

## 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties

Brijuni, Croatia, 10 – 13 October 2022

### Report of the Depositary



The United Kingdom in its capacity as Depositary is pleased to inform the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats that since the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties (Monte Carlo, Monaco, 8 – 10 October 2018), Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina have acceded to the Agreement, raising the number of Parties to 38. The accessions entered into force in March 2019 (Serbia) and August 2021 (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

In July 2022 the Spanish Government approached the Depositary, stating their intent to accede to the Agreement and requested additional information. At the time of writing the Depositary has no further information about when this accession might take effect.

Up to date status lists for the Agreement (**Annex 1**) as well as for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the Agreement (**Annex 2**) are attached.

## UK Depository Status List

### Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (formerly known as the Agreement for the Conservation of Bats in Europe) London, 4 December 1991

Entered into force on 16 January 1994 and published in the UK Treaty Series as No. 09 (1994)

State	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification (R), acceptance (A), approval (Ap)	Notes
Belgium	4 December 1991	14 May 2003 (R)	1, 5, 6
Denmark	4 December 1991	6 January 1994 (Ap)	1
France	10 December 1993	7 July 1995 (Ap)	1
Germany	5 December 1991	18 October 1993 (R)	1
Ireland	21 June 1993	21 June 1995 (R)	1
Luxembourg	4 December 1991	29 October 1993 (R)	1
Netherlands	4 December 1991	17 March 1992 (A)	1
Norway	3 February 1993	N/A	10
Portugal	4 June 1993	10 January 1996 (R)	1, 8
Sweden	4 March 1992	N/A	10
United Kingdom	4 December 1991	9 September 1992 (R)	1, 2, 3, 4

### Accessions

State	Date of deposit of instrument of accession *	Note
Albania	22 March 2001	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	22 July 2021	
Bulgaria	9 November 1999	
Croatia	8 August 2000	
Cyprus	13 November 2012	
Czech Republic	24 February 1994	
Estonia	11 November 2004	7
Finland	20 September 1999	
Georgia	25 July 2002	
Hungary	22 June 1994	
Israel	15 December 2014	9
Italy	20 October 2005	
Latvia	1 August 2003	
Lithuania	28 November 2001	
Macedonia FYR	15 September 1999	
Malta	2 March 2001	
Moldova	2 February 2001	
Monaco	23 July 1999	
Montenegro	28 March 2011	
Poland	10 April 1996	
Romania	20 July 2000	
San Marino	9 April 2009	
Serbia	8 February 2019	

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<b>State</b>	<b>Date of deposit of instrument of accession *</b>	<b>Note</b>
Slovak Republic	9 July 1998	
Slovenia	5 December 2003	
Switzerland	27 June 2013	
Ukraine	30 September 1999	

\* Article XII: "This Agreement shall enter into force on the ninetieth day following the date on which five Range States have become Parties in accordance with Article X. Thereafter it shall enter into force for a signatory or acceding State on the thirtieth day after the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession."

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#### Notes

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- 1 Signature with reservation in respect of ratification.
- 2 The instrument of ratification by the Government of the United Kingdom includes The Isle of Man and Gibraltar.
- 3 Ratification by the Government of the United Kingdom was extended to the Bailiwick of Guernsey on 23 June 1999.
- 4 Ratification by the Government of the United Kingdom was extended to the Bailiwick of Jersey on 29 October 2001.
- 5 The Competent Authority for the region of Brussels-Capital is the Brussels Institute for Management of the Environment.
- 6 In a letter received by the depositary on 29 August 2003, the Minister of External Relations of the Kingdom of Belgium stated as follows:  
  
"In the relations with other States, the Kingdom of Belgium as a whole is considered to be one single party to the Agreement. Internal concertation procedures, foreseen in Belgian constitutional law and in co-operation agreements between the three regions, will ensure that the three regions will cast one single vote for the Kingdom of Belgium, in accordance with Article V.4 of the Agreement. "
- 7 Estonia declares that the designated authority responsible for the implementation of the Agreement is the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia.
- 8 In a Note from the Portuguese embassy in London dated 30 March 2011, the Government of Portugal stated that the Convention was extended to include the Portuguese Autonomous Regions of the Azores and Madeira, following the adoption of Resolution 6.3 at the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of Parties to the Convention held in Prague on 20-22 September 2010.
- 9 On accession, the Government of Israel made the following reservation: The obligations of Article III and IV will not apply for the species *Rousettus aegyptiacus* (GEOFFROY, 1810).
- 10 Signature without reservation in respect of ratification, acceptance of approval.

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**Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats**  
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London, 4 December 1991

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## UK Depository Status List

**Amendment to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats**  
 (formerly known as the Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe)  
 Bristol, 24 to 26 July 2000

Entered into force on 13 August 2001 and published in the UK Treaty Series as No. 049 (2003)

<b>State</b>	<b>Date of deposit of instrument of acceptance*</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Bulgaria	19 October 2001	
Cyprus	13 November 2012	4
Czech Republic	21 June 2002	
Denmark	14 June 2001	
Finland	24 January 2001	
France	28 June 2001	
Germany	14 March 2003	
Luxembourg	5 November 2002	
Macedonia FYR	19 March 2003	
Malta	2 March 2001	
Monaco	13 December 2000	
Netherlands	8 January 2004	2
Poland	6 July 2009	
Portugal	9 May 2014	
Slovak Republic	26 February 2010	
Sweden	4 May 2001	
Ukraine	9 June 2010	
United Kingdom	9 May 2002	1

**Accessions and ratifications (R)**

<b>State</b>	<b>Date of deposit of instrument</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Belgium	14 May 2003 (R)	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	22 July 2021	
Estonia	11 November 2004	3
Georgia	25 July 2002	
Italy	20 October 2005	
Israel	15 December 2014	
Latvia	1 August 2003	
Lithuania	28 November 2001	
Montenegro	28 March 2011	
San Marino	9 April 2009	
Serbia	8 February 2019	
Slovenia	5 December 2003	
Switzerland	27 June 2013	

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#### Notes

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- 1 The United Kingdom's acceptance included Gibraltar, the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey, and the Isle of Man.
- 2 Acceptance by the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the Kingdom in Europe.
- 3 Estonia declares that the designated authority responsible for the implementation of the Agreement is the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia.
- 4 Cyprus acceded to the 1991 Agreement and accepted the Amendments of 1995 and 2000.
- \* Croatia, Hungary, Ireland, Norway and Romania are Parties to the 1991 Agreement but have not accepted the Amendment.

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