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**REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE  
OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE PAN-EUROPEAN ECOLOGICAL NETWORK  
(STRAREP)**

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**Introduction**

Following the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe of Resolution Res(2005)47 on committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods, the terms of reference of the STRAREP have been revised. This revision does not require formal adoption by the STRACO and the STRAREP since it is only an adaptation of the Terms of Reference to the new Resolution's requirements.

The members of the STRACO are invited to take note of the revised terms of reference for the STRAREP.

**REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS  
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PAN-EUROPEAN ECOLOGICAL NETWORK  
(STRAREP)**

**1. Name of committee**

Committee of experts for the development of the Pan-European Ecological Network (STRAREP)

**2. Type of committee**

Committee of Experts

**3. Source of terms of reference**

Council of the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (STRACO)

**4. Terms of reference**

**Having regard to:**

- The endorsement of the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy and of the Pan-European Ecological Network by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”, held in Sofia in October 1995;
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”, held in Aarhus in 1998, which supported the whole process of the Pan-European Ecological Network;
- The General guidelines for the development of the Pan-European Ecological Network adopted in 1999 by the STRACO which provide a reference document for use by all actors involved in establishing and managing the Network;
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Kuala Lumpur in February 2004, where the Programme of Work on Protected Area for the achievement of the 2010 target to halt the loss of biodiversity was launched;
- The adoption of the Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity by the 5<sup>th</sup> “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference, held in Kyiv in May 2003, where key targets for the Pan-European Ecological Network to achieve in 2010 were decided;
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Intergovernmental Conference “Biodiversity in Europe”, held in Plitvice Lakes National Park (Croatia) in February 2006, which gives his support to the Pan-European Ecological Network.

Under the authority of the STRACO and in relation with the implementation of the Project 2004/DG4/200, “Environment for sustainable development” the Committee is instructed to:

- i. carry out the programme for the development of the Pan-European Ecological Network by 2015.
- ii. foster co-operation between the states and international governmental and non-governmental organisations participating in the implementation of the Pan-European Ecological Network;
- iii. draw up one or more progress reports on the Pan-European Ecological Network for adoption by the STRACO with a view to forwarding them to the “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conferences;
- iv. present to the STRACO proposals for activities promoting the implementation of the Pan-European Ecological Network and the assessment of its development;
- v. prepare the contribution of the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy concerning the implementation of the Programme of Work of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity on Protected Area in the pan-European region.

**5. Composition of the committee**

**5.A. Members**

Governments of the following member states of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) are entitled to appoint experts in the field of policies for biodiversity conservation and ecological connectivity.

Albania	Liechtenstein
Andorra	Lithuania
Armenia	Luxembourg
Austria	Malta
Azerbaijan	Monaco
Belarus	Montenegro
Belgium	Netherlands
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Norway
Bulgaria	Poland
Canada	Portugal
Croatia	"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Cyprus	Moldova
Czech Republic	Romania
Denmark	Russian Federation
Estonia	San Marino
Finland	Serbia
France	Slovakia
Georgia	Slovenia
Germany	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Hungary	Switzerland
Iceland	Tajikistan
Ireland	Turkey
Israel	Turkmenistan
Italy	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	United Kingdom
Kyrgyzstan	United States
Latvia	Uzbekistan

The Council of Europe budget will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of one representative from each of its member states in Central and Eastern Europe non belonging to the European Union, while UNEP shall cover the expenses of one representative from each member state of other Central and Eastern European countries attending the Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe".

### **5.B. Participants**

- i. The Secretariat of the Convention on the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats (Bern Convention) may send representatives to meetings of the Committee, without the right to vote and at the charge of its administrative budget.
- ii. The Parliamentary Assembly may send representatives to meetings of the Committee without the right to vote and at the charge of its administrative budget.
- iii. The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe may send representatives to meetings of the Committee without the right to vote and at the charge of its administrative budget.
- iv. The Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe may send representatives to meetings of the Committee without the right to vote and at the charge of the sending body.

### **5.C. Other participants**

- i. The European Union may send representatives, to meetings of the Committee without the right to vote or defrayal of expenses.

ii. The following intergovernmental organisations may send a representative to meetings of the Committee, without the right to vote or defrayal of expenses:

- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)
- IUCN - World Conservation Union
- European Environment Agency (EEA) and European Topic Centre for Nature Conservation
- World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC)
- Economic Union Benelux
- Secretariat of the UN Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Secretariat of the Convention on wetlands (Ramsar Convention)
- Secretariat of the Convention for the Protection Of The Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution (Barcelona Convention)
- Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention) and of its Agreements
- Secretariat of the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (Bucharest Convention)

#### **5.D. Observers**

The following non-governmental organisations may send a representative, without the right to vote or defrayal of expenses:

- European Centre for Nature Conservation (ECNC)
- Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
- European Union for Coastal Conservation (EUCC)
- European Habitats Forum
- BirdLife International
- Euronatur
- Eurosite
- International Socio-Ecological Union
- Biostan
- Central and Eastern European Working Group on Enhancement of Biodiversity (CEEWEB)
- Black Sea Forum
- AIDEnvironment
- International Association “Rurality-Environment-Development” (RED)
- Federation of Nature and National Parks in Europe (EUROPARC).

#### **6. Working Methods and Structure**

The Committee shall meet once every year alternatively in Strasbourg or in a location decided by the STRACO. Where necessary, the Committee may instruct a limited group of its members to work on highly specific topics, and may have recourse to the services of consultants.

#### **7. Duration**

These term of reference will expire on 31 December 2009.