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Resolution 6.4

Guidelines for the Implementation of the EUROBATS Projects Initiative (EPI)



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

Recalling that many fundamental obligations of Parties require actions which may significantly benefit from small scale funding, but often do not meet the eligibility criteria of national or international project funds;

Further recalling that the EUROBATS Projects Initiative (EPI) was launched in August 2008 as a suitable instrument to provide appropriate funding for small to medium sized bat conservation projects;

Appreciating the successful start of EPI which has attracted both a significant number of project proposals as well as additional voluntary contributions for its operation;

Recognising the need for further refinement of its framework as it was recommended by the Secretariat based on comments received from donor countries;

Noting that the Standing Committee has strongly supported the Secretariat’s recommendations;

Further recognising the opinion of the Advisory Committee and Standing Committee according to the scope and evaluation procedure of eligible project applications;

Acknowledges all voluntary contributions raised so far to support EPI;

Confirms the authorisation by the Standing Committee to use accrued interest income from the Trust Fund as an additional source of funding for EPI;

Notes that EPI has regard to new small to medium size projects (costs of up to 10,000 EUR) which contribute to the objectives of the Agreement and will be implemented within the Agreement area;

Agrees on the following criteria to be taken into account when assessing the priority of eligible project applications to the Agreement and its Resolutions:

- Predictable impact for bat conservation, in particular the implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan of the Agreement, other EUROBATS Resolutions, national conservation targets or public awareness,
- Degree of transboundary character,
- Contribution on the promotion of international cooperation of Parties and Range States,
- The ability of the project to provide innovative information and experience that can be shared with other parties and range states,
- Contribution on the education and motivation of newly established bat workers,
- European conservation concern of targeted species as defined by other EUROBATS Resolutions or the European Mammal Assessment,
- Envisioned outcomes of the project like publications, guidelines or follow-up programmes, educational outreach.

Requests the Advisory Committee to establish an EPI Selection Working Group of up to seven persons who assess the priority of eligible project proposals in accordance with the criteria listed above;

Instructs the Secretariat to collect project applications dedicated to EPI and upon notification and consultation with National focal point/authorities pass those which are eligible to the EPI Selection Working Group for further assessments;

Further requests the Advisory Committee to provide the Secretariat with the EPI Selection Working Group assessment of project priority during the Advisory Committee;

Further instructs the Secretariat to submit the prioritised list of project applications and the EPI Selection Working Group assessments to all Parties with an encouragement to ensure appropriate funding through voluntary contributions;

Accepts the standard formats for project applications and final reports which are attached as Annexes 1 and 2 to this Resolution.

Guidelines for the Implementation of the EUROBATS Projects Initiative (EPI):

Standard Format for Applications

- 1. Project title/ Name of the Country (Countries)**
- 2. Applicant** (name, institution, address, telephone, fax, e-mail, web)
- 3. Project Leader** (name, statement of experience as a bat worker, institution, address, telephone, fax, e-mail, web)
- 4. Organisation** (name, date established, status (NGO, university, other), address, telephone, fax, e-mail, web)
- 5. Project partners** (names and institutions) (Applicant to be approved by each partner)
- 6. Region of project implementation**
- 7. Project period**
- 8. Description of the project** (*up to 500 words*):
 - a) Aims / Goal
 - b) Activities / Methods, species concerned
 - c) Outcomes (aimed publications, guidelines, follow-up programmes etc.)
- 9. Contribution of the project to the objectives of the EUROBATS Agreement**
with special reference to:
 - a) Numbers and names of related EUROBATS Resolutions;
 - b) Related points of action of the Conservation and Management Plan;
 - c) National bat conservation targets in the region of project implementation;
 - d) Education
 - e) Public awareness
- 10. Transboundary character of the project**
with special reference to:
 - a) Promotion of international cooperation of Parties and Range States;
 - b) Contribution to the conservation of species of European conservation concern in accordance to EUROBATS Resolutions or the European Mammal Assessment;
 - c) Contribution to the implementation of other Conventions or Agreements.
- 11. Involvement of national or local authorities or bodies** (if applicable)
- 12. Is authorisation (permits etc.) required:** yes/no (if yes explain).
- 13. Total costs of the project, funding already secured, and amount of applied EPI funding requested**

Task/item	Cost (In-kind or from other resources, indicate)	EPI funding requested
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Sum	€	€
Total sum	€	

14. Declaration of the Applicant

"The information submitted in this application is true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Should any significant developments arise after this application is made, I shall notify UNEP/EUROBATS Secretariat. I consent to the information contained in this application being held on computer and circulated to EPI Selection Group and National authorities concerned."

Date, Signature

Guidelines for the Implementation of the EUROBATS Projects Initiative (EPI):

Standard Format for Final Reports

- 1. Project title/ Name of the Country**
- 2. Project leader** (name, institution, address, telephone, fax, e-mail, web)
- 3. Project partners** (names, institutions, addresses)
- 4. Author of the report** (name, institution, address, telephone, fax, e-mail, web)
- 5. Region of project implementation**
- 6. Project period**
- 7. Report on implementation and development** (including full information on contributions from collaborative partners and further resources)
- 8. Problems occurred during the project, species concerned**
- 9. Contribution of the project to the objectives of the EUROBATS Agreement** (with special reference to bat conservation, research, public awareness and international cooperation, recommendation (if applicable))
- 10. Products (e.g. publications, workshops, seminars) and other outcomes of the project**
- 11. Detailed financial report** (all expenditures explained and copy of receipts enclosed)

Task/item	Cost (In-kind or from other resources, indicate)	EPI funding obtained
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Sum	€	€
Total sum		€

- 12. Summary** (a short article with the most important outcomes to be put online on the EUROBATS website. The final report and the summary should contain acknowledgements to the donor countries that funded the project).