

19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee  
26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee

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Draft Resolution 9.9

Support to Authorities dealing with Bat Assessment Reports



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

*Recalling* Article III of the Agreement;

*Recalling* the Council Directive No. 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment and the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council No. 2001/42/EC of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, both of which stating that the scope of information required for impact assessments should be consistent with the current state of knowledge and methods of such assessments;

*Referring* to Resolution 7.9 on Impacts of Roads and Other Traffic infrastructures on Bats, Resolution 8.4 on Wind Turbines and Bat Populations and Resolution 8.6 on Bats and Light Pollution which recommend that appropriate assessments are undertaken;

*Taking into account* the increasing number of plans and projects with possible impact on populations of European Bats that require assessments;

*Recognising* the importance of consistently high-quality assessments on bats under the above-mentioned Directives;

*Referring* to Resolution 8.10 on Recommended Experience and Skills of Experts about Quality of Assessments;

*Noting* that the relevant authorities dealing with these assessments often have only limited capacity and expertise compared to the increasing number of assessments;

*Being aware* that the quality of assessment studies is crucial for the consideration of the conservation of bats;

1. Urges Parties and non-party Range States to ensure that relevant authorities dealing with these assessment reports possess the appropriate resources and capacity to be able to assess and evaluate the results of those studies;
2. Recommends Parties and non-party Range States to develop a checklist for the authorities which enables the authorities to examine the assessment reports at hand in terms of completeness and soundness;
3. Encourages Parties and non-party Range States to use the checklist provided in the annex as a template or develop their own checklist to reach this goal.