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European Union/ Council of Europe Joint Programme
“Emerald Network, Phase II” in Belarus

22 – 24 May, 2013

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the
Republic of Belarus
Belarusian Public Association “Ecological Initiative”

AGENDA

VENUES:

Brest region, Beryozovski district, the Landscape Reserve “Sporovsky”
Minsk, Ave. Nezavisimosti, 117A, conference – hall (4-th floor)

Wednesday, 22 May	
8:00 – 18.00	Field visit to the potential Emerald Site – the Landscape Reserve “Sporovsky” with the participation of the representatives from the Ministry of Environment and the administration of the Landscape Reserve “Sporovsky”

Thursday, 23 May	
9.30 – 10.00	Registration of the participants of the workshop
10.00 – 10.15	<p>Opening and welcoming remarks by National authorities and Council of Europe / European Union representatives:</p> <p><i>Ms. Natalya Minchenko</i>, Head of the Department of Biological and Landscape Diversity of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus</p> <p><i>Elena Rakova</i>, Energy and Environment Coordinator of the Representative Office of the EU in the Republic of Belarus</p> <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts</i>, International expert, Council of Europe</p>
10.15 – 10.30	<p>Overview on the Emerald Network Programme Phase I. Regional involvement and general information. Future development of the Emerald Network in the phase II.</p> <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts</i>, International expert, Council of Europe</p>
10.30 – 10.40	<p>Main activities on Emerald sites identification and management after the Emerald Network Programme Phase I. Priorities of the of the Emerald Network Project phase II.</p> <p><i>Mr. Yuri Solovjev</i>, Emerald team leader</p>
10.40 – 11.00	<p>Overview on Proposed Emerald Sites for Belarus. Further development of the sites network. GIS Site boundaries. Reference Database. Status of the 2011 data base. GIS distribution data: Species and Habitats. Proposed list of species to be added to the Bern Convention. Status of protection of proposed species.</p> <p><i>Ms. Maryna Belous</i>, Emerald team consultant <i>Mr. Mikhail Maksimenkov</i>, Emerald team expert</p>
11.00 – 11.20	<p>Proposed Emerald Sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - QA/QC report - Further development of the sites network - GIS Site boundaries <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts</i>, International expert, Council of Europe</p>
11.20 – 11.50	Coffee – break

11.50 – 12.10	Reference Database <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status of the 2011 data base - Questions and further development <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts, International expert, Council of Europe</i></p>
12.10 – 12.30	GIS distribution data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Species - Habitats <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts, International expert, Council of Europe</i></p>
12.30 – 13.00	Questions and answers session
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.20	Interpretation manual for new version of Resolution 4. Questions and need for comments <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts, International expert, Council of Europe</i></p>
14:20 – 14:40	Species and habitats to be added to the Bern Convention: discussion on the way forward according to the Emerald Calendar 2020 <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts, International expert, Council of Europe</i></p>
14:40 – 15:00	Discussion on the Draft Guidelines for the Management of Emerald sites
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	Questions and answers session
17:00 – 17:15	Discussions and conclusion of the Workshop

Friday, 24 May

Practical work with national experts and the staff of the Ministry of Environment on planning activities on Emerald Network in Belarus, revision and completion of information and database, extending of Emerald network, next steps, etc.
(Venue: Office BPU “Ecological Initiative”, Str.Kollektornaya,10, room 537, Minsk,Belarus)