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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Implementing the Bern Convention Strategic Plan\***  
**Workplan for 2024**

DATE	TASK	WHO	NOTES
February	<b>Launch call for members of the new Working Group (WG)</b> on overseeing implementation of the Strategic Plan (SP), attaching the Group's ToR as agreed by the 43 <sup>rd</sup> StC and the draft Workplan.	Secretariat	
	<b>Prepare background materials for work on objectives 1-5</b> (see "Scope" below, as defined in the ToR of the WG**).	Secretariat & Consultant	
Early April	<b>1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the new WG.</b> Introductions, election of Chair, discussion and decisions on the workplan for 2024.	Working Group	Maximum half-day online meeting
Mid-April	<b>Consultation on Indicators Note</b> (T-PVS/Inf(2024)10, about 3 weeks).	Working Group	
30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Possible representation of the WG at the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on Reporting***</b>		
April-June	<b>Further elaboration of work on objectives 1-5</b> (see Scope of the ToR of the WG below**).	Secretariat & Consultant	
June	<b>Circulation of draft proposals to the WG for consultation.</b>	Secretariat	
First week of September	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the WG:</b> Discuss proposals related to objectives 1-5. Decide what to submit to the Standing Committee. Agree on a simple questionnaire, drafted by the consultant, for Parties (on a voluntary basis) in relation to national updates on SP implementation (pursuant to Recommendation No. 220 (2023) para 2). Discuss a Workplan for 2025 (and possibly beyond).	Working Group	1-day online meeting (TBC)
	<b>Send out Questionnaire following the meeting.</b>	Secretariat	

<b>10-11 September</b>	<b>Bureau discusses the progress of the work on SP implementation during its meeting</b> , and considers any guidance it wishes to give to the 44 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee.	Bureau	
<b>Early-November</b>	<b>Deadline for submission of questionnaires on national updates.</b> Possible synthesis of responses compiled by the consultant.	Parties, Consultant	
<b>First week of December</b>	<b>44<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee discusses progress with implementation of the Strategic Plan and decides on the next priorities for action.</b>	Standing Committee	

#### \* RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [Vision for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030](#)
- [Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030](#)
- [Recommendation No. 220 \(2023\)](#) on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030
- [Terms of reference](#) for a Working Group on overseeing implementation of the Strategic Plan

#### \*\* SCOPE

The objective of this Working Group will be to assist the Standing Committee in overseeing progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan to 2030, notably through the following tasks:

1. further advancing technical work on the Monitoring Framework and indicators for the Strategic Plan, in particular indicators relating to the Emerald Network, including management planning and management effectiveness (taking into account for example the methodology for assessing management effectiveness of Natura 2000 sites developed by the European Commission), as support for the implementation of relevant targets in the Strategic Plan;
2. considering linkages between the Strategic Plan and other instruments of the Bern Convention for implementation, including action plans;
3. ensuring ongoing complementarity of the Strategic Plan with other relevant international instruments and strategies;
4. providing proposals on how to translate priority goals of the Strategic Plan into the annual programme of activities of the Convention;
5. increasing the visibility of the Strategic Plan;
6. undertaking a midterm review of the Strategic Plan in 2027 and, if necessary, making proposals for the intensification of efforts where progress towards particular targets is considered insufficient, and for adjustments to elements of the Plan that may be needed in light of the findings of the review;
7. in advance of the Plan's end-date in 2030, conducting an analysis of the Plan's implementation, assessing its strengths, weaknesses, successes, and areas of required improvement, as a basis for potentially elaborating a new Strategic Plan for the succeeding decade;
8. providing any other necessary support and advice to the Secretariat and possible independent experts.

\*\*\* WG representation at other Bern WGs and Groups of Experts may be envisaged during the year.