

Emerald Network in Ukraine: Developing Management Plans and Assessing Military and Anthropogenic Impacts

Agenda

Date: November 7, 2025, 10:00-17:30 (EET)

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Background

This workshop supports Ukraine's commitments under the Bern Convention, with a focus on the designation and management of Emerald sites. It will address key aspects of management planning, impact assessment, and post-war restoration strategies for these important conservation areas.

This workshop is one of the nine capacity-building events 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 aim to advance the establishment of the Emerald Network and management of the Emerald Sites in the Eastern Partner countries, including Ukraine.

Objectives

- Increase awareness among the target audience of the Bern Convention and its relevant resolutions, particularly those governing the designation and management of Emerald sites.
- Present methodological recommendations for developing management plans for Emerald sites.
- Provide guidance on assessing the impacts of anthropogenic and military factors on Emerald sites.
- Share best practices for preparing restoration and management strategies for Emerald sites, especially in the context of Ukraine's post-war recovery.
- Target professionals responsible for spatial planning, strategic regional and local community development, and the development and management of Emerald site management plans.

Organizers

The workshop is organised by the World Bank jointly with the international consulting company Particip GmbH and Rewilding Ukraine, implementing activities under sub-component 4.1.

Participants

Representatives of the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture, the State Forestry Agency, the State Water Agency, the State Fisheries Agency, the State Environmental Inspectorate, stakeholders of the three model Emerald sites, representatives of the Protected Areas' administration, the World Bank, EU Delegation to Ukraine, research and academic institutions, universities and higher schools, media, and civil society organisations.

Practical Information

The seminar is held online. ZOOM link will be shared with you automatically upon your registration at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/asA7tPj2SXiNjLKo3XnCeg>

The working languages of the seminar are Ukrainian and English.

About EU4Environment

Since 2018, the "European Union for Environment" (EU4Environment) Action has helped 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. The programme was funded by the European Union and principally implemented over the 2019-2024 period by OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank. Over 2025-2026 period, the World Bank will finalise the implementation of programme's Result 4 area.

AGENDA

Time	Item
	Moderator: Viktor Demchenko, Project Management Expert; Deputy Director for Research, Institute of Marine Biology, NAS of Ukraine
10:00-10:15	<i>Opening Remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roman Romanik, Acting Director of the Department of Protected Areas and Biodiversity of the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine Oksana Kovalenko, EU4Environment Programme Coordinator, World Bank Stefanos Kouroupis, Project Coordinator, Particip GmbH
10:15-10:30	<i>Requirements and recommendations of the Bern Convention on the management of Emerald sites, conservation objectives and measures, monitoring and reporting of changes in ecological character</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olesya Petrovych, Team Leader, Particip GmbH
10:30-11:00	<i>Presentation of methodological recommendations for the preparation of management plans for Emerald sites</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viktor Demchenko, Project Management Expert; Deputy Director for Research, Institute of Marine Biology, NAS of Ukraine
11:00-11:15	<i>Q&A session</i>
11:15-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30-12:15	<i>Presentation of methodological recommendations for assessing military impacts on the Emerald sites</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doug Weir, Eoghan Darbyshire, Anna McKean, Iryna Babanina, Linas Svokinas, Project Experts; Researcher, Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS)
12:15-12:30	<i>Q&A session</i>
12:30-12:45	<i>Features of habitat mapping</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna Kuzemko, Senior Researcher, M.G. Kholodny Institute of Botany; NGO "Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group"
12:45-13:00	<i>Geoinformation systems and remote sensing of the Earth as tools for planning and assessing the condition of habitats and the Emerald sites</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natalia Brusentsova, Head of the Research Department of the Kuyalnytsky National Nature Park
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>

14:00-15:00	<p><i>Methodological approaches and experience in developing and implementing management plans for the Emerald Network territories in Moldova</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aurel Lozan, EU4Environment Activity Coordinator in Moldova, World Bank
15:00-15:15	<i>Q&A session</i>
15:15-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30-16:30	<p><i>Censuses of flora and fauna species of various taxonomic groups and assessment of the state of their populations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plants – Viktor Shapoval, Project Expert; Director, Askania-Nova Biosphere Reserve, NAAS • Mammals – Mykhailo Rusin, Project Expert; Senior Research Fellow, I. I. Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology, NAS of Ukraine • Birds – Oleksandr Bronskov, Project Expert; Head of Research Department, Meotida National Nature Park • Fish – Viktor Demchenko, Project Expert on Management; Deputy Director for Research, Institute of Marine Biology, NAS of Ukraine
16:30-16:45	<p><i>Defining environmental protection goals, organizing monitoring of the state of species and habitats and the impact of factors, and achieving environmental protection goals</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viktor Shapoval, Project Expert; Director, Askania-Nova Biosphere Reserve, NAAS
16:45-17:00	<p><i>Work with stakeholders and mechanisms for adaptive management and adjustment of environmental protection and restoration measures, ways to approve, review and amend the Emerald Network territory management plan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleg Diakov, Project Technical Advisor; Executive Director, Rewilding Officer, Rewilding Ukraine
17:00-17:15	<i>Q&A session</i>
17:15-17:30	<p><i>Workshop Summary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman Romanik, Acting Director of the Department of Protected Areas and Biodiversity of the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine