

BatLife Europe



Coming together for conservation - protecting bats in partnership

There are 45 species of bats in Europe. Sadly many of these species are under threat, due to habitat loss, degradation & fragmentation, intolerance & lack of understanding, development & persecution, leading to:

- loss of bat roosts (such as in buildings, trees, underground sites & bridges)
- loss of insect rich feeding areas, disturbance & direct persecution of bats

What is BatLife Europe?

BatLife Europe launched as an international non-governmental organisation, formed from a partnership of national bat conservation NGOs from across Europe and its bordering countries.

What BatLife Europe wants to achieve



We aim to:

- Facilitate international communication & knowledge sharing
- Identify European conservation priorities
- Develop pan-European projects
- Fundraise for international projects
- Develop best practice guidelines
- Facilitate international communication & knowledge sharing
- Assist in capacity building
- Provide support & technical advice for EUROBATS initiatives
- Co-ordinate action in relation to special threats
- Provide international support for national matters of concern
- Collect / manage data
- Assist national bodies in developing / implementing national conservation strategies
- Give international status to national NGOs





BAT OF THE YEAR
2022-2023

Plecotus auritus

Brown Long-eared Bat	Oreillard roux
Smeđi dugouhi šišmiš	Urecchione comune
Netopír ušatý	Rjavi uhati netopir
Gewone grcotoorvleermuis	Braunes Langohr
Gacek brunatny	Skouarnegell rous
Кафјав дългаух прилен	Orejúdo dorado
Lilacul urecheat brun	Καρφέ ωτολυχτερίδα
Morcego-orelhudo-castanho	Lakuriq nate veshgjatë i zakonshëm

Indicator of Change in European Bat Populations

- Biodiversity indicators convey clear messages to policy makers & the public.
- BatLife Europe partners developed the first pilot indicator of changes in European bat populations, funded by European Environment Agency.
- The prototype indicator suggested bat populations had increased at hibernation sites between 1993 & 2011, with nine species showing a significant positive trend, one species a significant decline, & two species no trend.
- BatLife Europe wants to repeat and improve this work.
- We want to include more countries, more species, to extend the scope of the indicator and increase our confidence in its message.

How BatLife Europe works

National conservation NGOs may apply to work with and represent BatLife Europe within their own territory by becoming a BatLife Europe Partner.

Partner Organisations are able to:

- Vote at the partnership meetings (one vote per country)
- Nominate trustees
- Participate in BatLife Europe activities

A board of trustees is responsible for governance, setting strategic direction and reporting progress. They are unpaid and elected at Partnership meetings which are usually every three years.

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