



EU/CoE Joint Programme
“Emerald Network of Nature Protection Sites, Phase II”

Emerald Network biogeographical Seminar
for the Arctic and Boreal biogeographical regions and the Alpine region
for the Urals (Belarus and the Russian Federation)
28-30 September 2015
Petrozavodsk, Russian Federation

Seminar venue:
Karelian Research Centre RAS
11 Pushkinskaya St.
Petrozavodsk
Russian Federation

AGENDA

MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2015

1. Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of the meeting by Jan Plesnik, Vice-Chair of the Bern Convention Standing Committee• Welcoming address by national authorities Russian Federation• The EU/CoE Joint Programme on the Setting-up of the Emerald Network and the Emerald Network constitution process, Secretariat of the Bern Convention, Council of Europe	9.00 - 9.40
2. Introduction to the seminar, rules of procedure and main outcomes expected by Otars Opermanis, independent expert to the Council of Europe	9.40 – 9.50
3. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of mammals, amphibians and reptiles in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites. <p>Participating in the discussions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The evaluators• The country delegation• NGOs (nature conservation & land owners, if possible)• Independent experts and observers if necessary• The Chair of the meeting, announcing the conclusion <p>The discussion will be organised species by species, examining site proposals in all bio-geographical regions for each targeted country. There will be no separate sessions devoted for each bio-geographical region.</p> <p>Discussion to be led by Otars Opermanis, independent expert to the Council of Europe</p>	9.45 - 11.00
Coffee Break	11.00 - 11.20
4. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of mammals, amphibians and reptiles in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	11.20 - 12.30
Lunch break	12.30 -13.45
5. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of habitats in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites <p>The discussion will be organised habitat by habitat, examining site proposals in all bio-geographical regions. There will be no separate sessions devoted for each bio-geographical region.</p> <p>Participating in the discussions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The evaluators• The country delegation• NGOs (nature conservation & land owners, if possible)• Independent experts and observers if necessary• The Chair of the meeting, announcing the conclusion	13.45 -15.30

Discussion to be led by Marc Roekaerts, independent expert to the Council of Europe	
Coffee Break	15.30 - 15.50
6. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of habitats in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	15.50 - 17.30

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2015

7. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of habitats in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	9.30 - 11.00
Coffee Break	11.00 - 11.20
8. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of fish and invertebrate species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites Participating in the discussions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evaluators • The country delegation • NGOs (nature conservation & land owners, if possible) • Independent experts and observers if necessary • The Chair of the meeting, announcing the conclusion The discussion will be organised species by species, examining site proposals in all bio-geographical regions for each targeted country. There will be no separate sessions devoted for each bio-geographical region. Discussion to be led by Otars Opermanis, independent expert to the Council of Europe	11.20 - 13.00
Lunch break	12.30 - 13.45
9. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of fish and invertebrate species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	13.45 – 15.30
Coffee Break	15.30 - 15.50
10. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of fish and invertebrate species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	15.50 – 17.30

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

11. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of plants in the proposed Emerald sites The discussion will be organised habitat by habitat, examining site proposals in all bio-geographical regions. There will be no separate sessions devoted for each bio-geographical region. Participating in the discussions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evaluators • The country delegation 	9.00 - 12.30
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Lunch break	12.30 -13.45
12. Discussion on sufficiency of representation of plants in the proposed Emerald sites	13.45 – 15.30
Coffee Break	15.30 - 15.50
13. Continuation of unfinished work	15.50 – 16.30
13. Preliminary results of the Seminar evaluation discussions and first statistics on the sufficiency of the Emerald Network in the target countries	16.30 – 17.00
15. Conclusions of the meeting and follow-up	17.00 - 17.30