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# **Strategic development of the Emerald Network**

**Kick-off meeting of the JP of the Emerald  
Network (Phase II)**

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## *The Emerald Network constitution process: some background*

- ✦ Three different stages or “Phases”
  - ✦ Phase I: Reference lists of species and habitats from the Bern lists present in the country + identification and description of sites + official nomination as candidate Emerald sites by BC Standing Committee
  - ✦ Phase II: Evaluation of the efficiency of the candidate sites on a species by species and habitat by habitat base for each biogeographical region + submission to the Standing Committee for eventual approval as Emerald sites
  - ✦ Phase III: National designation of the adopted ASCI's and the implementation of management, reporting and monitoring measures, under the responsibility of national authorities



## *The Emerald Network: some background*

- ★ [Resolution No. 5 \(1998\)](#) concerning the rules for the Network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest (Emerald Network)
- ★ [Resolution No. 4 \(1996\)](#) listing endangered natural habitats requiring specific conservation measures
- ★ [Resolution No. 6 \(1998\)](#) listing the species requiring specific habitat conservation measures
- ★ [Criteria for assessing the National Lists of proposed Emerald sites \(ASCIs\)](#) at biogeographical level and procedure for examining and approving Emerald candidate sites (as adopted in 2010 by the Standing Committee)
- ★ [Recommendation No.157 \(2011\)](#) on the status of candidate Emerald sites and guidelines on the criteria for their nomination
- ★ [Resolution No. 8 \(2012\)](#) on the national designation of adopted Emerald sites and the implementation of management, monitoring and reporting measures





## *The Emerald Network Calendar 2011-2020*

- ✦ Initiation of the Emerald Network setting-up process in Morocco and Tunisia (Phase I)
- ✦ Switzerland and Norway: biogeographic process (Phase II)
- ✦ West Balkans region: biogeographic process initiated in 2011 (Phase II)
- ✦ Central and Eastern Europe and South Caucasus: 7 countries (Phase II to be initiated)



## *Latest and undergoing developments*

- ★ Translation of the Resolution No 4 (1996) on endangered natural habitats from the Palaearctic to the EUNIS habitats classification
- ★ Harmonisation Emerald/Natura 2000: updating of the lists of endangered natural habitats and species requiring specific conservation measures
- ★ New information form adopted for adding new species and habitats to the BC lists
- ★ Resolution on the national designation of ASCIs, their management and reporting
- ★ Consultations on management of Emerald sites
- ★ Consultations on reporting obligations on the Emerald Network

