

## News from BatLife Europe

### **Can you assist a fellow partner?**

We recently sent out invoices for the 2024 partner fees, and it has highlighted to us a few partners who are struggling financially. If any partner feels they can assist by paying the partner fee for another partner organisation, please do get in touch. We appreciate that not everyone is in a position to do so.

### **Contact Update**

If you're not the right person to be receiving this, or if you have colleagues within your organisation who would also like to receive our updates, please send us the details and we can add them to our records.

### **Webinars**

Recordings of all previous webinars, including Christian Voigt's recent talk on Bats and Windfarms, can be found on our website <https://www.batlife-europe.info/projects/webinars/>.

**Action:** We're planning for further webinars this autumn / winter. If you have a suggestion for a webinar, and would like to volunteer, please let us know.

### **BLE Strategy**

If any partner has time to provide feedback on our recent strategy session, please view the slides below. We would particularly welcome your views on the questions in the feedback section, page 14.

### **Bat Species of the Year Postcards**

We still have some "Bat of the Year" postcards remaining (see images on page 2). The postcards are free of charge, **but you will need to pay for postage.**

**Action:** Please let us know if you would like some postcards, how many you need, and a postal address where the packages can be reliably delivered.

### **Infographics**

All translated version of the Greater Mouse-eared infographic are available on the BLE website <https://www.batlife-europe.info/publications-resources/>.

**Action:** If anyone can help with translations in Italian, Greek, Romanian, Czech, Slovak, Hungarian, Bulgarian, and Ukrainian, please let us know.

### **European Court of Justice – Complaints guidance document**

The guidance document is now available on our website.

## News from Partners or other Contributors

### **Post your updates here!**

Let us know if you have any news, requests etc. you'd like us to promote in our updates. 🦇

**BoY Postcards** – As above, please get in touch if you'd like some 'Bat of the Year' postcards.



# Strategy 2024-2027



# Approach to strategy



Mediterranean and greater horseshoe nursery roost in a former railway tunnel  
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# Our objectives

1. Evidence in place for effective implementation of recovery plans/ protection of bats in Europe, with a robust Pan-European monitoring programme in place

2. Improved habitat management for bats, with clear best practice for survey and development

3. Policy makers understand the need to protect bats and seek advice from experts before making decisions. Legal protection of bats and effective implementation and enforcement

4. Better understanding and appreciation of bats within Europe

5. Increased capacity within BLE, partner organisations and academic institutions

# Priority outcomes



1. Evidence in place for effective implementation of recovery plans/ protection of bats in Europe, with a robust Pan-European monitoring programme in place

A coordinated Pan-European monitoring programme

Data available on implementation of Habitats Directive

General availability of data including wind turbines collision data.

Gain knowledge of species we have little knowledge of currently

# Priority activities 2024/5



## 1. Evidence in place for effective implementation of recovery plans/ protection of bats in Europe, with a robust Pan-European monitoring programme in place

Identify resources to complete the current pan-European indicator and publish it

Identify funding to continue indicator with new data

Regular data requests to DG Environment for information on derogation licences. Share with partners

Attend Expert Group on Reporting

# Priority outcomes



## 2. Improved habitat management for bats, with clear best practice for survey and development

**Consistent pre and post construction surveys for bats particularly for renewables. Consistent measures for renewables across Europe**

**Better managed artificial lighting for bats**

Implementation of best practices in landscape-scale management of agriculture. Management of corridors. Promotion of bats as pest controllers.

Improved forest and tree management

Sustainable use and management of underground sites to promote bat conservation

# Priority activities 2024/5

## 2. Improved habitat management for bats, with clear best practice for survey and development

Promotion of calls for information by Eurobats to our partners.

Highlight issue of artificial lighting via social media and promoting best practice from partners.

Identify and respond to relevant EC Consultations

# Priority outcomes



**3. Policy makers understand the need to protect bats and seek advice from experts before making decisions. Legal protection of bats and effective implementation and enforcement.**

Better understanding of bats by policy makers

Strong legal protection of bats and effective implementation and enforcement

Politicians listening to expert advice or opinions before decisions are made

# Priority activities 2024/25

**3. Policy makers understand the need to protect bats and seek advice from experts before making decisions. Legal protection of bats and effective implementation and enforcement.**

Attend the European  
Habitats Forum  
meetings

Respond to key EC  
consultations on bat  
conservation

Identify gaps in  
information for policy  
makers via  
consultation with  
our partners.

# Priority outcomes



## 4. Better understanding and appreciation of bats within Europe

A common understanding within Europe of the fact that bats are important and should be protected.

Increased awareness of bats by roost owners. Roost owners are supported and encouraged in their conservation efforts

# Priority activities 2024/25

## 4. Better understanding and appreciation of bats within Europe

Bat of the Year

Promotion of bat  
conservation via  
social media

Webinar series

# Priority outcomes



## 5. Increased capacity within BLE, partner organisations and academic institutions

BatLife Europe has the capacity to reach our goals

All partners have capacity to reach their goals

Facilitate the dissemination of scientific information about bats

# Priority activities 2024/25

## 5. Increased capacity within BLE, partner organisations and academic institutions

Apply for funding to increase capacity

Increase citizen science capacity via the Noctule Count

# Feedback from partners



- Which current activities have you found most useful?
- Is there anything not currently in the strategy that you think should be a priority?
- Communication with partners – how best to do this

# We want to hear from you!



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