

**Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats  
National Report Austria 2005**

General Information

Austria is not yet Party to the Bat Agreement

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Period covered: 2002-2005

Competent Authority: not yet established

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Austria, Italy and Slovenia (Alpine-Adriatic region) initiated two INTERREG IIIa projects for transboundary cooperation in bat conservation between 2003-2006. In Austria, the Länder Carinthia, Salzburg and Tyrol take part in these projects. The projects include conservation of summer and winter roosts and foraging habitats, monitoring of colonies, preparation and implementation of a monitoring program, information and education of the public, training of volunteer bat workers.

In Burgenland, supported by "Accompanying measures" within the Rural Development Program of the EU a bat conservation project started in 2004. It comprises a comprehensive survey of house dwelling bat colonies and bats inhabiting old forests and subterranean shelters, conservation of roost, development of management plans and monitoring programs, training of volunteer bat workers and a large information and education of the public.