

## Emerald Network of Nature Protection Sites-Phase II

**Period of implementation:** 01.01.2012 - 31.12.2017

**EaP countries:**

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

**EU contribution:** € 2 000 000

**Implementing organisation(s):**

Council of Europe



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**Project description:**

This joint EU-Council of Europe project contributes to the establishment of the Emerald Network in the target countries. The aim of the Emerald Network under the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats is to ensure that all high biodiversity areas of European importance are identified, their ecological inventories completed and their importance recognised legally. The sites can then benefit from protection, while allowing sustainable social and economic activities.

**Expected results:**

The establishment of the Emerald Network consists of three steps:

- Identification of potential sites suitable for ensuring the long-term survival of threatened species/habitats of European importance.
- Evaluation of the efficiency of the proposed sites at biogeographical level.
- Designation at national level of Emerald sites.