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## Awareness raising event: transition of Emerald Network towards Natura 2000 - transposition and implementation of effective conservation policies

### Agenda

04 June 2024  
09.30 – 12.00 MD time

The workshop will be held in-person at the premise of the Ministry of Environment of Moldova. The exact location will be shared with registered participants.

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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 enhance the transposition and implementation of the EU acquis related to biodiversity conservation including habitats, species, and other related areas.
- To promote the integration of Emerald Network provisions into sectoral laws and policies.
- To identify and understand current legal, institutional, and management gaps in assessing species and habitats under the Emerald Network.

## Participants

The meeting will bring together approximately 20 participants from a diverse range of organizations, including the central authority (Ministry of Environment) and its subordinated entities (such as Agency Moldsilva), as well as representatives from ICAS, research and scientific communities, and various practitioners.

## Practical Information

The awareness-raising event will be held in person on June 4, 2024, from 09.30 to 12.00. Participants will receive the invitation to the event and the registration link. Later, the agenda will be sent to registered participants. The language of the meeting will be Romanian. No interpretation will be provided.

## 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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**AGENDA**

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

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
<b>09.30 – 10.00</b>	<b>Registration of participants/welcome coffee</b>
<b>10.00 -10.20</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TBC. Mrs Aliona <b>RUSNAC</b>, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment</li> <li>- Mr. Aurel <b>LOZAN</b>, EU4Environment Country Activity Coordinator, World Bank</li> </ul>
<b>10.20-10.40</b>	<b>Presentation of the EU acquis related to biodiversity conservation including habitats, species, and other aspects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mrs. Irina <b>PUNGA</b>, Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova</li> </ul>
<b>10.40 -10.50</b>	Q&A session on EU biodiversity policies, targets, etc. Feedback from the pool of experts/stakeholders
<b>10.50-11.05</b>	<b>Presentation on identifying and understanding current legal, institutional, and management gaps in the assessment of species and habitats under the Emerald Network (Report submitted to the Bern Convention)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mrs. Veronica <b>JOSU</b>, Senior Consultant, Dpt Policies in the field of nature conservation and biosecurity</li> </ul>
<b>11.05-11.35</b>	<b>Presentation on the available protection mechanism of the Emerald Network: Appropriate Assessment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mrs. Irina <b>PUNGA</b>, Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova</li> </ul>
<b>11.35 -11.50</b>	<b>Presentation on High Conservation Value Forests in the Republic of Moldova</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Aurel <b>LOZAN</b>, EU4Environment Country Activity Coordinator, World Bank</li> </ul>
<b>11.50-12.00</b>	Q&A Next steps  <b>Closure of the event</b>