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Impact of Roads and Other Traffic Infrastructures on Bats



The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (thereafter “the Agreement”),

Recognising the potential for roads and other infrastructure projects to impact on bats, bat roosts, commuting routes and foraging habitats;

Recognising further the need for good-practice guidelines on how to avoid or mitigate negative effects on bat populations;

Urges Parties and Non-Party Range States to:

1. Take bats into account during the planning, construction and operation of roads and other infrastructure projects;
2. Promote research into the impact of new and, where appropriate, existing roads and other infrastructure on bats and into the effectiveness of mitigation measures;
3. Develop appropriate national or supranational guidelines, drawing on the general guidance to be published by the Advisory Committee;

Requests the Advisory Committee to develop and publish a EUROBATS booklet highlighting the effects of roads on bats and providing guidance on minimising the impact of infrastructure projects on bats.