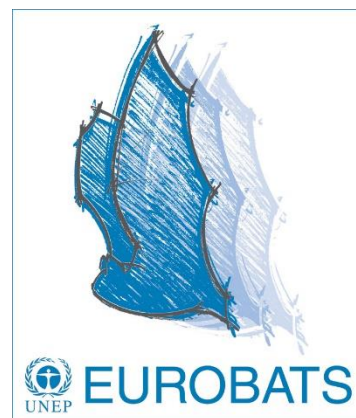


19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee  
26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee

Online Meeting, 9 – 12 May 2022

Secretariat Report



**Staff**

There were no staff changes in the Secretariat. In preparation for MoP9, the Scientific Officer, Suren Gazaryan, is working at 100% post occupancy as of 1 April 2022.

**Agreement Membership**

Bosnia & Herzegovina has acceded to the Agreement and formally became a Party on 21 August 2021.

**Outreach**

In the beginning of 2021 posters, postcards, and stickers upon the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Agreement and the 25<sup>th</sup> International Bat Night were widely distributed, financed by a voluntary contribution of the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection. It continued the whole year of 2021 that the demand for information material was very high. Two reprints of stickers (39,000 in total), postcards (12,000 in total) and species posters (4,500) were produced and disseminated.

The German version of the Comic “Bono’s adventures”, a story about the migration of bats, written and designed by the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research in Berlin (IZW), was reprinted.

The various volumes of the EUROBATS Publication Series and leaflets continue to be in high demand.

**Special Projects in 2021 and spring 2022**

The following 5 projects were funded within the framework of the EUROBATS Projects Initiative (EPI) and completed in 2021 and 2022:

- Survey and Monitoring of Bats in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2020-2021, conducted by the Center for Karst and Speleology in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- Advancing Transboundary Bat Conservation in Romania and Moldova (a conference held in autumn 2021) and a follow-up project Transboundary Bat Conservation in Romania and Moldova (completed in March 2022), both conducted by the Centre for Bat Research and Conservation in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- Use of detection dogs for bat tree roost monitoring, implemented by Jelena Mausbach (Artenspürhunde Schweiz).
- Bat Migration Routes in Europe, conducted by the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France.

Several new proposals were selected by the EPI evaluation group for funding in 2022, but their implementation entirely depends on prospective voluntary contributions from the Parties.