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**Emerald Network Biogeographical Seminar
for bird species**

for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia

1-2 December 2016

Seminar venue:
Hotel Ambadori
17 Ioane Shavteli St
Tbilisi
Georgia

AGENDA

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2016

1. Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of the meeting by the Secretariat of the Bern Convention, Council of Europe• Welcoming address by Carl Amirgulashvili, Head of the Biodiversity and Forest Policy Department, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia• Welcoming address by Kaido Sirel, European Union Delegation to Georgia	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 the sufficiency of the representation of bird species 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 the Emerald site proposals for each targeted country. It will follow a systematic order, starting from Gaviiformes listed in Resolution No. 6 (1998) of the Bern Convention and ending with Passeriformes. The length of discussions on each order will vary greatly. The end session will be devoted to a discussion on migratory species [non-Resolution No. 6 (1998) species], also under protection in the Bern Convention.</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 the sufficiency of the representation of bird species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	11.20 – 12.30
Lunch break	12.30 – 13.45
5. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of bird species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	13.45 – 15.30
Coffee Break	15.30 – 15.50
6. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of bird species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	15.50 – 18.00

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7. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of bird species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	9.00 – 11.00
Coffee Break	11.00 – 11.20
8. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of bird species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	11.20 – 12.30
Lunch break	12.30 – 13.45
9. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of bird species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	13.45 – 15.30
Coffee Break	15.30 – 15.50
10. Preliminary results of the Seminar evaluation discussions	15.50 – 16.30
11. Conclusions of the meeting and follow-up	16.30 – 17.00