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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Group of Experts on  
Protected Areas and Ecological Networks**

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting  
14 – 15 September 2010  
Council of Europe, Strasbourg,  
Room 8

**AGENDA**

Secretariat Memorandum  
prepared by  
the Directorate of Culture and of Cultural and Natural Heritage

*Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September*

**09:30 – 10:10 Welcome and opening**

1. **Opening of the meeting by the Vice-Chair (Mr Jacque Stein)**
2. **Adoption of the agenda**
3. **Introduction by the Secretariat and decisions of the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention – Protection of natural habitats (Ms Ivana d'Alessandro)**

**10:00 – 11:30 Progress towards the setting-up of the Emerald Network: Phase I**

**4. Update on ongoing Phase I Emerald projects:**

- State of progress of the joint Council of Europe / European Union programme for the setting-up of the Emerald Network in South Caucasus and in Central and Eastern Europe (Ms Ivana d'Alessandro; Mr Marc Roekaerts, consultant)

**Coffee break**

- Results of the first pilot project for the setting-up of the Emerald Network in Morocco (Ms Hayat Mesbah, Haut Commissariat aux Eaux et Forêts et à la Lutte Contre la Désertification of Morocco)
- Brief reports and communications by national delegations on the developments of the Emerald Network

**11:30 – 12:45 The Emerald Network: entering phase II**

**5. Progress towards the setting-up of the Emerald Network: Entering Phase II**

- Conclusions of the third technical coordination meeting between the Council of Europe and the European Environment Agency, Paris, 18 March 2010 (Ms Ivana d'Alessandro, CoE – Ms Dominique Richard, EEA-ETC/BD)
- Procedure of evaluation and acceptance of the areas of special conservation interest of the Emerald Network: presentation of the criteria for the evaluation and approval of the proposed sites (Mr Marc Roekaerts)
- Harmonising the Emerald and the Natura 2000 Networks: integrating the EUNIS system (Mr Marc Roekaerts)

**12:45 Lunch break**

**14:15 – 17:00 The Emerald Network: entering phase II (cont.)**

Mr Marc Roekaerts:

- The “Emerald Barometer”
- The draft Information Form for proposed species and habitats, to be integrated in the Bern Convention’s Annexes and Resolutions
- The updated Biogeographical regions’ map
- Proposals for updating the calendar of the “Emerald Phases”
- State of Progress of the update of the Interpretation Manual of Resolution No. 4 (1996) listing endangered natural habitats requiring specific conservation measures

**Discussion**

**17:00 – 17:15 Awareness and visibility**

- Presentation by the Secretariat of the Emerald brochure and the Emerald factsheet

**17:15 – 17:30 Closing of the first day**

*A dinner booking will be made in an Alsatian restaurant (at 8pm) to help those wishing to get together in the evening. More information will be given during the meeting.*

*Please note that this is not an invitation from the Council of Europe.*

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*Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September*

**9:30 – 10:30 Ecological Networks and Protected Areas in other fora**

**6. Information on recent European meetings and initiatives of interest for the Group**

- Conclusions of the Conference: “Post-2010 Biodiversity Vision and Target: the role of protected areas and ecological networks in Europe” (Mr Eladio Fernández Galiano)
- Information on the Conference : “Climate change and Protected Area Summit” (Mr Borig Erg, IUCN)
- Information on the “European Biodiversity Day”, Strasbourg, 28 April 2010 (Ms Edith Wenger, IONG Conference)
- Work of other related Council of Europe Group of Experts of the Bern Convention (Mr Eladio Fernández Galiano):
  - Biodiversity and Climate Change
  - European Island Biological Diversity

**10:30 – 12:30 Implementing the Pan-European Ecological Network: legal instruments, good practices and challenges for the future**

**7. Work by other international Conventions**

- Convention on Biological Diversity: statement by the Executive Secretary of the Convention, Mr Ahmed Djoghlaif (reading by the Secretariat of the Bern Convention)
- Ramsar Convention (Mr Tobias Salathé)

**Coffee break**

- Barcelona Convention (Mr Abderrahmen Gannoun, RAC/SPA Director)
- “Restoring the web of life – Ecological networks for more biodiversity in the Alps” (Mr Yann Kohler, Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention)
- Carpathian Convention (Mr Giacomo Luciani)

**8. Improving coherence and connectivity**

- "Natura 2000: from designation to effective management" (Mr Marco Cipriani)
- Accessing information and reporting on Ecological Networks: the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) (Ms Dominique Richard, EEA, ETC-BD)
- EEA (Update on Ecological Networks activities and the BISE) (Ms Dominique Richard, EEA, ETC-BD)

**Lunch break**

**14:00 – 14:45 Improving coherence and connectivity (cont.)**

- IUCN (Mr Boris Erg, IUCN)
- Future priorities for ecological networks: challenge and opportunity, ECNC (Dr. Lawrence Jones-Walters)

*The documents for this meeting are available on the meeting website ([www.coe.int/emerald](http://www.coe.int/emerald) )*

- The European Network of Head of Nature Conservation Agencies (Mr Jan Plesnik, ENCA representative)

**14:45 – 16:45 Tacking stock on the PEEN: National and sub-regional updates**

**9. Reports and communications by National Delegations in view of updating the information collected in 2007**

**10. Transboundary co-operation for the implementation of the PEEN**

- Conservation of the coastal and marine biological diversity through the development of a Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Protected Areas Network – MedMPAnet RAC-SPA (Mr Atef OUERGHI, RAC/SPA Programme Officer)
- The PBEPT project (« Plan de Base Ecologique et Paysager Transfrontalier ») between Walloon Region (Belgium) and Luxembourg (Mr. Jacques Stein, DGARNE)

**Coffee break**

- Legal barriers and potentials for the implementation of ecological corridors in the Alps (Mr. Alexandre Mignotte Director, CIPRA FRANCE)
- Ecological Corridors in the Carpathians (Dr. Leonid Protsenko, Interecocentre, Ukraine)

**Discussion**

**16:45 – 17:30 Next steps and future work**

**11. Future work of the Group of Experts**

**12. Any other business**

**13. Closing**