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“Emerald Network, Phase II” in Georgia

25-26 April 2014  
Tbilisi, Georgia

**AGENDA**

<b>Friday, 25 April 2014</b>	
9:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 12:30 (including coffee break)	Opening and welcoming remarks: <i>Mr. Bejan Lortkipanidze</i> , Chairperson NACRES <i>Mr. IoseB Kartsivadze</i> , Head of Biodiversity Protection Service, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
	The Emerald Network: legal framework and methodology  <i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts</i> , Expert, Council of Europe
	Emerald as a network  <i>Mr. Otars Opermanis</i> , Expert, Council of Europe
	2013 Emerald Database of Georgia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Findings of the QA/QC report</li> <li>• Reference database</li> <li>• Challenges ahead</li> </ul> <i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts and Mr. Otars Opermanis</i> , Experts, Council of Europe
	Questions and discussion session
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00 (including coffee break)	Emerald priorities: designation first, then management  <i>Mr. Otars Opermanis</i> , Expert, Council of Europe
	National environment protection and biodiversity related strategies and laws. <i>Mr. IoseB Kartsivadze</i> , Head of Biodiversity Protection Service, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources.
	Addressing the possible issues of sufficiency identified in the QA/QC report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange of views</li> <li>• Views and proposals of nature conservation NGOs</li> <li>• Views of relevant Ministries</li> </ul> <i>Mr. Kakha Artsivadze</i> , NACRES
	Revision and improvement of the Emerald Database for Georgia: way forward - exchange of views and discussion <i>Mr. Kakha Artsivadze</i> , NACRES
16:30 – 17:00	Conclusions of the workshop
<b>Saturday, 26 April 2014</b>	
9:00 – 17:00	Field trip