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GROUP OF SPECIALISTS ON THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA FOR PROTECTED AREAS 13 MARCH 2015, STRASBOURG PALAIS DE L'EUROPE, ROOM 11

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Friday 13 March 2015

9.15 am – 9.45 am Welcome and opening

- 1. Opening of the meeting by Mr Peter Skoberne (Slovenia), Chair of the Group, and Mr Øystein Størkersen (Norway), Chair of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention
- 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 2014 and report on actions undertaken during the last year

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9.45 am - 10.15 am Application for the award of the European Diploma

- 5. Result of the on-the-spot appraisal, discussion and proposals to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe:
 - Vashlovani Protected Areas (Georgia), Mr Hervé Lethier

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10.15 am -10.45 am Renewal of the European Diploma in 2015

- 6. Result of the on-the-spot appraisal, discussion and proposals to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe:
 - National Park Weerribben-Wieden (Netherlands), Mr Robert Brunner

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10.45 am -11.00 am Coffee break

11.00 am -12.00 am Exceptional on-the spot appraisals

- 7. Result of the exceptional on-the-spot appraisals, discussion and draft opinions:
 - Podyji National Park (Czech republic) Thayatal National Park (Austria), Mr Michael B. Usher

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Bayerischer Wald National Park (Germany), Mr Olivier Biber

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12.00 am - 12.30 am Annual reports 2014

8. Annual reports: presentation of the overall analysis and discussion by the Group

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12.30 am - 2.30 pm Break

Ceremony of the 50th anniversary of the European Diploma for Protected Areas

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm Entry Hall, Palais, Council of Europe

2.30 pm – 4.30 pm Annual reports 2014 (continued)

- 9. Annual reports: discussion by the Group
 - Suggested actions for European Diploma areas in need of particular attention
 - Possible exceptional on-the-spot appraisals

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4.30 pm – **4.45** pm Coffee break

4.45 pm – 5.45 pm Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the European Diploma in Italy

- 10. Workshop "Protected Areas in Europe: the next 50 years" on 21 and 22 May 2015 at the Regional Park of Migliarino, San Rossore and Massaciuccoli, Italy
 - Information by the Secretariat on the organisation of the workshop
 - Discussion by the Group on the expectations and outcomes of the workshop

5.45 pm – 6.00 pm Other business and closure of the meeting

- 11. Date of the next meeting
- 12. Other business
- 13. Closure

A dinner will be organised in an Alsatian restaurant (8.00 pm) to gather participants if they wish.

More information will be given during the meeting.

Please note that this is not an invitation of the Council of Europe.