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AND NATURAL HABITATS

**GROUP OF SPECIALISTS ON THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA OF PROTECTED AREAS
24 MARCH 2014, STRASBOURG
ROOM G.05 AGORA BUILDING**

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Draft Agenda

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MONDAY 24 March 2014

09h30-09h50 Welcome and opening

1. Opening of the meeting by Mr Eladio Fernandez-Galiano, Head of the Directorate for Democratic Initiatives and the Chair of the Group Mr Peter Skoberne (Slovenia)

2. Adoption of the draft agenda

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3. General information on activities of the Bern Convention presenting an interest for the work of the Group

4. Short presentation by the Chair of the minutes of the meeting of the Group in 2013 and report on actions undertaken during the last year

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09h50-10h50 Applications for the award of the European Diploma: result of the appraisals

5. Applications for the award of the European Diploma: result of the on-the-spot appraisals, discussion and proposals to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe:

- Desertas Islands Nature Reserve (Portugal), *Mr Joe Sultana*

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- Karadag Nature Reserve (Ukraine), *Mr Hervé Lethier*

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10h50-11h10 Coffee break**11h10-11h40 Renewal of the European Diploma in 2013: result of the appraisals**

6. Renewal of the European Diploma: result of the on-the-spot appraisal, discussion and proposals to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe:

- Central Balkan National Park (Bulgaria), *Mr Pierre Galland*

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11h40-12h00 New applications for the award of the European Diploma

7. Information on new applications to be received in 2014

- Vashlovani Protected Areas (Georgia), *Mr Rati Japaridze*

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12h00-12h30 Annual reports 2013

8. Annual reports: presentation of the overall analysis by the Secretariat
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12h30-14h00 Lunch break

14h00-15h30 Annual reports 2013 (continued)

9. Diploma holding areas in need of particular attention - discussion by the Group
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15h30-15h40 Planned on-the-spot appraisals in 2014

10. On-the-spot appraisals in 2014 in view of the renewal of the European Diploma in 2015:
▪ De Weerribben Nature Reserve (Netherlands)

15h40-16h00 Draft new format for the submission of annual reports

11. Proposal of a new format for the submission of annual reports by the Diploma holding areas, discussion by the Group
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16h00-16h20 Coffee break

16h20-17h15 Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the European Diploma

12. Exchange of views on the format of the Ceremony and its headline

17h15-17h30 Other business and closure of the meeting

13. Date of the next meeting
14. Other business
15. Closure

*A dinner will be organised in an Alsatian restaurant (20h00) to gather participants if they wish. More information will be given during the meeting.
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