



**5th Meeting of the Group of Experts on
the Conservation of Birds
12-13 October 2015, Strasbourg**

Most recent EU initiatives for the conservation of birds

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News in general level

- Report on State of Nature in the EU, May 2015
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM:2015:219:FIN>
- European Red list of Birds, June 2015 (financed by EC)
- Mid-term Review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020, 2.10.2015
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/comm2006/2020.htm>
- Fitness check on Nature Directives
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/legislation/fitness_check/index_en.htm



Birds related news

- Updated EU Bird List, August 2015
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/wildbirds/eu_species/index_en.htm
- LIFE EuroSAP project 2015-2018
<http://www.birdlife.org/europe-and-central-asia/life-eurosap-project-who-we-are>
- Action Plan on Greater Spotted Eagle (*Clanga clanga*) adopted in April 2015
- EU Strategy on Raptors under preparation



- EC funding for the new Task Force on IKB in the Mediterranean region
- EC is finalising a guidance document on energy transmission facilities and Natura 2000 and EU protected species
- EC considering to ask a restriction dossier on lead to be opened (REACH)



In addition:

- EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking under preparation

http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/roadmaps/index_en.htm

- Review of the EU birds reporting (Art 12 of the Birds Directive) on-going for period 2013-2018

- Eurobarometer on biodiversity and nature, October 2015 results

<http://ec.europa.eu/COMMFrontOffice/PublicOpinion/index.cfm/Survey/getSurveyDetail/instruments/SPECIAL/surveyKy/2091>



Natura 2000 Award



Examples of winners:

2015: Vultures: Providing gains for nature and communities in Gorges du tarn et de la Jonte (FR)

2014: Saving the imperial eagle from electrocution in Bulgaria

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/awards/index_en.htm

Natura 2000 Award 2016 – call is open!





For more information, please consult:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/index_en.htm