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**List of species and habitats to be discussed during the simulation
of biogeographical evaluation**

1. Simulation of biogeographical evaluation – guidance for preparing the exercise

Items 7 and 8 of the agenda of the Preparatory Emerald biogeographical Seminar (Tbilisi, 23-24/10) foresee a simulation of a real Emerald biogeographical seminar and aim at demonstrating the decision-making process on the sufficiency of the Emerald network in a given country. For this purpose the project international consultants have chosen 20 features (species and habitats) which will be subject of the sufficiency discussions during the Seminar. The lists of these species and habitats are provided below. Accompanying maps can also be downloaded from the [webpage of the event](#).

For more interesting and interactive discussions during the event, participants are kindly asked to make their own opinion on the sufficiency of the proposed Emerald sites in their respective countries, for the given species and habitats. It is important that participants equally prepare their arguments, in order to be able to back their opinion.

Due to the limited time we will dispose of during the event, it will be evaluated on the spot whether the entire selection of species and habitats will be evaluated.

2. Species subject to the biogeographical evaluation exercise:

The following 10 species will be subject to the simulation exercise foreseen in agenda item 7:

- *Rosalia alpina* (invertebrate);
- *Aspius aspius* and *Barbus capito* (fish);
- *Testudo graeca* (reptile);
- *Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*, *Ursus arctos*, *Lutra lutra* (mammals);
- *Aythya nyroca*, *Gyps fulvus* and *Chlidonias hybridus* (birds).

3. Habitats and plant species subject to the biogeographical evaluation exercise:

The following 5 habitats and 5 plant species will be subject to the simulation exercise foreseen in agenda item 8:

- E1.2 Perennial calcareous grassland and basic steppes;
- E3.4 Moist or wet eutrophic and mesotrophic grassland;
- G1.A1 *Quercus* - *Fraxinus* - *Carpinus betulus* woodland on eutrophic and mesotrophic soils;
- G1.6 *Fagus* woodland;
- H1 Terrestrial underground caves, cave systems, passages and waterbodies;
- *Saxifraga hirculus* (*Saxifragaceae*);
- *Vaccinium arctostaphylos* (*Ericaceae*);
- *Dracocephalum austriacum* (*Labiatae*);
- *Ligularia sibirica* (*Compositae*);
- *Steveniella satyrioides* (*Orchidaceae*).