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AGENDA

Thursday, 5 June 2014	
9:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 12:30 (including coffee break)	Opening and welcoming remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mrs Natalia Minchenko</i>, Head of Biological and Landscape Diversity Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection • <i>Mrs Iva Obretenova</i>, Project Manager, Council of Europe
	The Emerald Network: legal framework and methodology <i>Mrs Iva Obretenova</i> , Project Manager, Council of Europe
	Emerald as a network <i>Mr. Otars Opermanis</i> , Expert, Council of Europe
	2013 Emerald Database of Belarus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings of the QA/QC report • Reference database • Challenges ahead <i>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
	Presentation of the national environment protection and biodiversity related strategies and laws – presentation and exchange of views
	Addressing the possible issues of sufficiency identified in the QA/QC report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange of views • Views and proposals of nature conservation NGOs • Views of relevant Ministries
	Revision and improvement of the Emerald Database for Belarus: way forward - exchange of views
17:00 – 17:30	Conclusions of the workshop