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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 Steppic region (the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation
and Ukraine), the Alpine Caucasus (the Russian Federation),
the Marine Black Sea (Ukraine, the Russian Federation) and
the Marine Caspian Sea**

6-8 September 2016

Seminar venue:

RAZIOTEL
Kharkivskoe shosse 177/1
Kyiv 02000
Ukraine

AGENDA

TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2016

1. Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of the meeting by Christina Baglai-Durnescu, Secretariat of the Bern Convention, Council of Europe• Welcoming address by Mykola Kuzio, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine• Welcoming address by Oleksander Klitko, European Union Delegation to Ukraine• 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 fish, reptile and amphibian species 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 to each bio-geographical region.</p> <p>Discussion to be led by Otars Opermanis, independent expert 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 fish, reptile and amphibian species 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 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	13.45 – 15.30

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Coffee Break	15.30 – 15.50
6. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of habitats in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	15.50 – 18.00

WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2016

<p>7. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of invertebrate 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 to each bio-geographical region.</p> <p>Discussion to be led by Otars Opermanis, independent expert 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 invertebrate species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	11.20 – 12.30
Lunch break	12.30 – 13.45
9. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of habitats 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 in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	15.50 – 18.00

THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2016

11. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of mammal species in the proposed Emerald sites Participating in the discussions are: <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 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 to each bio-geographical region. Discussion to be led by Marc Roekaerts, independent expert to the Council of Europe.	9.00 – 11.00
Coffee Break	11.00 – 11.15
12. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of mammal species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	11.15 – 12.30
Lunch break	12.30 – 13.45
13. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of plants species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites Participating in the discussions are: <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 The discussion will be organised habitat by habitat, examining site proposals in all bio-geographical regions for each targeted country. There will be no separate sessions devoted to each bio-geographical region. Discussion to be led by Marc Roekaerts, independent expert to the Council of Europe.	13.45 – 15.30
Coffee Break	15.30 – 15.50
14. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of plant species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (cont.)	15.50 – 16.30
15. Preliminary results of the Seminar evaluation discussions	16.30 – 17.00
16. Closure of the meeting	17.00 – 17.30