

CMS ENERGY TASK FORCE OPEN DAY

Thursday 25th April

Co-hosted by the CMS Energy Task Force and the Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y el Reto Demográfico/ Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge (MITECO)

Chaired by Vera Voronova, Executive Director, Association for the Conservation Biodiversity of Kazakhstan (ACBK)

| Time (CEST) | Event | Speakers |
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| 11:00-11:15 | High-level opening remarks | MITECO |
| 11:15– 13:30 | 1. Spanish showcase: Case studies from across Spain | |
| | Practices on powerline retrofitting and regulation in Spain. Contribution to ETF proposals | Rubén Moreno-Opo, MITECO |
| | Environmental Impact Assessment and national procedures to reconcile renewable energy developments and biodiversity conservation. | Luis Benavente, MITECO |
| | Practical experiences at the regional level on reducing impacts on wildlife from energy developments. | Iñigo Fajardo, Junta de Andalucía |
| | Cooperation from NGOs to reduce mortality of birds in powerlines. | Juan José Iglesias, GREFA |
| | Innovative solutions for coexistence between birds and overhead lines | Estíbaliz Goñi Gaztelu, Iberdrola |
| 13:30-14:30 | LUNCH | |





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| 14:30-16:00 | <p>2. Research, development and innovation showcase: Presentation of latest research and best practice case studies or innovative approaches from around the world</p> | |
| | <p>Curtailment of wind turbine operation to protect bats: Convergent evidence from North America and Europe for efficient protocols</p> | <p>Dr Christian Voigt, EUROBATS/Dr Winifred Frick, GBatNet</p> |
| | <p>The impacts of offshore wind energy on underwater marine migratory species</p> | <p>Giulia Costa-Domingo, UNEP-WCMC</p> |
| | <p>Introduction to the IdentiFlight technology and recent advances for species identification in Asia and Europe</p> | <p>Carlos Jorquera, Boulder Imaging/IdentiFlight developers</p> |
| | <p>New French Observatoire "biodiversity and renewable energy" and the local research program on reduction of avian mortality due to onshore windfarms</p> | <p>Michel Perret, Ministère de la transition écologique et solidaire</p> |
| | <p>Energy expansion models, population impacts, and trade-offs between future wind energy and environmental/social concerns</p> | <p>Jay Diffendorfer, U.S. Geological Survey</p> |
| 16:00-16:10 | <p>BREAK</p> | |
| 16:10-17:15 | <p>3. Cross-sectoral panel discussion on best practice renewable energy developments: Invited panel discussion on best practice innovation and responsibility from different sectors</p> | |
| | <p><i>Is a nature positive renewable energy sector possible?</i></p> <p>Chaired by MITECO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ana Carricondo, SEO/BirdLife ● Carlos Javier Durá, Centro Internacional de Estudios de Derecho Ambiental CIEDA/CIEMAT ● Fernando Crespo Carretero, Jefe del Departamento de Medio Ambiente, Red Eléctrica de España REE ● Alvaro Camiña Cardenal, Environmental Specialist, Environmental, Social & Governance Department, IFC | |
| 17:15-18:30 | <p>CLOSE AND NETWORKING</p> | |

FIELD TRIP TO VILLA DEL PRADO

Friday 26th April

**Organised by the Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y el Reto Demográfico/
Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge (MITECO)**

Arrival and registration – 8:10 am

Arrival and registration at the headquarters of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO), Plaza San Juan de la Cruz, 10, 28071 Madrid.

Depart – 8:30 am

The group will travel by bus to the Special Protected Area (SPA) of Encinares del Cofio and Alberche rivers, near the town of Villa del Prado, in the Madrid region. It is approximately an hour away (about 80 km).

Arrival at Villa del Prado: 9:30 am

Practical examples of retrofitting power lines dangerous for birds will be shown as well as the testing of new insulation materials. Experts from a local electricity company will talk about their experience in the work.

There will be a guided walk with the opportunity to observe wildlife, especially birds, for approximately 2 hours. The habitat of the area is typical Mediterranean forest and some of the local species include the Spanish imperial eagle, Cinerous vulture, Bonelli's eagle, Griffon vulture, Azure-winged magpie, Black stork and Sardinian warbler.

Lunch – approx. 12:30 pm

A picnic-style lunch will be provided. Please bring water and any additional snacks you may need.

Return: approx. 2:30 pm

The group will return to the headquarters of MITECO, where the field trip will end. Delegates can then make their own way onwards for any return travel arrangements.

What to bring:

Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes for walking and bring your binoculars for observing the wildlife.