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3rd project Steering Committee meeting
(Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, Room 14
14 January 2016, 9:30-18:00)

AGENDA

09:30 – 09:50	<p>1. Opening of the meeting and welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Claudia Luciani, Director of Democratic Governance, Council of Europe</i> • <i>Ivana d’Alessandro, Head of Biodiversity Unit, Council of Europe</i> • <i>Laura Giappichelli, Programme Manager, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), Unit C2 - Regional Programmes Neighbourhood East, European Commission</i>
09:50 – 11:30 (including coffee break at 10h45)	<p>2. Introduction to the meeting by Christina Baglai</p> <p>Review of achievements and lessons learnt for 2015 - Presentations by the national project leaders (10 min each):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Armenia – Hasmik Ghalachyan Belarus – Yuri Solovjev Georgia – Kakha Artsivadze Republic of Moldova – Angela Lozan Russian Federation – Nikolay Sobolev Ukraine – Leonid Protsenko
11:30 – 12:10	<p>3. Results of the Emerald Network evaluation Seminars in 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of results, sufficiency statistics and lessons learnt, presentation by <i>Marc Roekaerts</i> and <i>Otars Opermanis, international experts to the project</i> • Discussion on countries’ observations and lessons learnt from the Emerald evaluations in 2015
12:10 – 12:30	<p>4. Discussion on the expectations from the evaluation Seminars in 2016, possible improvements to the process</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:30	<p>5. Draft Guidelines on the management of Emerald sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the draft guidelines, <i>Christina Baglai, Secretariat of the Bern Convention</i> • Discussion
14:40 – 16:10 (including coffee break at 15h10)	<p>6. Project planning for 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed planning of the Emerald biogeographical Seminars in 2016, by <i>Christina Baglai, Secretariat of the Bern Convention, and Marc Roekaerts, international expert</i> • Planning of the national terms of reference for 2016 for the target countries, discussion moderated by <i>Christina Baglai, Secretariat of the Bern Convention</i> • Final project event: exchange of ideas and planning of the event, discussion and proposals
16:10 – 16:50	<p>7. Visibility, dissemination of results and final reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for final reporting, <i>Laura Giappichelli, European Commission</i> • Presentation of the national initiatives and activities implemented in 2015, <i>presentations by the national project leaders and discussion (5 min each)</i>
16:50 – 17:20	<p>8. Cooperation with other projects/initiatives in the field of environment/biodiversity at national level, presentations by the national project leaders (5 min each)</p>
17:20 – 17h50	9. Exchange of ideas regarding the future of the EU/CoE Joint Programme
17:50	10. Any other business
18:00	11. Conclusions of the meeting