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EU/CoE Joint Programme Emerald Network Phase II (DCI-ENV/2012/289-173): Proposed project planning

Year	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December
2012				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inception phase: Re-establishment of the national Emerald teams and designation of project leader at national level, initiating cooperation with NGOs + identification of responsible at Ministry level
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inception phase: Quality check of the ecological and technical data delivered in 2011/12 for each site for all target countries ▪ Project kick-off meeting (Kiev, March, 2 days): discussion on the project objectives and the results of the data quality checks; discussion on ways for identifying additional possible Emerald sites in the target countries; exchange of ideas on Emerald management plans and reporting obligations; dialogue on conservation standards for future Emerald sites, in particular the ones which straddle borders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organisation of national technical workshops if considered necessary by the project scientific expert and the national teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 25 April - Ukraine ▪ 13-14 May - Moldova ▪ 22-23 May - Belarus ▪ 5-6 June - Azerbaijan ▪ 11-12 June - Georgia ▪ 25-26 June - Armenia ▪ Consultations on the guidelines on Emerald Network management and reporting and monitoring mechanisms, including the agriculture/forestry activities and forests fires management in Emerald sites 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st Steering Committee, November, Strasbourg (France), 1.5 days
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signature of the AAs for 2013 with all target countries, January 2014 ▪ Identification of the remaining potential sites and the sites data collection and delivery in MD, UA, BL and RU; field research and data gathering through the national Emerald teams; technical data correction and if necessary identification of additional sites for AZ, AM & GE 			

2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National technical Emerald Seminars for all target countries (7 meetings x 2 days each) aiming at facilitating the preparatory biogeographical Seminars to follow during the year (finalisation of the N2000/Emerald methodology compatibility and involving local authorities, local stakeholders and national NGOs) ▪ Continuation of the consultations on the guidelines on the Emerald Network management and reporting and monitoring mechanisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparatory Biogeographical Seminar (1.5 days, Georgia, Tbilisi) for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparatory Biogeographical Seminar (1.5 days, Kiev, Ukraine) for the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus and Russia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2nd Steering Committee meeting, November, Strasbourg (France), 1.5 days
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signature of the AAs for 2014 with all target countries, January 2014 			
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National level: follow-up to the preparatory biogeographical seminars: additional field research identification of the remaining potential sites and the sites data collection and delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finalisation of specific guidelines on Emerald sites' management and reporting for Central and Eastern European countries and South Caucasus; submission to the Group of Experts on Ecological Networks & Bern Convention Standing Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biogeographical Seminar (5 days, venue tbd) for all target countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3rd Steering Committee meeting, November, Strasbourg (France), 1.5 days
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signature of the AAs for 2015 with all target countries, January 2015 			
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 to 4 bilateral seminars (1.5 days, venue tbd) for target countries where there is a need 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final project event (1.5 days, Strasbourg or Brussels) for dissemination/awareness raising on project results and discussion of work ahead at national level on the designation of Emerald sites
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signature of the AAs for 2016 with all target countries, January 2016 			