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Stakeholder and Public Engagement Meeting
“Advancing the Establishment of the Emerald Network and Management of the Emerald Sites in Armenia”

Agenda

17 March 2023 (11:00 – 14:40, Yerevan time)
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Background

A stakeholder and public engagement meeting is organized as part of the World Bank-led activities under EU4Environment Program sub-component 4.1: Support to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems (Emerald network). Activities under this sub-component are aimed at advancing the establishment of the Emerald Network and management of the Emerald Sites in the Eastern Partner countries. In Armenia the activities include developing recommendations for National Emerald Action Plan to advance the establishment of the Emerald Network, developing methodological guidelines for preparing Emerald Site management plans, developing management plans for the selected Emerald sites and capacity building. This stakeholder and public engagement meeting is the first public event under the Emerald sub-component of EU4Environment Program. Key stakeholders, crucial for the establishment of the Emerald Network and management of the Emerald Sites, have been invited. Experts will present the significance of the establishment of the Emerald Network and the steps that are needed to be taken. They will provide a comprehensive approach on how to manage the Emerald sites in Armenia. Stakeholders will be given the necessary information to understand the significance of their participation and what is expected from them. A round table discussion will be organised where participants and speakers alike will take away new perspectives and information.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- Description of the necessary steps for the establishment of the Emerald network
- Share information, knowledge and experiences about methods and approaches required for the effective establishment of the Emerald Network and sustainable management of Emerald sites.
- Raising awareness about the significance of the Emerald Network and sustainable management of Emerald sites.

Participants

The meeting will gather around 50 participants from different target groups including, governmental organizations, public bodies, academia, NGOs and intergovernmental organizations and other environmental organizations.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment – Green Economy) Action helps the Eastern Partnership countries preserve their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being, by supporting environment-related action, demonstrating and

unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts.

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Time	Item
11:00-11:30	<p>Welcome speech</p> <p>Tatevik Zuerker, Focal point of Bern Convention on the Protection of Wildlife and the Natural Environment of Europe, Ministry of Environment RA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Baggioli, International Aid / Cooperation Officer Programme Manager EU Delegation in Armenia • Karen Aghababyan, EU4 Environment Country Activity Coordinator, World bank • Arsen Gasparyan, Director, Institute of Botany aft. A. Takhtajyan NAS RA
11:30-11:45	<p>EU4 Environment activity “Armenia: Advancing the establishment of the Emerald Network and management of the Emerald Sites: General overview”.</p> <p>Alla Aleksanyan, Senior Researcher, Institute of Botany aft. A. Takhtajyan NAS RA</p>
11:45-12:05	<p>“Enhancing Protection of Biodiversity in Armenia Twinning Project - a Brief Overview of Outcomes and Recommendations</p> <p>Jindrich Chlapek, Resident Twinning Adviser, EU Twinning project "Strengthened Protection and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Armenia in Line with the European Standards"</p>
12:05-12:25	<p>“Natura 2000 in Greece: Trends and Governance”</p> <p>Ioannis Mitsopoulos, Director General, Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency</p>
12:25-13:00	Coffee break
13:00-13:20	<p>“Proposed Emerald sites: Current status and issues”</p> <p>Georgi Fayvush, Head of Department of Geobotany and Ecophysiology, Institute of Botany aft. A. Takhtajyan NAS RA</p>
13:20-13:40	<p>“LIFE IP4 for Natura 2000”</p> <p>Ioannis Mitsopoulos, Director General, Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency</p>
13:40-14:40	Roundtable discussions

- National Action Plan
Apostolos Karteris, Head of Business Development, KartECO
- Guidelines for Management Plans
George Fotiadis, Associate professor, Department of Forestry and Natural Environment, Agricultural University of Athens
- Addressing conflicts and promoting benefits
Tatevik Zuerker, Focal point of Bern Convention on the Protection of Wildlife and the Natural Environment of Europe, Ministry of Environment RA
- Next steps and final remarks
Alla Aleksanyan, Senior Researcher, Institute of Botany aft. A. Takhtajyan NAS RA