

25th Meeting of the Advisory Committee

Videoconference 30 April 2021

Report of the Intersessional Working Group on Bats and Light Pollution



The IWG met online on March 17.

The convenor raised the issue of possible French and Spanish translations of the Guidelines for consideration of bats in lighting projects (EUROBATS Publication Series No. 8), referring to the recent German translation. Daniela Hamidovic pointed out that Croatian translation is also urgently needed because massive retrofitting of lightning infrastructure is planned in the next twelve years in pursuance of the new EU Ordinance. She also proposed to approach the EU Environment for implementation of the Guidance during the Green Public Procurement procedure.

Possible sources of funding for translations were discussed with the Secretariat.

The group discussed whether sub-groups are needed to cover various topics as it's used to be in some other IWGs. The split was postponed until the point when the IWG will feel a necessity of amending the Guidance. The group agreed that a new questionnaire should be developed and circulated for collating more information on the situation in different countries. The questionnaire should be circulated in April. Daniela Hamidovic offered to invite more lightning experts. She also offered the Secretariat to contact the European Commission (in particular, institutions responsible for standards) for cooperation in implementing the Guidance more efficiently. Fiona Mathews invited participants to share their knowledge on possible estimates of acceptable light intensity and colour temperature. This group agreed that this issue is inadequately addressed in current studies and more research is required.