

GoEPAEN 2024

Chair's report

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- Participation: 12 Contracting Parties, 3 observer organisations, various experts and the Convention Secretariat

Mandate of the Group

- Priority issues:

1. clarification and development of the Emerald Network's legal framework
2. Post 2020 Strategic Workplan of the Emerald Network

↳ Implementation of Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention targets :

1.1 «**Natural and semi-natural ecosystems** are **maintained** and where possible **restored** or **rehabilitated**, leading to an overall increase in area, connectivity, integrity and resilience of the natural habitats referred to in the Convention and in Resolution No. 4 (1996).»

1.2 «**Coverage of natural habitats by the Emerald Network** meets the **sufficiency** targets set for 2030 in the post-2020 Work Plan for the Network. »

1.3 «All **sites** included in the Emerald Network are **effectively managed** and subject to formal protection and other effective area-based conservation measures.»

➤ Programme of activities for 2025 and 2026 should help to achieve these targets.

6 Developments linked to the Emerald network

6a Emerald Network legal framework => 5.6.1.a

- Road map:
1. Survey on problems and challenges
 2. Discussion in GoEPAEN
 3. SC 2024

Proposed recommendation to clarify the legal framework of the Emerald network (T-PVS/PA(2024)11)

6b Revised targets for the Emerald Network up to 2030 => 5.6.1.b

Proposed realistic targets for 2030 to encourage countries to make progress in implementing the network

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6c et d. Revision of the Standard Data Form (SDF) for Natura 2000 and development of the Reportnet3 platform

=> 5.6.1.c

The group proposes to mandate the Secretariat with the development of processes to adapt the form for the Emerald Network (T-PVS/PA(2014)04)

7. Emeraude network update and future prospects

- 2 new Emerald Network sites in Liechtenstein for adoption! => 5.6.1.d