



Federal Ministry for the
Environment, Nature Conservation,
Building and Nuclear Safety



**4TH MEETING OF SIGNATORIES OF
THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MIDDLE-
EUROPEAN POPULATION OF THE GREAT BUSTARD
AND
SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM**

**“ADVANCES IN THE RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION OF THE
GREAT BUSTARD IN EUROPE”**

12-15 March 2018, Bad Belzig, Germany

Schedule (as at 9 March 2018)

*(Please also note the Provisional Agenda for the MOS4 in UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.3.1
and the Provisional Annotated Agenda in UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.3.2)*

Sunday, 11 March 2018

15:00 – 22:00 Arrival of participants

Monday, 12 March 2018

Scientific Symposium: “Advances in the Research and Conservation of the Great Bustard in Europe”

9:00 – 9:30 Opening:

Torsten Langgemach (LfU Brandenburg)

Welcome notes: Steffen Bohl (Head of the Nature Park), Roland Leisegang (Mayor of Bad Belzig), Prof. Nigel Collar (BirdLife International)

9:30 – 13:00 Morning session, Chair: Rainer Raab

Tilman Schneider (CMS Secretariat): Overview on the Convention's activities and recent decisions relevant for the Great Bustard

Yury Andryushchenko: Threats for wintering of Great Bustards in southern Ukraine

Alexander Antonchikov: The state of the Great Bustard population in the European part of Russia

Coffee break

Miklós Lóránt: The Great Bustard in Hungary - overview about the present situation, recent happenings and future plans

Torsten Langgemach, Henrik Watzke & Marcus Borchert: The German Great Bustard conservation programme – an update

Mimi Kessler: Great Bustards in Asia: current status, conservation developments, and genetic connections to Europe.

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 18:00 Afternoon session, Chair: Torsten Langgemach

András Schmidt: Projects to bury medium-voltage power lines underground in Great Bustard sites in Hungary

Rainer Raab, Péter Spakovsky, Jochen Steindl & Manuel Wojta: The Great Bustard in Austria: results of the protection within LIFE Projects and other projects in the period 2005 to 2017

Coffee break with poster session

Janó Gizella et al.: Individual tagged Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*) monitoring results in the Trans-Tisza region (Poster)

Society for the Protection of Great Bustards in Germany: Introduction of the roll-ups and translation

Afternoon session, continued – reintroductions

André Staar: Restoration of an additional Great Bustard area in Germany? Chances and obstacles revealed by a feasibility study

Leszek Jerzak & Olaf Ciebiera: Considerations of Great Bustard reintroduction in Poland

Ruth Manvell / David Waters: Practicalities of a Reintroduction

18:30 Dinner

20:00 Evening programme

Heinz Litzbarski: The old times of Great Bustard conservation in Germany

Tuesday, 13 March 2018

Excursion and Scientific Symposium, continued

07:00 – 12:00 Excursion (packages instead of breakfast in the hotel)

12:30 Lunch

14:00 – 19:00 Scientific Symposium, Chair: Borja Heredia

Torsten Langgemach: Introduction, flashback report from the last meeting / discussion of open items / conclusions from the discussion

Preparation of MOU documents (Medium-Term Work-Programme, Action Plan, guidelines to be finalized)

Coffee break

Preparation of MOU documents, continued

19:30 Dinner

20:30 Evening programme

Nigel Collar: The Bustard Family and its conservation

Wednesday, 14 March

09:00 – 19:30 Fourth Meeting of the Signatories (MOS4) of the Great Bustard MOU

Thursday, 15 March 2018

09:00 - 13:00 Fourth Meeting of the Signatories (MOS4) of the Great Bustard MOU