
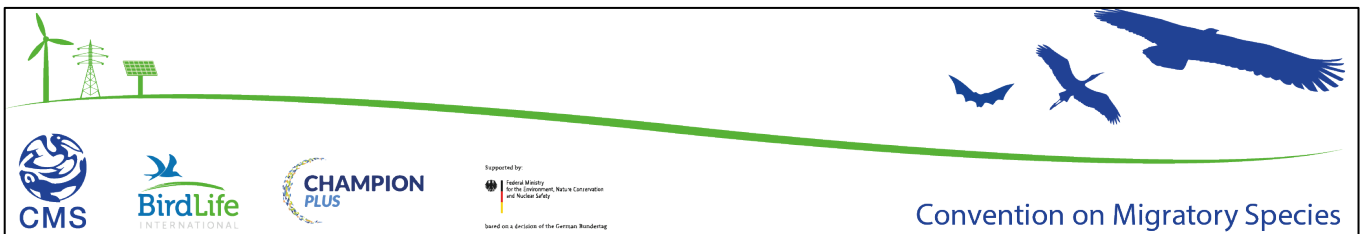


April Virtual Meeting of the CMS Multi-Stakeholder Energy Task Force


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ENERGY TASK FORCE WORK PLAN 2021 - 2024



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Key:

AMEND = amended item from 2018-2020 workplan

CONT = continued item from 2018-2020 workplan

NEW = new item in 2021-2024 workplan

Item	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	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 • Renewables 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 development of tailored information packages and case studies (identify both successes and challenges)	Funded (AMEND)
1.2	Global mapping of ETF member activities	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Identify and map ETF member activities in line with workplan actions	Funded (NEW)
1.3	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 (AMEND)
1.4	Track, engage and support, as appropriate, CBD and UNFCCC mainstreaming biodiversity agenda in the energy sector	Coordinator, ETF members	Coordinator to engage CBD and UNFCCC Secretariat and provide information to members	Funded (AMEND)
1.5	Further engage national focal points from relevant MEAs (including CBD and UNFCCC), national energy and economy ministries, 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 (CONT)
1.6	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 interest and priorities ETF Coordinator to develop ETF briefing/information resource documents and case studies with members	In-kind (NEW)

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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	Continue to identify relevant stakeholders in 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 (AMEND)
2.2	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 work plan activities Development of pilot concept initiatives with members	Unfunded (AMEND)
2.3	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 (AMEND)
2.4	Promotion of ETF at key global and regional energy forums and summits, industry and consultation events for 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 (NEW)
2.5	Development of tailored guidance notes for the private sector and financial institutions	Coordinator, ETF members	Coordinator to identify member interest and priorities	Unfunded (NEW)
3.	Theme: Priority setting Expected Result: Workplan reflects priorities			
3.1	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 work plan	Funded (CONT)
3.2	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 (AMEND)
3.3	Review progress on implementing the workplan every six months	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to initiate and facilitate progress review	Funded (CONT)

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4.	Theme: Mobilising resources Expected Result: Priority activities identified and funded			
4.1	Identify key funding priorities and opportunities	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Review fundraising plan Encourage and coordinate fundraising efforts of ETF members	In-kind (CONT)
4.2	Prepare funding proposal to further develop decision support tools	Coordinator, ETF members	Develop fundraising concept notes to address funding needs	Funded (CONT)
4.3	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 (CONT)
4.4	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 organize planning meeting(s) for interested members Identify potential for follow up meetings	Funded (NEW)
5	Theme: Monitoring implementation and impediments to implementation Expected Result: Report on status of implementation; impediments to implementation and potential solutions identified			
5.1	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 (CONT)
5.2	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 (AMEND)
6	Theme: Stimulating communication and information exchange Expected Result: Task force members collaborate and share information			
6.1	Make information about the ETF available on the ETF website	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Coordinator to review and keep updated	Funded (CONT)

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6.2	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 (CONT)
6.3	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 (CONT)
6.4	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 (AMEND)
6.5	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 (AMEND)
6.6	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 (CONT)
6.7	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 (CONT)
6.8	Develop communications strategy for ETF	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Coordinator to prepare/amend ETF members consulted on strategy	Funded (CONT)
6.9	Continue development and promotion of ETF network through a quarterly newsletter	Coordinator	Coordinator to prepare and distribute to members	Funded (NEW)
6.10	Develop social media package and strategy for ETF	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Coordinator to prepare in consultation with CMS Secretariat	Funded (NEW)
6.11	Scope opportunities for an ETF award scheme	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to prepare in consultation with ETF members	Unfunded (NEW)

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6.12	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 intersessional working groups	Funded (NEW)
6.13	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 (NEW)
6.14	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 (NEW)
7	Theme: Strengthening regional and international networks Expected Result: Strong regional and international networks			
7.1	ETF members to promote the aims of the ETF through relevant regional and international networks	ETF members	Coordinator to encourage ETF members to promote aims of ETF through their network	In-kind (CONT)
7.2	Map priority regional and international networks	Coordinator, ETF members	Identify priorities in ETF6 meeting	Funded (CONT)
7.3	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 (NEW)
7.4	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 (NEW)
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 research community in work plan activities	Funded (NEW)

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8.2	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	Further concept Organise planning meeting for interested members	Unfunded (CONT)
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 meeting for interested members	Unfunded (CONT)
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 meeting for interested members	Unfunded (CONT)
8.5	Collision modelling for powerlines to identify vulnerable species globally	Coordinator, ETF members	Organise planning meeting for interested members	Unfunded (CONT)
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 meeting for interested members	Unfunded (CONT)
8.7	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 (NEW)
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 (NEW)
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 (NEW)
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 (NEW)