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# Progress, achievements and challenges in implementation of the Emerald Network Calendar (2011-2020) in Ukraine

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#### Designation of Emerald sites in Ukraine

- The Ukrainian party thanks for the decision of 36th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention on the provision to 271 sites the status of Emerald sites in Ukraine prepared in the framework of EU/Council of Europe Joint Program "Emerald Network";
- The book "Vascular plants of the Emerald Network of Ukraine under protection of the Bern Convention" was issued;
- National Emerald Network Portal linked with Emerald Network Reference Portal and Emerald Network Viewer is being developed.

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According to results of EU/CoE Joint Program "Emerald Network. Phase II" Ukraine has the adequacy of the Emerald Network of Ukraine for conservation of rare and endangered species of flora and fauna and habitats as the following:

- for plants 61,5 % sufficient sites;
- for animals 55,4 % sufficient sites;
- for habitats 52,2 % sufficient sites.

But many proposals and remarks of biogeographical assessments were taken into account in the Final Report of NGO Interecocenter for EU/CoE Joint Program.

#### Designation of Emerald sites in Ukraine

- Now a group of young scientists, who took part very actively in biogeographical seminars, is completing the preparation of databases for at least 50 potential sites or expansion of existing sites.
- This group is preparing a manual for involving stakeholders in the preparation of such databases too.

## Results of EU project "Support to Ukraine in approximating EU environmental legislation":

- analysis and comparison of lists of species and habitats of the EU directives, the Bern Convention and the Red Data Book of Ukraine conducted;
- workshops to state employers and scientists are held regularly;
- a trip to ministries and national parks of the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Poland (03-09 September 2014) to study legislation, governance and practice of management and monitoring to implement the EU Birds and Habitat Directives took place;
- draft national law on conservation of rare and endangered species of flora and fauna and habitats with rules of emerald sites national approval, management, monitoring and reporting is being prepared.

## Main challenge for Ukraine's Emerald Network in 2018

- Monitoring and reporting: where to raise funds, who, where and for what species and habitats will do it? <u>Today these questions</u> <u>remain unanswered.</u>
- Designation of new Emerald sites also requires funds that we have not found yet.
- At the same time, the official recognition of the 271 Emerald sites allows us to move forward.

### Thanks for your attention!







