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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

41st meeting
Strasbourg, 29 November – 3 December 2021

Complaint on stand-by: 2015/2

**Possible impact of wind-farm developments on bats
(North Macedonia)**

- REPORT BY THE COMPLAINANT -

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In regards to WF Bogdanci, so far (for these 7 years) nobody from BatLife Macedonia was contacted or asked for any help/advice/suggestion from the WF Bogdanci /ELEM side, in order to solve this long-lasting issue. As far as we know for such help was also not contacted EUROBATs, as the most relevant organisation for such topics in Europe.

Once we got some totally irrelevant report, for Birds and Bats survey, for which we have informed you and EUROBATs secretariat.

Best regards,

Branko

Batlife Macedonia, member of the Presidency

- March 2021 -

Neither Bird Study and Protection Society of Macedonia (BSPSM) nor Batlife Macedonia (BLM) had received any report in regard to Wind Farm Bogdanci case regarding our complaint. In the meantime they (ELEM) have even enlarged their farm with another set of WTGs toward to a very important wetland (Lake Paljurci), and again without some proper B & B survey.

A few years ago we got some irrelevant Birds and Bats report for the "original" WF Bogdanci without any kind of collision survey, and we (I guess also EUROBATs) informed you for that in due time.

So, without any new information, in the meantime, we have nothing to add, like improvement toward Birds and Bats protection in case of WF Bogdanci.

But, we could inform you that our organizations, as a result of very slow dynamic of this case solving, for all these years, were put on a black list as organizations for doing any Bird and Bat survey in Macedonia, beside of our professional and equipment capabilities.

From your information it is obvious that after that first report (which did not include any bat and bird collision/mortality survey) there is no further and continual annual survey what is quite natural even for the WFs which are not in the vicinity of protected or sensitive areas. In case of the Bogdanci wind Farm, it is close to Dojran Lake (Ramsar site and Natural monument) and Vardar River (main migratory corridor for birds along the central Balkan /Morava -Vardar migratory corridor/ and with enlargement it is also close to Lake Paljurci - which is paradise for bats!