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**EU/CoE Joint Programme
“Emerald Network of Nature Protection Sites, Phase II”**

**Emerald Network Biogeographical Seminar
for all habitats and species (except birds)
for the Continental Region
(Belarus, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine)
and the Pannonian and Alpine Carpathians
(Ukraine)**

11-13 May 2016

Seminar venue:
Hotel Europa
Str. Vasile Lupu 16
Chisinau
Republic of Moldova

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2016

1. Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of the meeting by Jan Plesnik, Member of the Bureau of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention• Welcoming address by Andrian Delinschi, Deputy Minister of Environment, Republic of Moldova• Welcoming address by the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova (tbc)• The EU/CoE Joint Programme on the Emerald Network's setting-up and constitution process, by Christina Baglai-Durnescu, Secretariat of the Bern Convention, Council of Europe	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 invertebrates 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 site proposals in all bio-geographical regions for each targeted country. There will be no separate sessions devoted for each bio-geographical region.</p> <p>Discussion to be led by Otars Opermanis, independent experts 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 invertebrates 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 habitats/plant species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites <p>The discussion will be organised habitat by habitat, examining site proposals in all bio-geographical regions. There will be no separate sessions devoted for each bio-geographical region.</p> <p>Participating in the discussions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The evaluators	13.45 -15.30

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Coffee Break	15.30 - 15.50
<p>6. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of habitats/plant species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)</p> <p>The discussion will be organised habitat by habitat, examining site proposals in all bio-geographical regions. There will be no separate sessions devoted for each bio-geographical region.</p> <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>Discussion to be led by Marc Roekaerts, independent experts to the Council of Europe.</p>	15.50 - 18.00

THURSDAY, 12 MAY 2016

<p>7. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of fish species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites</p> <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 site proposals in all bio-geographical regions for each targeted country. There will be no separate sessions devoted for each bio-geographical region.</p> <p>Discussion to be led by Otars Opermanis, independent experts to the Council of Europe.</p>	9.00 - 11.00
Coffee Break	11.00 - 11.20
8. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of fish species in the	11.20 - 12.30

proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	
Lunch break	12.30 -13.45
9. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of habitats/plant species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	13.45 - 15.30
Coffee Break	15.30 - 15.50
10. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of habitats/plant species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	15.50 - 18.00

FRIDAY, 13 MAY 2016

11. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of habitats/plant species in the proposed Emerald sites (cont.)	9.00 – 11.00
Coffee Break	11.00 - 11.15
<p>12. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of mammal, reptile and amphibian species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites</p> <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 site proposals in all bio-geographical regions for each targeted country. There will be no separate sessions devoted for each bio-geographical region.</p> <p>Discussion to be led by Otars Opermanis, independent experts to the Council of Europe.</p> <p>13. Preliminary results of the Seminar evaluation discussions</p> <p>14. Closure of the meeting</p>	11.15 – 12.30
Lunch break	12.30 - 14.00