



European Union/ Council of Europe Joint Programme
“Emerald Network of Nature Protection Sites, Phase II”

Preparatory Emerald Biogeographical Seminar
for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia
Tbilisi, 23-24 October 2014

Venue: Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
6 Gulua street, 0114 Tbilisi

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, 23 October 2014

Arrival and registration	9.00 - 9.30
1. Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ioseb Kartsivadze, Head of Biodiversity protection service, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia• Alvaro Ortega-Aparicio, EU Delegation to Georgia (tbc)• Iva Obretenova, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Bern Convention	9.30 - 9.50
2. Introduction to the Seminar, its objectives and agenda Iva Obretenova, Secretariat of the Bern Convention	9.50 - 10.00
3. Review of the state of play of countries' Emerald site designations (Marc Roekaerts, project scientific expert)	10.00 - 10.30
Coffee Break	10.30 - 11.00
4. Methodology and criteria of the Emerald Network evaluation process Otars Opermanis, project scientific expert	11.00 - 12.00
5. Emerald biogeographical seminars: main actors, roles and organisation of discussions Otars Opermanis and Iva Obretenova	12.30 - 13.00
Lunch break	13.00 - 14.00
6. Bio-geographical seminars from the NGO point of view: to-date experience Iva Obretenova, Secretariat of the Bern Convention	14.00 - 14.45
7. Simulation of biogeographic evaluation using a selection of animal species Chair: Iva Obretenova; Presented by: Otars Opermanis	14.45 – 16.00
Coffee Break	16.00 - 16.30
8. Simulation of biogeographic evaluation using a selection of habitats and plant species Chair: Iva Obretenova; Presented by: Marc Roekaerts	16.30 - 17.30

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9. Observations on the simulation of biogeographical evaluation Secretariat of the Bern Convention	09.30 - 10.00
10. Observations and questions on the simulation of biogeographical evaluation Contracting Parties to the Bern Convention	10.00 - 11.00
Coffee Break	11.00 - 11.30

11. Next steps and planned progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed planning of the biogeographical seminars (2015-2016) • Progress in site designation in databases to be submitted by January 2015 • Needs for further bi-lateral technical meetings 	11.30 - 12.30
Lunch break	13.00 - 14.00
12. Group discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Contractual and legal issues on the Emerald Network, Iva Obretenova • Group 2: Technical issues (e.g. the new Standard Data Form, New Emerald Software) and scientific issues regarding habitats, Marc Roekaerts • Group 3: Scientific issues (e.g. site selection), Otars Opermanis 	14.00 - 17.00