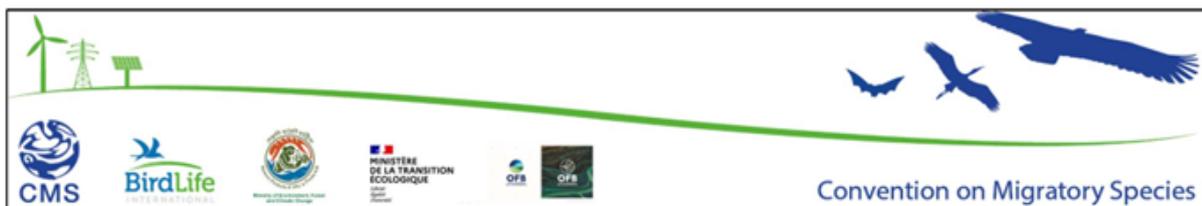


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Introduction

1. The ETF Workplan 2021 – 2024 was introduced in the fifth meeting of the ETF (ETF5) based on the review of the performance of the ETF for the period 2018-2020. 2024 is its final year after having successfully guided the direction of the ETF over the recent years.
2. This document presents a review of the implementation of the ETF workplan 2021 – 2024 and progress against the workplan activities, identifying the key successes, gaps and challenges, and opportunities for the next workplan.
3. A preliminary analysis indicates that the present workplan has been successful in achieving many of its goals and fulfilling its tasks, despite limited funding and capacity. Around 46% of the activities were completed along with an additional 29% of the activities started and in progress. Due to the ETF's visibility and constant engagement in multilateral environmental processes and agreements, and other international conferences, the ETF was joined by thirty new members and observers since the establishment of the current workplan. Further, new stakeholders continue to show interest in engaging with the ETF, especially from the private sector, including the renewable energy industry and private consultants. Overall, the ETF fell short of achieving activities related to stimulating research to expand the evidence base for making planning and mitigation decisions.

VISUAL SUMMARY OF PROGRESS AGAINST ETF WORKPLAN: 2021-2024

PROGRESS:

Not yet commenced 

In progress/ongoing 

Complete/on track 

Item	Progress Update	Actions	Responsible Entities	Deliverables	Funding Status
1.	Theme: Promote implementation of relevant guidelines adopted in the frameworks of the participating MEAs Expected Result: Guidelines are integrated into decision-making				
1.1	WB IFC Good Practice Handbook and Decision Support Tool released in August 2023	Prepare and disseminate information packages, including fact sheets and information about existing decision support tools for the following stakeholders (<i>including in relevant languages where possible</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS and AEWA Parties • Renewable energy sector stakeholders and environmental assessment practitioners • Financial institutions • Conservation organisations • Member case studies 	Coordinator, CMS, AEWA, EUROBATS Secretariats, ETF members	ETF to review information packages (resource documents) and ETF Coordinator to revise as necessary (including in relevant languages) ETF to consider additional materials Provide revised versions to sector-specific stakeholders ETF members to support the development of tailored information packages and case studies (identify both successes and challenges)	Funded
1.2	Survey undertaken March 2024	Global mapping of ETF member activities	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Identify and map ETF member activities in line with workplan actions	Funded
1.3	Side events at Conventions throughout 2021, 2022, and 2023	Present at or host side events at key global conventions e.g. UNFCCC COP; CBD COP; CMS COP; IUCN WCC and UNGA Biodiversity Summit	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Prepare and submit side event proposals and invite ETF members	Funded
1.4	Established engagement with	Track, engage and support, as appropriate, CBD and UNFCCC mainstreaming	Coordinator, ETF members	Coordinator to engage CBD and UNFCCC Secretariat and provide	Funded

	UNFCCC and CBD Secretariat representatives and working to identify alignment in agendas and created shared action plans.	biodiversity agenda in the energy sector		information to members	
1.5	Through regular newsletters and updates through email correspondence. Encouraged broader sharing of the ETF newsletter within government networks and MEA focal points.	Further engage national focal points from relevant MEAs (including CBD and UNFCCC), national energy and economy ministries, and national energy authorities, to inform them of the work of ETF-endorsed guidelines, research and upcoming ETF events	ETF member governments, Coordinator	ETF Coordinator to work with Government members to engage with appropriate national stakeholders	In-kind
1.6	Survey to collect information on priorities in March 2024, case studies published/underway	Map green recovery materials, identify experiences and develop best practice case study examples to support nature-sensitive renewable energy deployment	Coordinator, ETF members	Coordinator to identify member interests and priorities ETF Coordinator to develop ETF briefing/information resource documents and case studies with members	In-kind

Item	Progress Update	Actions	Responsible Entities	Deliverables	Funding Status
2.	Theme: Promote mainstreaming migratory species conservation into corporate and financial decision-making Expected Result: Appropriate safeguards are integrated into corporate and financial decision-making				
2.1	Relevant stakeholders identified	Continue to identify relevant stakeholders in the energy and financial sectors	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator in consultation with CMS and ETF to decide on priority stakeholder approach and approach stakeholders for potential membership or collaboration	Funded

2.2	Private sector engagement strategy developed in October 2023 but not implemented	Engage with industry and investors - build partnerships and establish pilot initiatives with industry and investors	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Ongoing engagement with industry and investors in workplan activities Development of pilot concept initiatives with members	Unfunded
2.3	No longer relevant – included in 2.2	Information document for renewable energy and environmental sectors on the business case for implementing guidelines	Coordinator, ETF members	Development of business case and interactive tool based on briefing document Support from relevant members	Funded
2.4	Multiple events conducted at UNFCCC COP, CBD COP, and other international conferences etc. throughout 2021, 2022, 2023	Promotion of ETF at key global and regional energy forums and summits, industry and consultation events for the promotion of ETF activities, including international finance events, regional energy forums and international industry events	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Scope opportunities for engagement with events Prepare and submit event proposals and invite ETF members/observers as appropriate	Funded
2.5	Guidance package for IFIs created and adopted at October 2023 meeting	Development of tailored guidance notes for the private sector and financial institutions	Coordinator, ETF members	Coordinator to identify member interests and priorities	Unfunded
3.	Theme: Priority setting Expected Result: Workplan reflects priorities				
3.1	Interim meetings were conducted, and discussions were held.	Review workplan at annual ETF meetings to identify additional priority activities in line with CMS Resolutions 11.27 (Rev.COP13) and 10.11 (Rev.COP13) and including long-term goals	ETF members	Update workplan	Funded

3.2	Interim meetings were conducted, and surveys completed.	Hold meetings to identify ETF research priorities	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, TWG, ETF members	Create a Technical Working Group (TWG) to discuss ETF research priorities Identify research priorities for Coordinator and TWG to develop survey and engage with ETF members in advance TWG to support facilitation and development of intersessional group	Funded
3.3	Progress reviewed in interim meetings.	Review progress on implementing the workplan every six months	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to initiate and facilitate progress review	Funded

Item	Progress update	Actions	Responsible Entities	Deliverables	Funding Status
4.	Theme: Mobilising resources Expected Result: Priority activities identified and funded				
4.1	Fundraising brief developed and utilised with meetings with potential donors	Identify key funding priorities and opportunities	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Review fundraising plan Encourage and coordinate fundraising efforts of ETF members	In-kind
4.2	Fundraising briefs developed July 2022, including specific briefs on flyways generally, the African-Eurasian region, and the Central Asian flyway region in February 2024.	Prepare funding proposal to further develop decision support tools	Coordinator, ETF members	Develop fundraising concept notes to address funding needs	Funded
4.3	Meeting conducted with donors, but no additional financial support received	Liaise with potential donors to seek support for ETF activities	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Work with CMS Secretariat to coordinate donor engagement by ETF members	Funded

4.4	Limited resources in terms of finance and capacity to identify specific national grants available	Identify national opportunities via selective grants available to ETF members/observers to carry out activities nationally	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Scope requirements of members/observers Coordinator to organise planning meeting(s) for interested members Identify potential for follow up meetings	Funded
5	Theme: Monitoring implementation and impediments to implementation Expected Result: Report on status of implementation; impediments to implementation and potential solutions identified				
5.1	Surveys sent out and data collected in March 2024	Conduct surveys and interviews with selected CMS Parties to implement different components of ETF-endorsed guidelines and identify key impediments to implementation	Coordinator, CMS, AEWA, EUROBATS Secretariats, ETF members	ETF members to engage with process Coordinator to develop survey and interview questions	Unfunded / in-kind
5.2	TWG recommended a series of research priorities for the ETF in the ETF6 meeting. The same will be done during ETF7.	Analyse existing guidelines to identify gaps and need for more technical detail; develop complementary technical notes (e.g. sensitivity mapping, thresholds, data collection and monitoring, mitigation hierarchy and powerlines, cumulative impacts, decision support tools)	TWG	TWG to agree on further activities, timelines and responsibilities	Unfunded

Item	Progress update	Actions	Responsible Entities	Deliverables	Funding Status
6	Theme: Stimulating communication and information exchange Expected Result: Task force members collaborate and share information				
6.1	Website kept updated and active on an ongoing basis	Make information about the ETF available on the ETF website	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Coordinator to review and keep updated	Funded
6.2	Interim meetings conducted in April 2021, December 2021, October 2022, December 2022,	Organisation of the annual meetings of the ETF	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Coordinator to prepare travel arrangements for ETF members Coordinator to facilitate and prepare meeting as appropriate	Funded

	February 2023 and October 2023, and ETF5, ETF6 and ETF7 meetings were held.				
6.3	Information exchanged during meetings, online platforms and email exchanges on an ongoing basis	ETF members exchange case studies, lessons learnt and best practices during ETF meetings and through online platform	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to encourage sharing of materials between members during meetings and via website	Funded
6.4	Held webinars in March 2022, August 2022, September 2022, October 2022, and others underway	Deliver and record webinar series for CMS Parties, financial institutions and energy sector stakeholders, with presentations via ETF members and other experts	Coordinator, ETF members	Work with ETF members to discuss need and identify best approach for delivering webinar series; support arrangements for production	Unfunded / in-kind
6.5	https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/50657 - IUCN guidance published	Identify relevant best practices in relation to powerline impacts that could be applicable in other countries. Disseminate guidelines	ETF members	Work with members to initiate engagement with relevant task force members Identify roles, responsibilities and funding needs	Unfunded / in-kind
6.6	Video and accompanying brochure uploaded to the website	Develop short video highlighting the role of the ETF and sharing case studies/views from across ETF members	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to develop draft concept together with CMS Secretariat	Unfunded / in-kind
6.7	Newsletter and guidance uploaded on an ongoing basis	Develop ETF as a knowledge hub, disseminate research and other ETF outputs (e.g. via hubs and other expert forums)	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Member initiative Members to identify appropriate fora	In-kind
6.8	Communications strategy created for ETF in October 2023	Develop communications strategy for ETF	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Coordinator to prepare/amend ETF members consulted on strategy	Funded
6.9	Regular newsletter published on an ongoing basis	Continue development and promotion of ETF network through a quarterly newsletter	Coordinator	Coordinator to prepare and distribute to members	Funded

6.10	Social media package created and added to the communications strategy in October 2023	Develop social media package and strategy for ETF	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Coordinator to prepare in consultation with CMS Secretariat	Funded
6.11		Scope opportunities for an ETF award scheme	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to prepare in consultation with ETF members	Unfunded
6.12	Technical Working Group, Powerlines Working Group created. Working Groups held meetings and developed workplans, which are under implementation: TWG: ETF6/Doc.4 ; PWG: ETF6/Doc.5	Develop ETF working groups, based on interest and demand from ETF members	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to initiate engagement with interested task force members Organise planning meeting for interested members and agree on working group scope Coordinator and interested members to support facilitation and development of intercessional working groups	Funded
6.13	Scoping through survey circulated March 2024	Scope opportunities for an ETF mentoring and capacity building scheme among members	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to identify member interest and priorities	In-kind
6.14	Scoping through survey circulated March 2024	Increase communication and resource dissemination on existing ETF sectors and species gaps (e.g. non-avian species and solar energy)	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to identify member interest and priorities	In-kind

Item	Progress update	Actions	Responsible Entities	Deliverables	Funding Status
7	Theme: Strengthening regional and international networks Expected Result: Strong regional and international networks				
7.1	Scoping done through survey	ETF members to promote the aims of the ETF through relevant regional and	ETF members	Coordinator to encourage ETF members to promote aims of ETF	In-kind

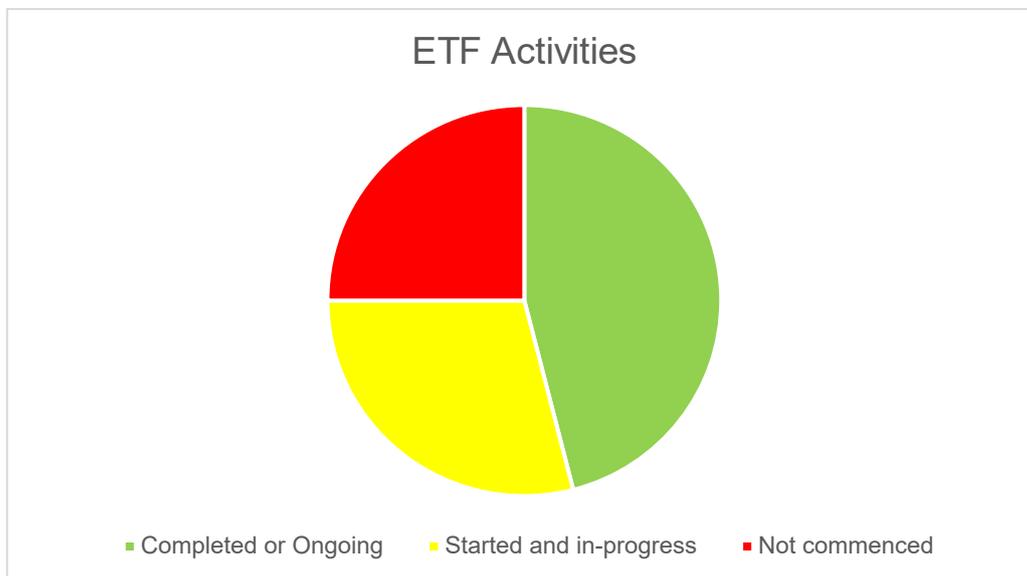
	circulated in March 2024.	international networks		through their network	
7.2	Mapping through survey circulated March 2024	Map priority regional and international networks	Coordinator, ETF members	Identify priorities in ETF6 meeting	Funded
7.3	Geographical expansion strategy created March 2023 and webinar with Americas conducted	Scope and promote ETF expansion globally into other regions (including Asia and the Americas)	Coordinator, ETF members	Coordinator to prepare in consultation with ETF members and regional networks	In-kind
7.4	Webinar with Americas conducted in September 2022	Expand regional engagement and advocacy through regional ETF workshops, including in the Americas, Africa, Asia Pacific and Europe	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Plan and prepare regional ETF workshops	Unfunded

Item	Progress update	Actions	Responsible Entities	Deliverables	Funding Status
8	Theme: Stimulating research Expected Result: Significantly increase the evidence base on which to make planning and mitigation decisions				
8.1		Engage with international research community – build relationships and evidence base	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Ongoing engagement with the research community in workplan activities	Funded
8.2	AVISTEP launched in August 2022	Further develop spatial mapping tools to assess the potential risk of government commitments following the Paris Agreement and to help show governments how they can meet their commitments with minimal impact upon biodiversity	Coordinator, ETF members	Identification of priority expansion countries and resource needs required Organise planning meetings for interested members	Unfunded
8.3		Develop appropriate tools and guidance for developers and regulators to help them assess cumulative impacts across powerlines and RETs, collaborating with CMS Scientific Council	Coordinator, ETF members	Organise planning meetings for interested members	Unfunded

8.4		Synthesise and compare information on the impacts of different renewable energy technologies and the potential for mitigating species impacts	Coordinator, ETF members	Organise planning meetings for interested members	Unfunded
8.5		Collision modelling for powerlines to identify vulnerable species globally	Coordinator, ETF members	Organise planning meetings for interested members	Unfunded
8.6		Review and synthesise mitigation solutions (e.g. shut down-on-demand) across different technologies and powerlines to identify whether there is sufficient evidence to promote particular solutions and to identify knowledge gaps for further assessment	Coordinator, ETF members	Organise planning meetings for interested members	Unfunded
8.7	Launched in August 2023	Support the development of a Good Practice Handbook (GPH) on the Design of Post-Construction Monitoring of Bird and Bat Fatalities at Wind Energy Facilities	Coordinator, ETF members (IFC, EBRD, BirdLife International)	Led by IFC, EBRD, KfW Coordinator to facilitate ETF member comments on the GPH	In-kind
8.8		Review how global climate change mitigation scenarios can be met by achieving both renewable energy and biodiversity targets	Coordinator, BirdLife International, ETF members	Further concept – led by BirdLife International Consultation with ETF members	Unfunded
8.9		Scope opportunities for expanding renewable energy guidance base to cover additional renewables, such as hydropower	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to prepare in consultation with ETF members	In-kind
8.10		Scope opportunities for expanding renewable energy guidance base to cover additional migratory species, such as marine species and bats, to a larger extent	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to prepare in consultation with ETF members	In-kind

Analysis of results

4. Out of the total 48 activities, 22 activities (46%) have reached completion or are currently ongoing, 14 activities (29%) have been started and are in progress, 12 activities (25%) have not commenced yet. Predominantly, most activity lines have reached fruition or have been initiated and are in progress.



5. Activity 1: Promote implementation of relevant guidelines adopted in the frameworks of the participating MEAs: Approximately 33% of the activities have commenced, while the remainder have concluded or are ongoing.
6. Activity 2: Promote mainstreaming migratory species conservation into corporate and financial decision-making: 60% of the activities are completed or are ongoing, 20% of the activities have been started and are in progress, whereas 20% of the activities have not begun yet.
7. Activity 3: Priority Setting: All activities are ongoing or completed.
8. Activity 4: Mobilising resources: 75% of the activities are in progress but not yet finalised, while the remainder of it has not commenced yet.
9. Activity 5: Monitoring implementation and impediments to implementation: 50% of the activities have concluded or are ongoing, whereas the rest of it has been started and is in progress.
10. Activity 6: Stimulating communication and information exchange: 64% of the activities are completed or are ongoing, 29% are in progress and 7% haven't commenced yet.
11. Activity 7: Strengthening regional and international networks: 75% of the activities have been started and are in progress, while the remainder have yet to begin.
12. Activity 8: Stimulating research: The majority, approximately 90%, of activities have not yet commenced, with the remaining activity (10%) already completed.

Overall progress and successes of the ETF

13. The ETF is extremely grateful to the voluntary contributions of the government of France, through the Ministère de la Transition écologique et solidaire and L'Office français de la biodiversité (OFB) France; Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, through the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety (BMU); and the Government of India, through the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change who was recognized as Champion Plus for their generous support and commitment towards making energy safe for wildlife for the period 2020-2023.
14. The ETF has made notable strides in fulfilling its mandate under the 2021 -2024 work plan despite the challenges posed by limited funding and staff resources. Multiple interim meetings (April 2021, December 2021, October 2022, December 2022, February 2023, October 2023) and webinars, focusing on different geographical regions like the Americas, Middle East and North Africa, were successfully organized. Further webinars are planned during 2024, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) on private sector engagement and Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI) on biodiversity protection along grids. Some of other key achievements include:
 - a. The launch of the [Good Practice Handbook on Post-Construction Bird and Bat Fatality Monitoring \(PCFM\) for Onshore Wind Energy Facilities in Emerging Market Countries and its Decision Support Tool](#),
 - b. [Sustainable deployment of renewable energy technologies and power lines: avoiding and mitigating negative impacts on biodiversity](#) as a key guiding resource document for the ETF,
 - c. Avian Sensitivity Tool for Energy Planning ([AVISTEP](#)), to identify where renewable energy could impact birds and should therefore be avoided, and the [TransMit toolkit](#), for mitigating powerline-related avian mortality, This underscores the ETF's commitment to addressing avian sensitivity in energy planning.

The full list of recent achievements can be found in the [Joint Report of the CMS Secretariat and ETF Coordinator on Activities of the ETF \(ETF7/Doc.2\)](#).

15. Moreover, in the duration of the present workplan, thirty new members and observers joined the ETF, expanding its reach and impact and reflecting the growing recognition of ETF's importance, for example, government agencies like the National Center for Wildlife (NCW), Saudi Arabia; Game & Fauna Services (GFS), Ministry of Interior, Cyprus; New Zealand Department of Conservation; Secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Ramsar Convention; multilateral development banks like World Bank; African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank; and non-governmental organisations like Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB); China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation; and Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan (ACBK), among others.
16. Additionally, the importance and relevance of the ETF were also reiterated by the reports submitted to (see documents: [UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.26.4.2.1](#); [UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.30.3.2](#)) and resolutions and decisions adopted by the CMS Conference of the Parties (COP) as at its 13th meeting (COP13; [Resolution 11.27 \(Rev.COP13\) Renewable Energy and Migratory Species](#) and 14th meeting (COP14; [CMS Decisions 14.207-14.210](#)).
17. ETF's visibility was reinforced at key conferences and events, reaffirming its role in global conservation efforts. These included the Conference on Wind energy and Wildlife impacts

(CWW), Bat Research Online Symposium, International Seminar on Wind Energy and Biodiversity, European Vulture Conference, New York Climate Week, WindEurope Annual Event, Meeting of Signatories (MOS3) to the Raptors MOU, among others (see Document [ETF7/Doc.2](#) for details). Members of the ETF also conducted side events at the CMS COPs, held in 2021 and 2024, and the UNFCCC COPs and Meeting of the Subsidiary Bodies, held in 2022, and 2023.

18. Regular newsletters have been published to disseminate information, enhancing communication among members and observers. Until now, five newsletters have been published: [May 2020](#), [October 2020](#), [October 2021](#), [July 2023](#), and [January 2024](#).

Challenges and shortcomings

19. While progress has been commendable, challenges persist, particularly in fulfilling activities in mobilizing resources and stimulating research. This was mainly due to the limited funding available to implement the ETF workplan and the need to expand the ETF's remit to include new geographies and energy production methods. The ETF acknowledges the need to scale up the resource mobilization needed to address these challenges.
20. Efforts to engage potential donors yielded limited results, necessitating a more focused approach to independent funding opportunities. A more concerted and focused effort from the ETF membership is required to identify funding opportunities to undertake further activities and support national partners to carry out activities nationally. This would potentially require dedicated capacity and funding to create proposals for grants and funding opportunities.
21. In stimulating research, most activities were also not achieved due to a lack of funding and capacity. The only activity that could be fulfilled was the creation of the [Good Practice Handbook](#), fully funded and delivered by the International Finance Corporation.

Next steps: A future workplan

22. The key priorities for the next workplan proposed are:
 - Implementation of ETF strategies: In the ongoing ETF workplan 2021-2024, the ETF succeeded in the creation of several strategic documents, namely the IFI Engagement package, private sector engagement strategy, communications strategy, and geographic expansion strategy. In the next workplan, these strategies aim to be implemented, through the definition of specific actions, to deliver its objectives.
 - Implement the CMS COP14 mandate, specifically the CMS Decisions on Renewable Energy and Migratory Species, including the request to expand the scope of the ETF to include impacts to aquatic mammals.
 - Ensure the new ETF workplan contains goals and activities that are well aligned with those included in the recently approved CMS Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024-2032
 - Under 'promote implementation of relevant guidelines adopted in the frameworks of the participating MEAs', the next workplan could:

- Continue preparing and disseminating information packages, guidelines, and best practice examples, including fact sheets and information about existing decision support tools,
 - Create guidance useful for financial institutions, many of whom recently joined the ETF,
 - Create guidance on emerging renewable energy sectors and its potential impacts to migratory species (birds, bats and aquatic mammals).
 - Promote available guidance in the six official languages of the UN, to stay relevant and useful for all ETF members and observers.
- Under 'promote mainstreaming migratory species conservation into corporate and financial decision-making', the next workplan could:
 - Continue identifying, building partnerships and establishing pilot initiatives with relevant stakeholders in the renewable energy industry and financial sector, to encourage nature-safe practices,
 - Implement the private sector engagement strategy,
 - Continue other activities, building on the successes achieved in the present workplan.
 - Under 'mobilising resources', the next workplan could:
 - Create a new fundraising strategy to raise funds to support the implementation of unfinished activities of the present and the next workplan,
 - Include activities related to the preparation of funding and grant proposals to catalyse the development of decision-support tools and support members to carry out national activities.
 - Under 'stimulating communication and information exchange', the next workplan could:
 - Prioritise the implementation of the communications strategy to showcase the work of the ETF to audiences beyond the ETF to generate interest and potentially acquire funding in the future,
 - Include further activities that could be undertaken by Technical and Powerlines working groups to stimulate further research to publish relevant guidelines that could benefit new and existing ETF members and observers,
 - Aim to improve communications and resource dissemination of ETF materials related to non-avian species to all ETF members and observers,
 - Implement the ETF Award Scheme to recognise outstanding contributions from selected ETF members and observers, incentivising them to continue their efforts and serve as a catalyst for others to contribute more actively.
 - Under 'strengthening regional and international networks', the next workplan could:
 - Aim to implement the geographic expansion strategy, as highlighted before, with a special focus on the Americas, Africa, and Asia-Pacific.
 - On 'stimulating research', based on the ETF7 discussions on new research priorities, a list of activities could be created and added to the new workplan, those activities still considered needed and not implemented in the previous workplan could be integrated into the new version.

Budget requirement

23. The ETF has significantly grown in both size and ambition since its first meeting in 2016 and the adoption of the 2021-2024 workplan. As a result, the resources required for it to functionally meet the identified objectives are significantly higher due to the increased number of Parties, other member countries and organisations and observers, and subsequent activities. The budget scenario proposed allows for continued moderate growth and impactful delivery of a new workplan and the ETF's mandate, particularly regarding the rapidly growing interest and awareness of the state of biodiversity loss, global commitments to triple renewable energy in response to climate change, and major threat to migratory species from renewable energy infrastructure if not managed correctly. A substantial increase in funding is needed to meet the expected rise in expenditure.

Object of expenditure	2025	2026	2027	Total
Staff Costs for coordination				
ETF Coordination (Coordination team)*	80,000	100,000	130,000	310,000
Support Staff (finance, administration, communications)	46,000	50,000	54,000	150,000
Subtotal	126,000	150,000	184,000	460,000
Contractual Services				
Contractual services (translations, interpretation, rapporteur, etc)	10,000	12,000	13,000	35,000
Subtotal	10,000	12,000	13,000	35,000
Communication, events and outreach activities				
ETF Workshops/meetings	10,000	15,000	20,000	45,000
Subtotal	10,000	15,000	20,000	45,000
Small Grants to ETF Members to carry out activities regionally				
Small Grants	10,000	15,000	25,000	50,000
Subtotal	10,000	15,000	25,000	50,000
Travel				
Staff travel (workshops/conferences)	6,000	6,500	7,500	20,000
Staff travel (ETF yearly meetings)	2,500	3,500	4,000	10,000
Subtotal	8,500	10,000	11,500	30,000
Grand Total	164,500	202,000	253,500	620,000

*Increase based on projected growth of the ETF

Discussion questions

- What insights or lessons can we gain from the progress so far and how can we apply these lessons to the development of the next workplan planning and execution?
- How can we address the gaps in implementation or challenges identified in the current workplan, based on the current budget constraints and the project funding needed for full delivery?

- How can we mobilise further resources to meet the needs of the ETF?
- What are the key research needs that the ETF should consider in its next workplan?
- What are the priority activities for the remaining year and how will they be implemented?
- Which activities outlined in the current workplan should be carried forward in the next workplan, and which ones should be omitted as no longer relevant?