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**CALENDAR FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EMERALD NETWORK  
OF AREAS OF SPECIAL CONSERVATION INTEREST  
2011-2020**

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### Calendar for the implementation of the Emerald Network 2011-2020

Timing	Strategic issues	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
2011-2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update Res. 6 (1998) and Res. 4 (1996); Submission to the Standing Committee at its 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting (2011-2012), according to timely presented proposals.</li> <li>• Collection of background information on presence and distribution of species and habitats in collaboration with EEA.</li> <li>• Development of guidelines on management, monitoring and reporting tools in line with existing Natura 2000's tools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negotiation of a Pilot projects for Tunisia;</li> <li>• Implementation of a second pilot project for Morocco;</li> <li>• Feasibility analysis for a second pilot project in Turkey and/or possible planning for completion of Phase I;</li> <li>• Negotiation of completion of Phase I in Bosnia-Herzegovina</li> <li>• Completion of Phase I for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova through the ENP project by the end of 2011;</li> <li>• Fulfilment of 80 % of Phase I for Ukraine;</li> <li>• Fulfilment of at least 50 % of Phase I for Belarus and the European part of the Russian Federation;</li> <li>• Completion of Phase I for Switzerland, Norway and Iceland;</li> <li>• Negotiations for the identification of sites in the countries which have not been participating in the pilot project's programme: Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Kazakhstan (the European part).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of proposed Emerald sites in 6 West-Balkan countries: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and Serbia; gap analysis;</li> <li>• Negotiation with West-Balkan countries concerning possible designation of new ASCIs;</li> <li>• Start of assessment of proposed Emerald sites for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova (2012);</li> <li>• Start pre-evaluation of the first set of proposed Emerald sites for countries asking for it (Switzerland, Norway,...)</li> </ul>	
2013-2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalisation of collection of background information on species and habitats of European interest.</li> <li>• Drafting and adoption of monitoring tools and management plans,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuation of the pilot project in Tunisia;</li> <li>• Completion of the Emerald Network in Morocco;</li> <li>• Implementation of a full Emerald project in Turkey;</li> <li>• Completion of Phase I for Belarus, the European part of the Russian Federation and Ukraine;</li> <li>• Development of principles of the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the assessment of the proposed Emerald sites in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova and Georgia</li> <li>• Start of assessment of proposed sites in Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine in coordination with the evaluation for sites in Moldova and South Caucasus, if appropriate;</li> <li>• Assessment of proposed Emerald sites in Switzerland, Iceland and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official designation of the Emerald Network in the West-Balkan</li> <li>• Implementation of management, monitoring and reporting tools in the West-Balkan area.</li> </ul>

	based on international guidelines; setting-up of a coherent Pan-European Ecological Network;	establishment of the Emerald Network (as Core Areas of the PEEN) in Asian parts of the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan, in Kirghizistan, Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan (further activities in this field of actions will be planned if appropriate)	Norway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of proposed Emerald sites in other countries according to achievements in Phase I (Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Kazakhstan (the European part))</li> </ul>	
2015-2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of drafting and implementing management plans and monitoring for designated ASCI's.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalisation of the evaluation of proposed Emerald sites in Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine</li> <li>Assessment of proposed Emerald sites in participating African countries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designation of the Emerald Network in Moldova and South Caucasus;</li> <li>Start designation of Emerald sites in Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine;</li> <li>Designation of the Emerald Network in Norway, Iceland and Switzerland;</li> <li>Re-assessment of all agreed Emerald sites according to new knowledge.</li> <li>Designation of the Emerald Network in other countries according to achievements in Phase II (Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Kazakhstan (the European part))</li> </ul>
2017-2019				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publication of the lists of the Emerald Network of areas of special conservation interest;</li> <li>Finalise the designation of Emerald sites in the whole Pan-European area, as well as in participating African countries;</li> <li>Full assessment of the Pan-European Emerald Network in view of the long-term survival of the species and habitats of European concern;</li> <li>Assessment of the adequacy of the Bern Convention's Appendices and Resolution n° 4 and n°6</li> </ul>
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>Procedures for continuous updating of the data and evaluation of the long-term survival of the species and habitats have been put in place</li> </ul>			