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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE AND NATURAL HABITATS

Second Emerald Network Biogeographical Seminar for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia*

Focus: species – except birds - listed in Resolution No. 6 (1998) and habitats listed in Resolution No. 4(1996) of the Bern Convention.

8-9 November 2017

Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, 6 Dimity Gulia Street, 0114 Tbilisi, Georgia

Draft Agenda

Meeting documents:

Documents are available at the following link:

• <u>Draft agenda</u>

The conclusions and reference lists of the previous evaluation seminar (27-29 May 2015) can be found here:

- Plants reference list and final conclusions
- Animals reference list and final conclusions
- Habitats reference list and final conclusions
- Revised Criteria for assessing the National Lists of proposed Areas of Special Conservation Interest (ASCIs) at biogeographical level and procedure for examining and approving <u>Emerald candidate sites</u>

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1 st day, Wednesday 8 November 2017 (09:00-18:00)						
Time	Item no.	Agenda item	Presenters			
		Opening Session	Marc Hory, Secretariat of the Bern Convention, Council of Europe			
09:00-09:30	1		Carl Amirgulashvili, Head of the Biodiversity and Forest Policy Department, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia			
			EU Delegation to Georgia (tbc)			
			Nihat Zal, European Environment Agency			
9.30 – 9.50	2	Introduction to the seminar, rules of procedure and main outcomes expected	Doug Evans (EEA/MNHN)*			
9.50 – 11.00		3. Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of animal species (except birds) in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites Participating in the discussions are:				
	3	 The evaluators The country delegation NGOs (nature conservation & land owners, if possible) Independent experts and observers if necessary The Chair of the meeting, announcing the conclusion 	Discussion to be led by Otars Opermanis (EEA/MNHN)*			
		The discussion will be organised species by species, examining the Emerald site proposals for each targeted country according to biogeographical regions concerned.				







11.00 – 11.20	Coffee Break				
11.20 – 12.30	Discussion on the sufficier representation of animal birds) in the proposed an Emerald sites (continue)	species (except Discussion to be led by			
12.30 –13.45	Lunch break				
13.45 –15.30	Discussion on the sufficier representation of habitat and candidate Emerald si The discussion will be org habitat, examining site probiogeographical regions.	Marc Roekaerts and Lubos Halada (EEA/ILE-SAS)*			
15.30 – 15.50	Coffee Break				
15.50 – 18.00	Discussion on the sufficie representation of habitat and candidate Emerald si	s in the proposed			
18.00	End of day 1				







2 nd day, Thursday 9 November 2017 (09:00-18:00)					
Time	Item no.	Agenda item	Presenters		
9.00 – 11.00	5	Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of plant species in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites The discussion will be organised species by species, examining site proposals in all biogeographical regions.	Marc Roekaerts (EEA/ILE-SAS)*		
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee Break				
11.20 – 12.30	5	Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of animal species (except birds) in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (continue)	Marc Roekaerts (EEA/ILE-SAS)*		
12.30 –13.45	Lunch break				
13.45 – 15.30	5	Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of animal species (except birds) in the proposed and candidate Emerald sites (continue)	Marc Roekaerts (EEA/ILE-SAS)*		
15.30 – 15.50	Coffee Break				
15.50 – 16.30	6	Discussion on the sufficiency of the representation of animal species (except birds) and habitats pending from the previous sessions	Marc Roekaerts (EEA/ILE-SAS)*		
16.30 – 17.15	7	Preliminary results of the Seminar evaluation discussions	Marc Roekaerts (EEA/ILE-SAS)*		
17.15 – 18.00	8	Conclusions of the meeting and follow-up			
18.00	Closure of the Seminar				





