

News from Partners or other Contributors

IX European Congress of Mammalogy

Patras, Greece, March 31 to April 4, 2025

There are already more than 200 registered delegates signed up to the [Congress](#). Included in the congress is a half-day workshop arranged by Mammal Conservation Europe, with the intention to try to bring together people working with woodland-dwelling animals including bats, dormice, and pine martens, so we can work with a stronger voice on this topic. The agenda items are:

- Forest fires and prescribed burning – what are the implications for woodland mammals
- What is the evidence for a) veteranisation and b) artificial resting places, including boxes and artificial bark, contributing to the conservation of woodland mammals.

Pesticide Action Network Europe

Towards a Just Transition: IPM, biocontrol and the Path beyond Pesticides

Online from the European Parliament, March 4, 16:00 – 18:00 CET

An event organised in collaboration with [Friends of the Earth Europe](#), and the [European Federation of Food, Agriculture, and Tourism Trade Unions](#), hosted by the Members of the European Parliament **Dario Nardella** (S&D) and **Manuela Ripa** (EPP).

Please, see the [Agenda and Register here](#)

News from BatLife Europe

Webinars

Coming Up: Emma Boston - Leisler's bat

Apr 25, 2025, **07:30 PM CET 06:30 PM GMT**

Webinar link to be confirmed for the February partner update email.

BLE Website

Webinars

All our past webinars are available on our [Webinars](#) page, including the recent talk from Kate McAney – A multi-faceted approach to conserving the lesser horseshoe bat in Ireland.

Partners Information Page

Please can partners check the [partner page](#) of the BatLife Europe website, and let us know if any of the details for your organisation need amending? Please send any updates / amendments to batlifeeurope@bats.org.uk.

New Partner Resources Page

We created a new page for [partner resources](#) including an archive of the partner updates from the past year.

2025 Partner Fee invoices

We will be sending invoices for the 2025 partner fees at the end of March. We'd like to get back into a routine of invoicing in the first quarter each year, so partners know when to expect their invoices.

Life Funding

Last year we applied to the EU LIFE Operating Grant to employ a part-time member of staff. Unfortunately, although our application had merit, we were unsuccessful this time. We received good feedback, and this will help guide future funding applications.

BLE Activities

This month, our trustees attended the European Habitats Forum meeting on 25th February and a meeting with DG Environment on 26th February.

