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AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Group of Specialists on the
European Diploma for Protected Areas**

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(Room 11, opening 9 am)

AGENDA

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MONDAY 7 MARCH 2015

9h00 – 9h40 Welcome and opening of the meeting

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIR

Dr. Jan Willem Sneep (the Netherlands), Chair of the Group of Specialists

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

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3. GENERAL INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES PRESENTING AN INTEREST FOR THE WORK OF THE GROUP

Mr Eladio Fernández-Galiano, Head of the Democratic Initiatives Department Ms Christina Baglai, Project Support Officer

4. SHORT PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE GROUP IN 2015 AND OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE LAST YEAR

Dr. Jan Willem Sneep, Chair of the Group of Specialists

Report of meeting of the GS EDPA [T-PVS/DE (2015) 9]
Adopted resolutions concerning the EDPA in 2015 [T-PVS/DE (2015)11E]

9h40 – 10h10 Future of the EDPA

5. OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP ON “PROTECTED AREAS IN EUROPE: THE NEXT 50 YEARS,” PISA DECLARATION AND RECOMMENDATION NO. 181(2015) ON THE FUTURE OF THE EDPA

Ms Christina Baglai, Project Support Officer [9.40-9.50]

- Discussion: how to implement the above Recommendation, *Chair* [9.50-10.00]

Pisa Declaration
Recommendation No. 181(2015) On the Future of the EDPA [T-PVS (2015)15]

6. STATE OF PROGRESS ON THE POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA

10h10 – 10h30 COFFEE BREAK

10h30 – 11h30 Exceptional visits carried out in 2015

7. RESULTS OF THE ADVISORY VISITS, DISCUSSION AND PROPOSALS TO THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE:

- **Poloniny National Park (Slovak Republic)**

Mr Michal Adamec, Director, Department for Nature and Landscape Protection, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic [10.30-11.00]

Extract from the list of decisions and texts adopted at the 35th Standing Committee meeting [T-PVS/DE (2016) 7]

Draft Resolution on the withdrawal of the EDPA [T-PVS/DE (2015)9, Appendix V]
Updated Progress reports on the Fulfilment of the Resolution CM/ResDip(2012)19 on the renewal of the EDPA to the Poloniny NP [T-PVS/DE (2015) 13, T-PVS/DE (2016) 9]
Report of the visit of the Independent Expert to Poloniny NP [T-PVS/DE (2015)14]

- **Białowieża National Park (Poland)**
Mr Olivier Biber, independent expert [11.00-11.30]

Report of the visit of the Independent Expert to Białowieża NP [T-PVS/DE (2016) 5]

Report by the Government [T-PVS/DE (2016) 6]

Draft Resolution on the renewal of the EDPA to Białowieża NP (Poland) [T-PVS/DE (2016) 8]

11h30 – 12h30 Annual reports 2015

8. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTING RESULTS BY THE SECRETARIAT AND THE GROUP

Compilation of annual reports by EDPA zones [T-PVS/DE (2016) 3]

12h30 – 14h00 LUNCH BREAK

14h00 – 16h00 Annual reports 2015 (continued)

9. DISCUSSION OF THE AREAS IN NEED OF PARTICULAR ATTENTION BY THE GROUP AND FUTURE RENEWALS

- Suggested actions
- Possible exceptional on-the-spot appraisals to be carried out in 2016
- Draft list of areas to be visited in 2016 and 2017 in view of the pending renewals*

* **NB:** No visits are foreseen in 2016 with a view to the possible renewal of the EDPA in 2017. In 2017, there are 20 areas candidate for possible renewal in 2018. [In 2018, there are 13 such areas for possible renewal in 2019]. Visiting 20 areas in 2017 is beyond the human and financial capacity of the Secretariat. The GoS should identify priority areas for appraisals, for 2017 and possibly 2016, taking into account *inter alia* the areas in need of particular attention (5 remaining further to the identification by the GoS in 2015 [T-PVS/DE (2015)9]) and reporting results for 2015).

16h00 – 16h20 COFFEE BREAK

16h20 – 17h30 Other business and closure of the meeting

10. VISIBILITY OF THE EDPA AND AWARDED AREAS

- **Short presentation of the new EDPA web-page and visibility initiatives by awarded areas**
Ms Christina Baglai, Project Support Officer
- **Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the EDPA: evaluation of the benefits and lessons learnt for improving the visibility of the EDPA**
Reports by the Chair and the Group

11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. CLOSURE

*A dinner may be organised in an Alsatian restaurant (8.00 pm) to gather participants if they so wish.
More information will be given during the meeting.
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