

Minimising the negative impacts of power lines on birds

29 May 2019, Ostrava, Czech Republic

INVITATION

The Priority Area 2 of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region together with the Carpathian Convention have the pleasure to invite you to an expert workshop on **Minimising the negative impacts of power lines on birds**.

Date: 29 May 2019

Venue: Compress Hall, Dolní oblast Vítkovice, Ostrava, Czech Republic

Who should attend?

Representatives from energy companies, biodiversity experts, policy makers and other stakeholders from the Danube/Carpathian region.

The approximate number of participants is 40–50.

Background

The expansion of overhead electricity power grids in the Danube/Carpathian region can have negative impacts on biodiversity. Birds are particularly concerned, as they are threatened by collisions and electrocutions. During the workshop, experts from different fields will be invited to discuss possible ways how to reconcile energy transmission and distribution with the protection of birds.

The discussions will build on a study *Protecting birds from power lines focusing on countries of Danube/Carpathian region*, which has been prepared with the aim to present current state and developments in this matter in the region. The study is available here: <https://bit.ly/2OYqnp0>.

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Objectives

- The workshop will bring together stakeholders with diverse backgrounds related to nature conservation / electricity distribution and will thus facilitate the dialogue and sharing of experience related to the topic.
- It will provide an opportunity for deeper understanding of the issue and possible solutions by presenting projects implemented in different countries of the Danube/Carpathian region and examples of good and feasible practice as well as of unsuitable solutions.

Expected outcomes

- Increased awareness on the topic of negative impacts of power lines on birds
- Fostered cooperation among the industry, academia, public authorities and NGO's in the Danube/Carpathian region
- A policy paper which will enable further dissemination of the workshop recommendations

Organisers

Organising this workshop through joint cooperation of the PA 2 of the EUSDR (co-ordinated by the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic) and the Carpathian Convention (through the assistance provided by the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic and the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention) supports the implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed in 2016.

The event will be held back to back to the 9th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity.

Preliminary Agenda is available here: <https://bit.ly/2OYqnp0>.

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Practical information

Registration: Participants are kindly requested to register through this on-line form: <https://forms.gle/6MEamJW49vY2pZGv7> by **30 April 2019** at the latest.

Costs: The participation is free of charge. Subject to availability of funds, the organisers might be able to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of a limited number of participants who apply for the reimbursement through the registration form.

Logistic note with further information on the venue, transport to Ostrava and accommodation is available here: <https://bit.ly/2OYqnp0>.

Further information will also be available on the **websites** of the PA 2 EUSDR (<https://www.danube-energy.eu/news/minimising-the-negative-impacts-of-power-lines-on-birds>) and the Carpathian Convention (<http://www.carpathianconvention.org/eventdetailwg-biodiversity/events/id-9th-meeting-of-the-working-group-on-biodiveristy-eusdr-pa2-workshop-on-minimising-the-negative-impacts-of-power-lines-on-bird.html>).

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