

# **European Diploma for Protected Areas in 2018**

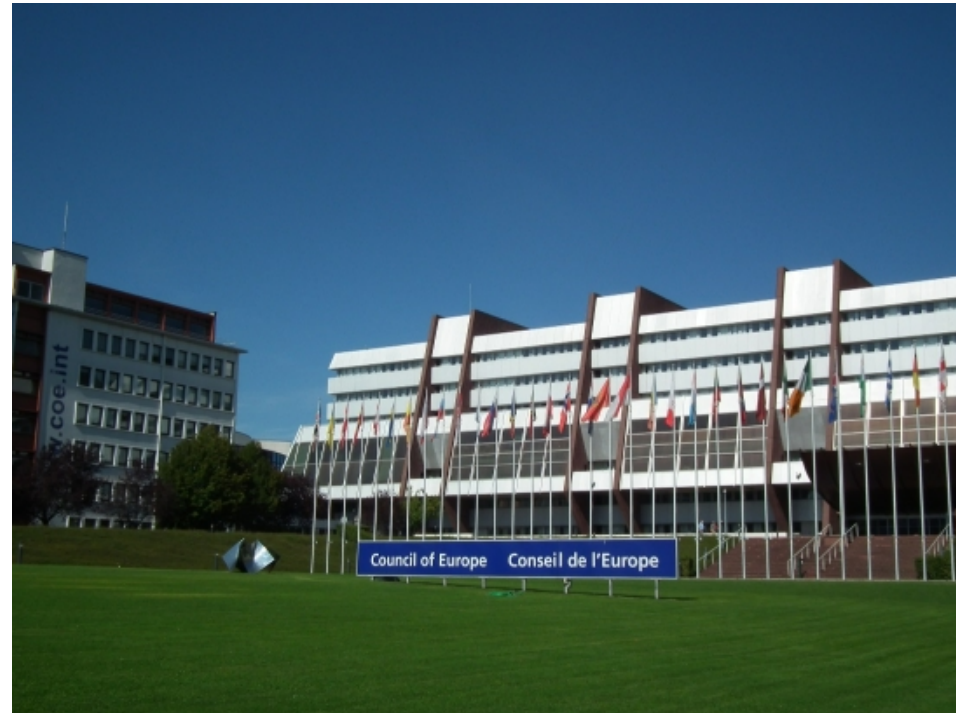
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- Report of the annual meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas
- Strasbourg, 21-22 February 2018
- T-PVS/DE (2018)



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- Examination of 16 assessment reports resulting from on-the-appraisal visits by independent experts
- Renewal of the Diploma for all the 16 areas

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- Analysis of the annual reports submitted by the Diploma holding areas
- Several sites do not comply with their reporting obligations for several years = small feedback
- Setting a scoring systems





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- In 2018, 12 on-the-spot appraisal visits to areas whose ED is due in 2019
- A check-list to help independent experts to structure their assessment reports agreed



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- Reshuffling the ED website with the creation of the dashboard bringing together the application files, the annual reports, the awards, the awards on-the-spot appraisal visit reports



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- Updating the ED holding area database, *i.e.* for the compliance with the Common Database of Designated Areas (CDDA) and the World Database of Protected Areas (WDPA)→ the Protected Planet website





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- European Diploma  
– a prestigious award
- Only 74 sites in 29 European countries
- Its importance is underestimated



<https://www.coe.int/en/web/bern-convention/european-diploma-for-protected-areas>



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Appreciation to:

- Members of the Group
- Secretariat
- Independent experts
- ED holder management authority

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- Thank you very much for your attention
- Děkuji za pozornost

