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1st Steering Committee Meeting

*Strasbourg, 18 October 2013
Palais de l'Europe, Room 14
9:30-17:30*

DRAFT AGENDA

- 09:30 – 10:00** **Opening of the meeting and welcoming remarks**
- ✚ Welcoming words by *Eladio FERNANDEZ-GALLIANO, Head of the Democratic Initiatives Department*
 - ✚ State of play of the project implementation by *Iva OBRETENOVA, Project Manager, Secretariat of the Bern Convention*
- 10:00 – 11:30** **Achievements' review for 2013 by the project target countries (including coffee break at 10h30)**
- ✚ Presentations by the national project leaders:
 - i. Armenia
 - ii. Azerbaijan
 - iii. Belarus
 - iv. Georgia
 - v. Moldova
 - vi. Russian Federation
 - vii. Ukraine
- 11:30 – 12:30** **Discussion on the national implementation progress and possible shortcomings**, moderated by the Secretariat of the Council of Europe and *Marc ROEKAERTS, Project scientific expert*

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

- 14:00 – 15:00** **Overall achievements' review for 2013**
- ✚ Technical requirements for the Emerald data deliveries in view of the initiation of biogeographic assessment of Phase II - *Marc ROEKAERTS, project scientific expert*
 - ✚ Discussion
- 15:00 – 15:40** **Planning of the project activities for 2014 and of the ToR of AAs with target countries for 2014**

15:40 – 16:00 Coffee break

- 16:00 – 16:30** **Reminder of the administrative requirements to target countries**
✚ Financial arrangements and reporting requirements - *Iva Obretenova, Project Manager, Secretariat of the Council of Europe*
- 16:30 – 17:15** **Visibility activities**
✚ Revamped webpage for the project - *Iva Obretenova, Project Manager, Secretariat of the Council of Europe*
✚ National visibility strategies - *national project leaders*
- 17:15** **Any other business**
- 17:30** **Closing of the meeting** - *Iva Obretenova, Project Manager, Secretariat of the Bern Convention*