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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE BERN CONVENTION TO 2030

Request for voluntary national updates on Strategic Plan implementation

Explanatory note

In paragraph 2 of its Recommendation No. 220 (2023) on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030, the Standing Committee recommended that Contracting Parties:

“prior to each Standing Committee meeting, send an update to the Secretariat on any major national achievements regarding progress with the Strategic Plan such as in relation to point 1 of this Recommendation, the compilation of which will be made available to the Standing Committee for information”.

The point 1 referred to, recommended that Contracting Parties:

“reflect and support relevant elements of the Vision and Strategic Plan to 2030 in and through national policies and related measures, including the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), in relation to the conservation of wild flora, fauna and their habitats”.

A simple format of **four main questions** is provided below to guide the provision of a brief (voluntary) update on the key implementation advances you may wish to report for your country for 2024. **Please return your completed questionnaire no later than Tuesday 5 November**, to the Secretariat at bern.convention@coe.int.

It is expected that the Standing Committee at its 44th meeting (Strasbourg, 2-6 December 2024) will have the opportunity to take note of the progress reflected in these national updates, and to consider any key priorities for future action.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The Bern Convention Secretariat.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Contracting Party: ...

Compiler of this 2024 questionnaire response:

Name and title ...

Full name of institution ...

Telephone ...

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I - MAJOR PROGRESS ACHIEVEMENTS

In your country in 2024, what have been the most successful achievements so far in implementing the Bern Convention [Vision](#) and [Strategic Plan](#) to 2030?

(As far as possible, please indicate the goals and/or specific targets in the Strategic Plan to which your information relates):

Comments:

II - OVERALL POLICY

To what extent are relevant elements of the Bern Convention Vision and Strategic Plan to 2030 reflected in and supported by national policies and related measures in your country?

(Please tick the box for the answer that most closely resembles your country's situation in 2024).

- Only very weakly in most respects, and this needs improvement
- Only partially – some aspects are adequately covered, but there are significant gaps
- Most relevant aspects are adequately covered, and there are no significant gaps
- There is a national policy or related measure that refers directly to the Bern Convention Strategic Plan and is explicitly designed to support it.

Please add any further information to amplify your answer, and if possible please also comment on what support is offered for the Bern Convention Vision and Strategic Plan by your country's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP).

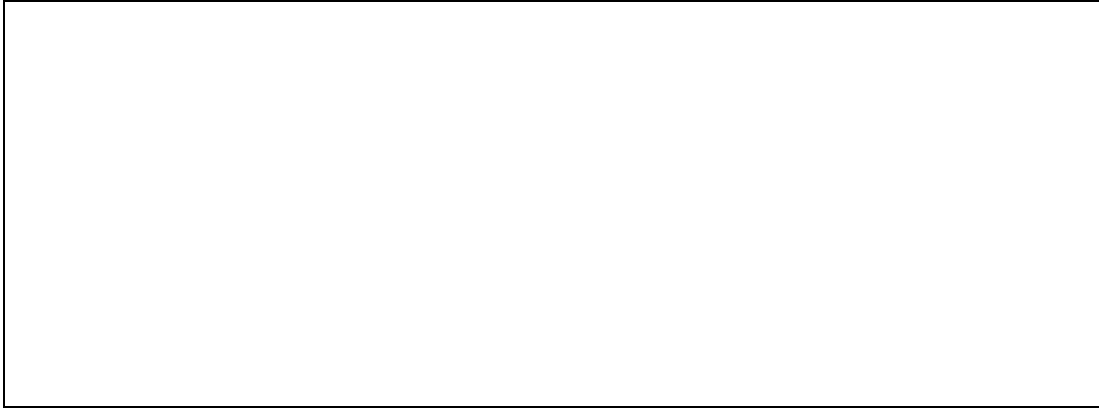
III - GREATEST CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED SO FAR

In your country in 2024, what have been the greatest challenges experienced so far in implementing the Bern Convention Vision and Strategic Plan to 2030?

If you wish, you may add information about the specific kinds of support (other than financial) that your country may need to assist it in addressing the challenge(s) identified.

IV - KEY NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR 2025

What are the most important priorities for action to implement the Bern Convention Vision and Strategic Plan in your country in the coming year?



Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return your responses to bern.convention@coe.int before Tuesday 5 November 2024.