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Advancing the Emerald Network in Moldova: An Awareness Raising Event on Policy and Legal Aspects

Agenda

28th April 2023
09.00 – 12.00 MD time

The workshop will be delivered in a hybrid format using the Zoom platform. All registered participants will receive connection details to access the platform.

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Background

An awareness-raising event is organized as a part of the EU4Environment Program sub-component 4.1, which is led by the World Bank and aims to support the protection of biodiversity and natural ecosystems, particularly advancing the establishment and management of the Emerald Network in the Eastern Partner countries. In Moldova, the activities of this sub-component aim to enhance national capacities to ensure the long-term survival of species and habitats listed in the Bern Convention Resolutions by improving the national legal framework and promoting effective communication in line with European standards and best international practices. This involves providing training sessions and raising awareness among stakeholders responsible for managing Emerald sites in the Republic of Moldova.

The objectives of the awareness raising event are to advance the integration of the Emerald Network into policy and legal frameworks by engaging with key stakeholders in order to:

- Conduct a gap analysis of existing nature conservation legislation, focusing on legal perspectives and their effectiveness in protecting species and habitats.
- Advocate for the inclusion of Emerald-related institutional needs in governmental development planning to enhance conservation efforts for species and habitats.
- Develop unified management plans that provide clear and specific conservation objectives, with the aim of promoting effective replication of conservation efforts across the country.
- Solicit feedback from stakeholders on improving legal and institutional aspects related to the Emerald Network.

Participants

The meeting will bring together approximately 50 participants from a diverse range of organizations, including the central authority (Ministry of Environment) and its subordinated entities (such as Moldsilva and Apele Moldovei), NGOs, research and scientific communities, and practitioners. Additionally, representatives from other related projects and assignments that focus on biodiversity conservation will also be in attendance.

Practical Information

The awareness-raising event will be held in a hybrid format on the 28th of April 2023, from 09.00 to 12.00. Participants will receive a Zoom link to connect upon [registration](#). For in-person attendance, the event will be held at the Ministry of Environment for a limited number of participants, mainly authorities, who have registered in advance. Priority will be given to those who registered first. The language of the meeting will be Romanian. Interpretation into English can be provided upon request.

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 manage environmental risks and impacts better.

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Moderator of the event: **Tatiana ECHIM**, Stakeholder Engagement Expert

Time	Item
13.00 -13.30	Opening statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Environment, State Secretary, TBC - Agency Moldsilva, TBC - EUD representative, TBD - World Bank Representative, TBC - Mr. Andrei ISAC, National Coordinator of the EU4Environment in the Republic of Moldova
13.30-14.00	Presentation of the findings of the gap analysis on the establishment, management, and protection of the Emerald network in the Republic of Moldova <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Irina PUNGA, Legal Consultant, EcoContact
14.00 -14.15	Q&A session on the Gap Analysis. Moderated discussion Feedback from the pool of experts/stakeholders
14.15-14.45	Presentation of the first draft road map and proposed action/activities for the improvement of the management, and protection of the Emerald network in the Republic of Moldova <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Irina PUNGA, Legal Consultant, EcoContact
14.45-15.00	Q &A session on the Road Map. Moderated discussion Feedback from the pool of experts/stakeholders
15.00 -15.20	Presentation of the first draft scheme of the methodology on the elaboration of the Emerald Management Plans in the Republic of Moldova <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ion MARIN, Environmental Expert, EcoContact
15.20-16.00	Next steps

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	Discussion on the following aspects, with the participation of the expert team involved in the assignment:
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- The role of local authorities in the management of Emerald sites
- Protection measures for the Emerald sites and their habitats, including discussions on management boundaries
- Other related issues that require further consideration