

## 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee

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### Report of the Intersessional working group on Bats and Light Pollution

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The aim of the group to assess the potential impact of artificial light on bats in Europe and to develop guidelines for the bat-friendly application of artificial light.

After reconstituting the IWG during the 20<sup>th</sup> AC meeting in Budva, the members of the IWG have developed and sent out (via the Eurobats office) a questionnaire to all member countries related to the potential impact of artificial light on bats. The results will be used as baseline information for deciding on the next appropriate steps. This will be achieved during the upcoming 21<sup>st</sup> AC Meeting in Zandvoort, the Netherlands.