

**EU/CoE Joint Programme Emerald Network Phase II (DCI-ENV/2012/289-173):
Project lifespan planning
(v9 – 01/10/2015)**

Table 1: Project lifespan planning

Year	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December
2012				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signature of CoE/EU contract ▪ Inception phase: Re-establishment of the national Emerald teams and designation of project leader at national level, initiating cooperation with NGOs + identification of responsible at Ministry level
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inception phase: Quality check of the ecological and technical data delivered in 2011/12 for each site for all target countries ▪ Signature of the AAs for 2013 with all target countries, January 2013; AAs focussing on the identification of the remaining potential sites and the sites data collection and delivery in MD, UA, BL and RU; field research and data gathering through the national Emerald teams; technical data correction and if necessary identification of additional sites for AZ, AM & GE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project kick-off meeting (Kiev, 24-26 April 2013, 2 days): discussion on the project objectives and the results of the data quality checks; discussion on ways for identifying additional possible Emerald sites in the target countries; exchange of ideas on Emerald management plans and reporting obligations; dialogue on conservation standards for future Emerald sites, in particular the ones which straddle borders 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st Steering Committee, November, Strasbourg (France), 18 October 2013, 1.5 days: discussion on the project planning, achievements in the frame of the AAs signed with the target countries for 2013, financial and narrative reporting under the AAs for 2013

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organisation of national technical workshops in the following target countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 25 April - Ukraine ▪ 13-14 May - Moldova ▪ 22-23 May - Belarus ▪ 5-6 June - Azerbaijan ▪ 11-12 June - Georgia ▪ 25-26 June - Armenia ▪ Consultations on the guidelines on Emerald Network management and reporting and monitoring mechanisms, including the agriculture/forestry activities and forests fires management 		
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 31/01/2014: Final delivery date for data gathered in 2013, using the CDR ▪ 28/02/2014: Submission of individual QA/QC reports on the completeness of the national Emerald databases in view of their evaluation to all target countries ▪ February 2014: Signature of the AAs for 2014 with all target countries: (1) work on gaps identified in the QA/QC report on the 2013 National Emerald databases; (2) results of gap analysis on species by species & habitats by habitats level; (3) inter-ministerial meetings (when needed); (4) distribution maps; (5) development of guidelines on Emerald 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National technical Emerald Seminars in all target countries (7 meetings x 2 days each) aiming at: (1) addressing remaining issues ahead of the initiation of Phase II of the Network constitution process; (2) facilitating the preparatory biogeographical Seminars to follow in the second half of 2014 and (3) involving local authorities, local stakeholders and national NGOs in the Emerald process <p>Final dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7-8 April: MD ▪ 25-26 April: GE ▪ 28-29 April: AZ ▪ 12-16 May: RU ▪ 19 May: UA (webconference) ▪ 5-6 June: AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting of ENPI East Regional Projects on Environment, Water, and Climate Change, Brussels, 01/07 ▪ Preparatory Biogeographical Seminar (16-17 October 2014, Tbilisi, Georgia) for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia ▪ Preparatory Biogeographical Seminar (6-7 November, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova) for the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus and Russia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2nd Steering Committee meeting, 1 December 2014, Strasbourg (France)

	<p>sites management; etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordination meetings with EEA-ETC/BD (27/01, Paris), BirdLife International (18/02, Brussels) and DG DEVCO (18/02, Brussels) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 June: BY 		
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 31/01/2015: Deadline for the delivery of revised databases, based on the follow-up work during 2014 focussing on preparing the databases for the biogeographical seminars of 2015 ▪ 28/02/2015: Submission of individual QA/QC reports on the completeness of the national Emerald databases in view of their evaluation, for countries submitting a new database ▪ January/February 2015: Signature of the AAs for 2015 with all target countries. AAs to facilitate action from national Emerald teams and authorities in a follow-up to the preparatory biogeographical seminars: (1) filling the gaps of sufficiency in the identification of potential sites; (2) correcting inconsistencies in databases; (3) transfer of data from old to new SDF/semi-automatical using the new Software; (4) revision of database according to new Annex 1 of Res. 4 (if adopted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emerald biogeographical Seminar (27-29 May, Tbilisi) for AM, AZ and GE for all habitats and species (except birds) and all biogeographical regions, including marine Black Sea (GE) and marine Caspian Sea (AZ) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emerald biogeographical Seminar (28-30 September, Russian Federation) the Arctic and Boreal biogeographical regions (BY, RU) for all habitats and species (except birds), Alpine region for the Urals and marine for the Baltic and Arctic (RU) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emerald biogeographical Seminar (Week 23-27 November, Minsk, 2 days) for bird species for BY, MD, RU and UA

2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3rd Steering Committee meeting, 14 January, Strasbourg (France), 1 day ▪ February, Signature of the AAs for 2016 with all target countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emerald biogeographical Seminar (tentative dates 9-11 May 2016, Chisinau, 2.5 days) for all habitats and species (except birds) for continental region (BY, MD, RU and UA) and for Panonian and Alpine Carpathians (UA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emerald biogeographical Seminar (tentative dates 6-8 September 2016, Kiev, 3 days) for all habitats and species (except birds) for steppic region (MD, RU and UA) and Alpine Caucasus (RU), Marine Black Sea (UA, RU) and Marine Caspian Sea (RU) ▪ Final project event (tentative date 4 October 2016, Strasbourg) for dissemination/awareness-raising on project results and discussion of work ahead at national level on the designation of Emerald sites. The event is going to be organised in conjunction with the Bern Convention Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks of the Bern Convention. A visit to a Natura 2000 site near Strasbourg could be part of the programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emerald biogeographical Seminar (tentative dates 6-7 December 2016, Tbilisi, 1.5 days) for AM, AZ and GE for bird species
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Table 2: Biogeographic regions presence in the target countries

Country	Anatolian	Arctic	Atlantic	Boreal	Continental	Pannonian	Steppic	Alpine	Mediterranean	Black Sea	Marine
AM	X							Caucasus			
AZ	X						X	Caucasus			Caspian
BY				X	X						
GE							X	Caucasus		X	Black
MD					X		X				
RU		X		X	X		X	Caucasus & Urals		X	Arctic & Black Sea & Caspian
UA					X	X	X	Carpathians			Black Sea