i>share their comments on and discuss the outcomes of the annual reports and exchange views on possible follow up.</i></p>	<p>European Diploma for Protected Areas</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	
	<p>6.b Follow up on the areas identified in 2020 as requiring particular attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scandola Nature Reserve (France) • Doñana National Park (Spain) • Lüneburg Heath Nature Reserve (Germany) • Abruzzo Lazio and Molise National Park (Italy) • Weltenburger Enge Nature Reserve • Wurzacher Ried Nature Reserve <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views on the situation of Diploma holding areas identified as requiring closer attention and to agree on follow up actions in the light of the 2020 annual reports and the information received by the Secretariat.</i></p>	<p>Compilation of the analysis of the annual reports T-PVS/DE (2021) 05</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Follow up on the monitoring of Diploma-holding areas requiring particular attention is agreed on.</p>
	<p>7. On-the-spot appraisal visits in 2021</p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to exchange views on the on-the-spot appraisal visits to be carried out in 2021</i></p>	<p>List of areas whose Diploma should be renewed in 2022 T-PVS/DE (2020) 20</p> <p>For discussion and decision</p>	<p>Diploma holding areas whose Diploma is due in 2022 and for which an-the-spot appraisal visit is to take place in 2021 are identified.</p>
	<p>8. Communication strategy for the European Diploma</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p>	<p>Draft Communication plan for the European Diploma T-PVS/DE (2021) 03</p>	<p>Members of the Group of Specialists agree on priority actions for promoting the European Diploma.</p>

	<i>Members of the Group of Specialists are invited to discuss the communication plan for the European Diploma and exchange views on the possible follow up.</i>		
	<p>9. Creation of a pool of independent experts</p> <p><i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Members of the Group of Specialists are informed of the preparation of a call for manifestation of interest to constitute a pool of independent experts.</i></p>	For information	Members of the Group of Specialists take note of the information provided.
	10. Any other business		
	11. Date and place of the next meeting		
	12. Conclusions of the meeting		
17.00	<p><i>Wednesday 24 February</i></p> <p>End of the meeting</p>		