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End of the EU/CoE Joint Programme Emerald Network Phase II

Results and Prospects

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2013 - 2016 : From Kyiv to Minsk

- 24-26 April 2013 in Kyiv (Ukraine): Kick-off meeting.
- 4-5 October 2016 in Minsk (Belarus): Final Conference “Reaching concerted site conservation at pan-European level: progress, challenges and future of the Emerald Network”.





Emerald Network Evaluation Seminars (JP Emerald Network II)

Year	Venue	Countries concerned	Biogeographical regions concerned	Species and Habitats covered
2015	Tbilisi (Georgia)	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia	STE, ALP-Caucasus, ANA	All (except birds)
2015	Petrozavodsk (Russian Federation)	Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine	ARC, BOR, ALP-Ural	All (except birds)
2015	Minsk (Belarus)	Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine	n/a	Birds
2016	Chisinau (Republic of Moldova)	Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine	CON, ALP-Car, PAN	All (except birds)
2016	Kyiv (Ukraine)	Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine	STE, ALP-Caucasus, BLS	All (except birds)
2016	Tbilisi (Georgia)	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia	n/a	Birds



What's next?

- The end of the EU/CoE JP Emerald Network Phase II ...
- ... does not mean the end of the Emerald Network constitution process.
- 1st and 2nd phases to be continued when/where necessary.
- Start of the 3rd phase:
 - national designation of adopted Emerald Network sites;
 - implementation of management, monitoring and reporting measures for each designated site.





Revised “Emerald Calendar”

- The overall objective is an operational launch of the Emerald Network by 2020.
- 2020: *“The Emerald Network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest is fully operational to guarantee the long –term survival of all species and habitats of European Interest, including appropriate management, monitoring and reporting tools, compatible with NATURA2000”.*





Three dimensional Road Map for achieving a fully operational Emerald Network in 7 countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus.





The Road Map

- Identifies the key steps to be undertaken by relevant national authorities and others between 2016 and 2019 to conclude the establishment by 2020 of a complete and fully operational Emerald Network in the 7 countries targeted by the EU/CoE JP Emerald Phase II.
- Was drafted during the Finale Conference (Minsk) and endorsed by the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention at its 36th meeting in Strasbourg.





Road Map: 3 dimensions

- Dimension 1: actions for identifying and designating sites.
- Dimension 2: actions for protection and management.
- Dimension 3: actions for communication.





Congratulations for the great achievements ...

... and good luck for the work ahead !

Thank you for your attention 😊

