



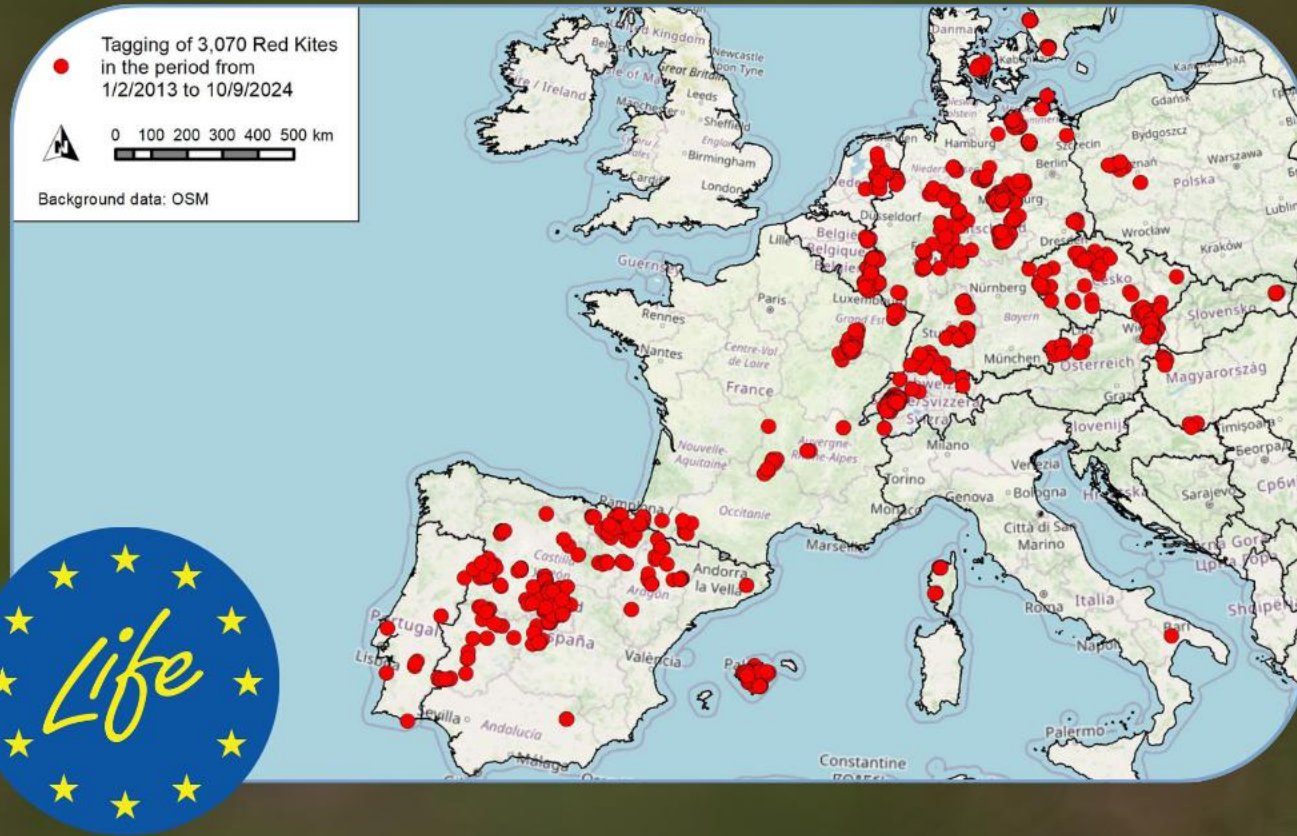
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# LIFE EUROKITE CRIME REPORT

“Cross-border protection of the Red Kite in Europe by reducing human-caused mortality”

# PROJECT OVERVIEW - LIFE EUROKITE



- Project countries:  
26 countries in Europe
- Budget:  
Total: € 9.537.423  
EU-financed: € 5.722.454 (60%)
- Period:  
07.12.2019 – 31.01.2027
- Coordination & Management:



Mitteleuropäische Gesellschaft  
zur Erhaltung der Greifvögel (MEGEG)  
(Central European Society for Raptor Protection)



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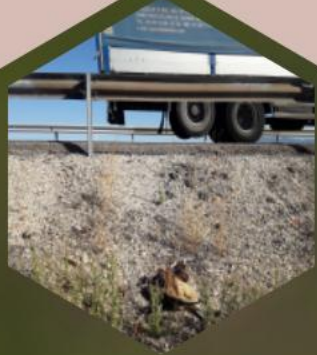
Reduction of the  
impact of  
poisoning

Solving of  
problems  
concerning  
electrocution /  
collision



Reduction of other  
anthropogenic reasons  
of mortality

Population  
reinforcement  
in Spain



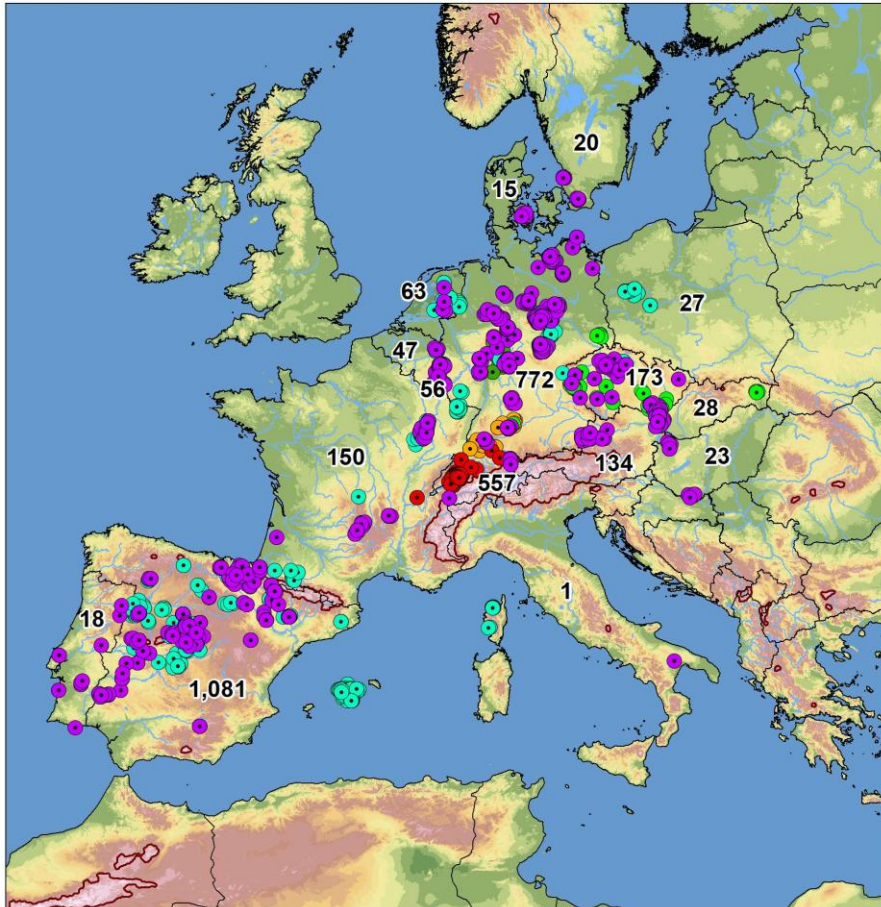
- Core idea:
  - use **telemetry** data
  - identify **habitat use** of target species
  - quantify the **main causes of mortality** of raptor species in the EU
- Main target species:
  - **Red Kite** (*Milvus milvus*)
- Other target species:
  - Eastern Imperial Eagle (*Aquila heliaca*),
  - White-tailed Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*),
  - Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*)
- Additional tagged species:
  - Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*),
  - Honey Buzzard (*Pernis apivorus*)

# Overview of Data



- Between 20 June 2013 and 8 January 2025, 3,557 raptor individuals of 7 species were tagged in 19 countries across Europe together with many different partners
  - 3,165 red kites
  - 97 black kites
  - 43 booted eagles
  - 50 honey buzzards
  - 79 imperial eagles
  - 22 ospreys
  - 101 white-tailed eagles

→ The first results of the LIFE EUROKITE project show, that illegal persecution of tagged birds (shooting, poisoning, trapping) is one of the biggest threats for those species. So far (10/01/2025), 295 (8,29 %) tagged birds have died due to illegal activities.



**Red Kite telemetry 2013 - 2025:**  
**Tagged Red Kites (Status: 1/2025)**  
 Tagging of 3,165 Red Kites in whole Europe

- LIFE EUROKITE (1,680 RK)
- shared by SOI with LIFE EUROKITE (559 RK)
- shared by partners with LIFE EUROKITE (640 RK)
- shared by TB Raab with LIFE EUROKITE (228 RK)
- shared by MPIO with LIFE EUROKITE (34 RK)
- shared by TB Raab and AG Naturschutz, Philipps-Universität Marburg with LIFE EUROKITE (24 RK)



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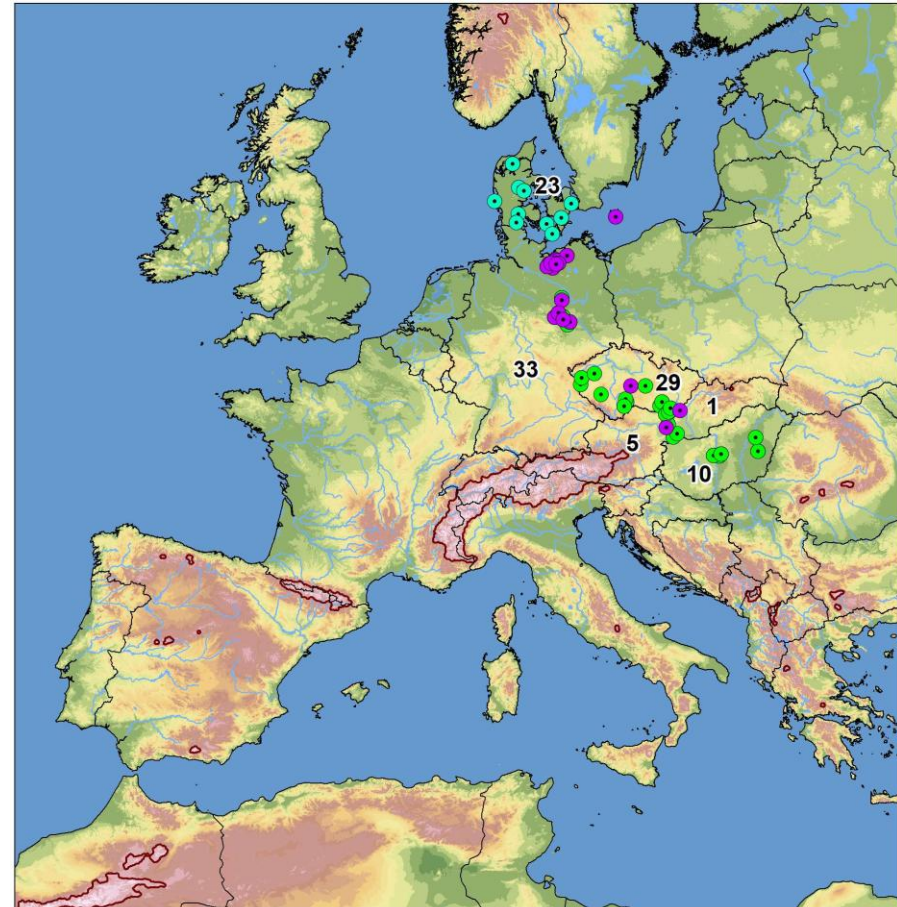
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Cooperation partners who provide telemetry data



**White-tailed Eagle telemetry 2015 - 2025:**  
**Tagged White-tailed Eagles (Status: 1/2025)**  
 Tagging of 101 White-tailed Eagles in whole Europe

- LIFE EUROKITE (31 WE)
- shared by partners with LIFE EUROKITE (22 WE)
- shared by TB Raab with LIFE EUROKITE (48 WE)

□ altitude above 2,000 m

□ country border



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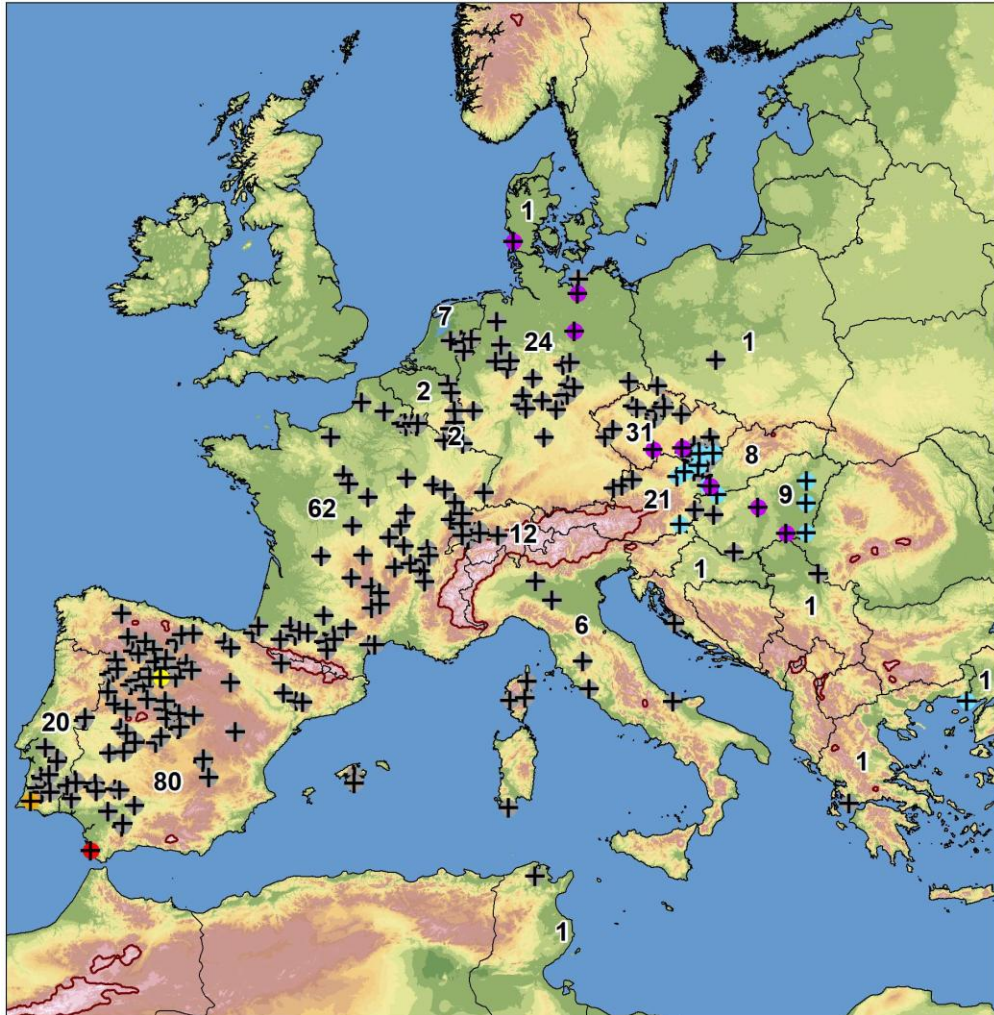
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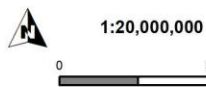
**Raptor species telemetry 2013 - 2025:  
Cause of death illegal activities (Status: 1/2025)**

Findings of 291 individuals of tagged raptor species  
killed through illegal activities

- ✚ Red Kite (268 x)
- ✚ Imperial Eagle (12 x)
- ✚ White-tailed Eagle (8 x)
- ✚ Black Kite (1 x)
- ✚ Booted Eagle (1 x)
- ✚ Osprey (1 x)

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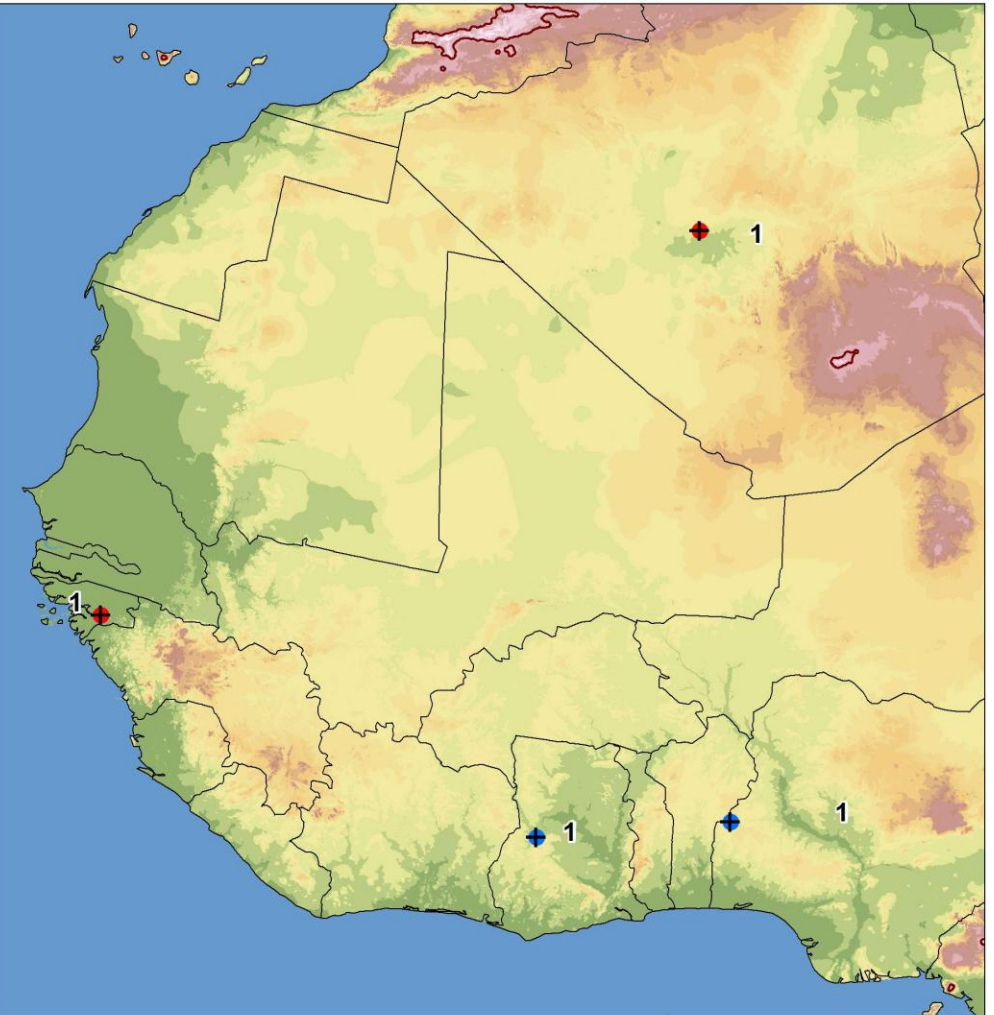
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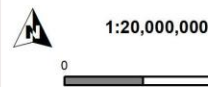
**Raptor species telemetry 2013 - 2025:  
Cause of death illegal activities (Status: 1/2025)**

Findings of 4 individuals of tagged raptor species  
killed through illegal activities

- ✚ Black Kite (2 x)
- ✚ Honey Buzzard (2 x)

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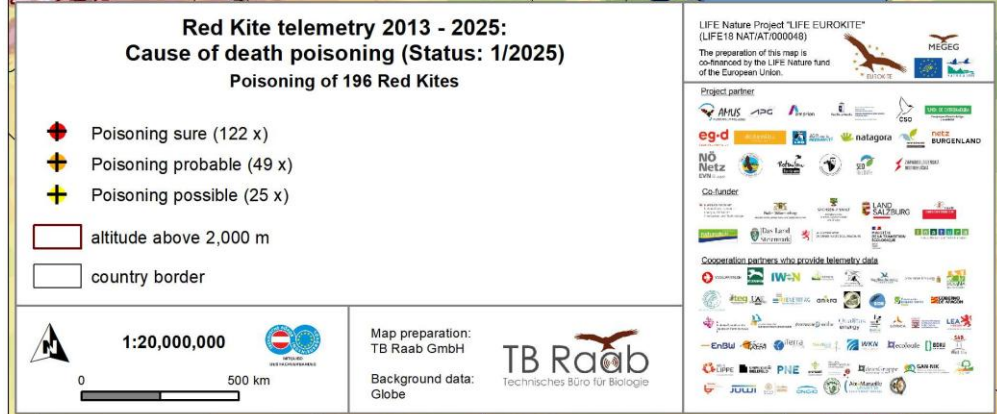
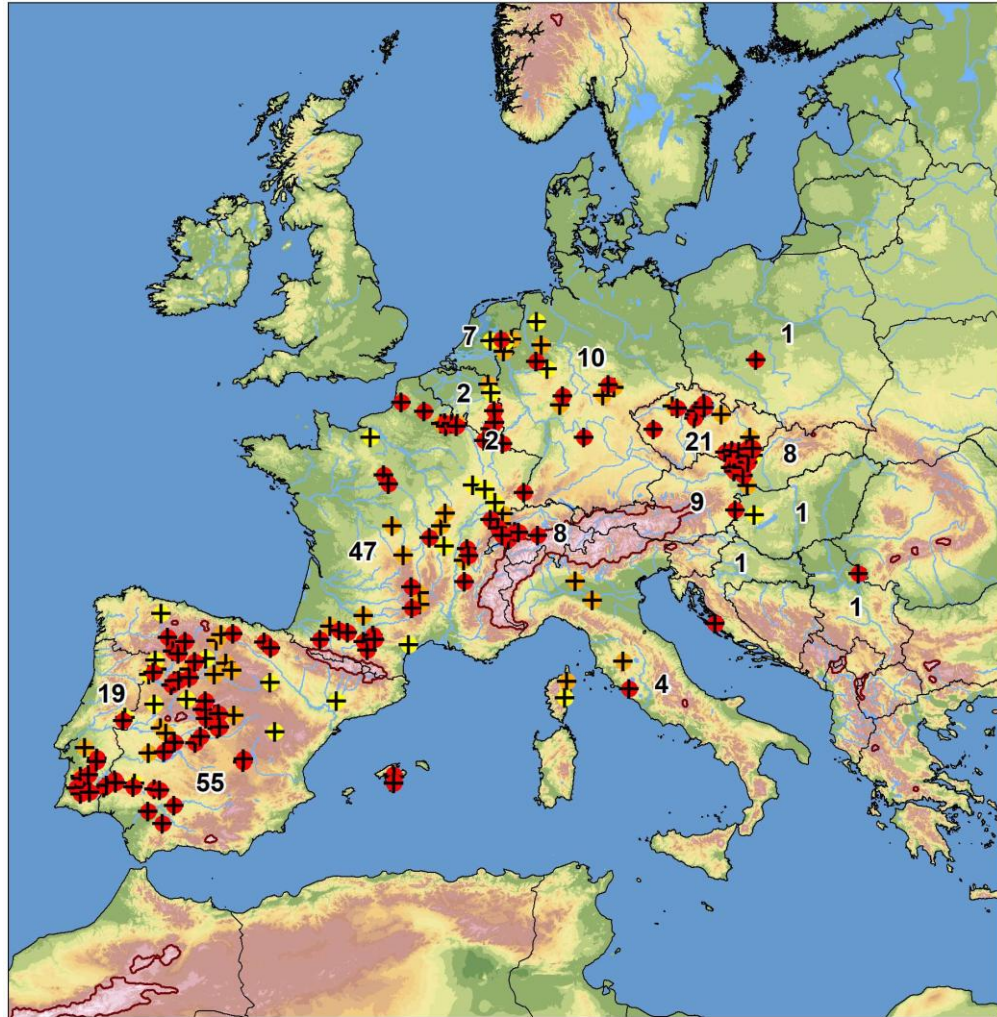


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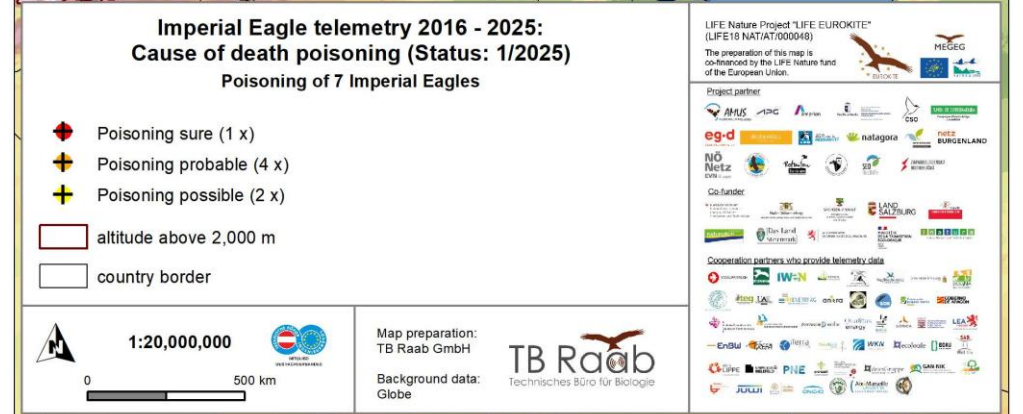
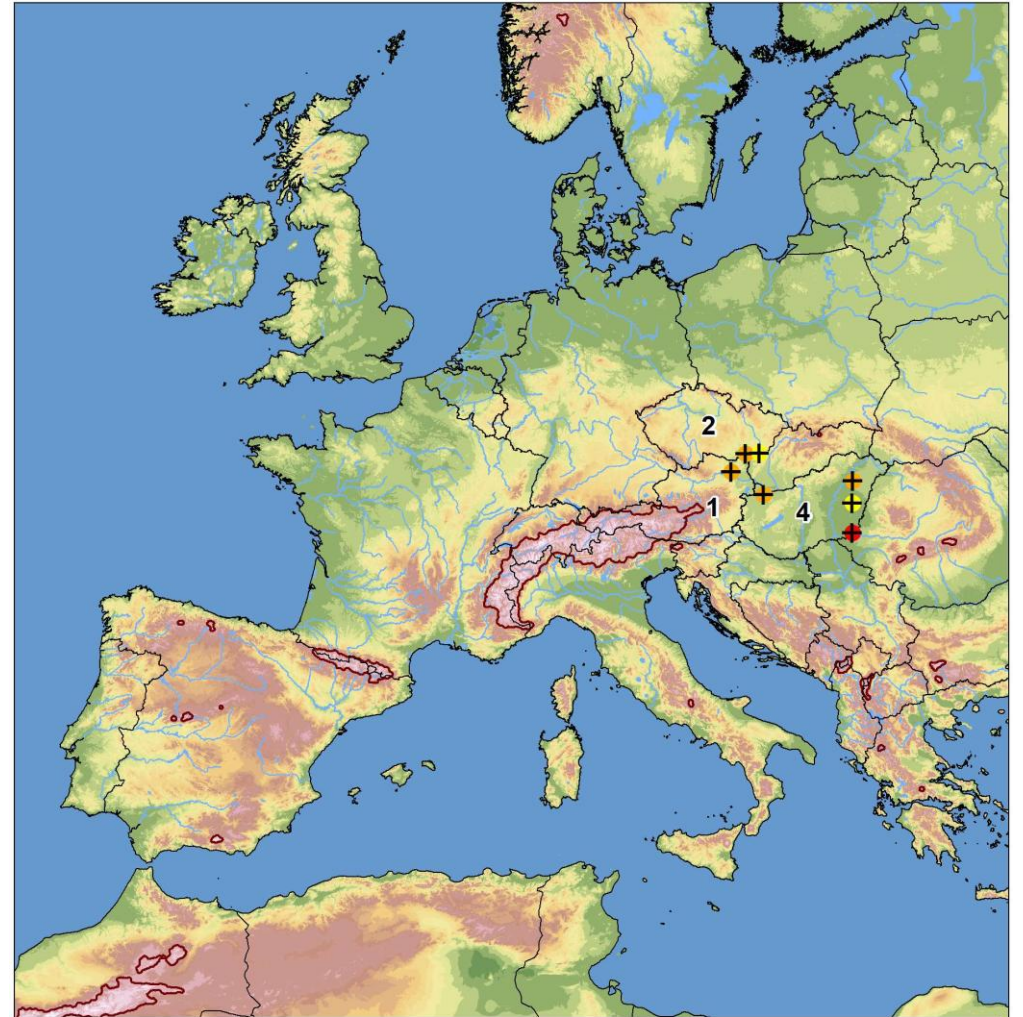


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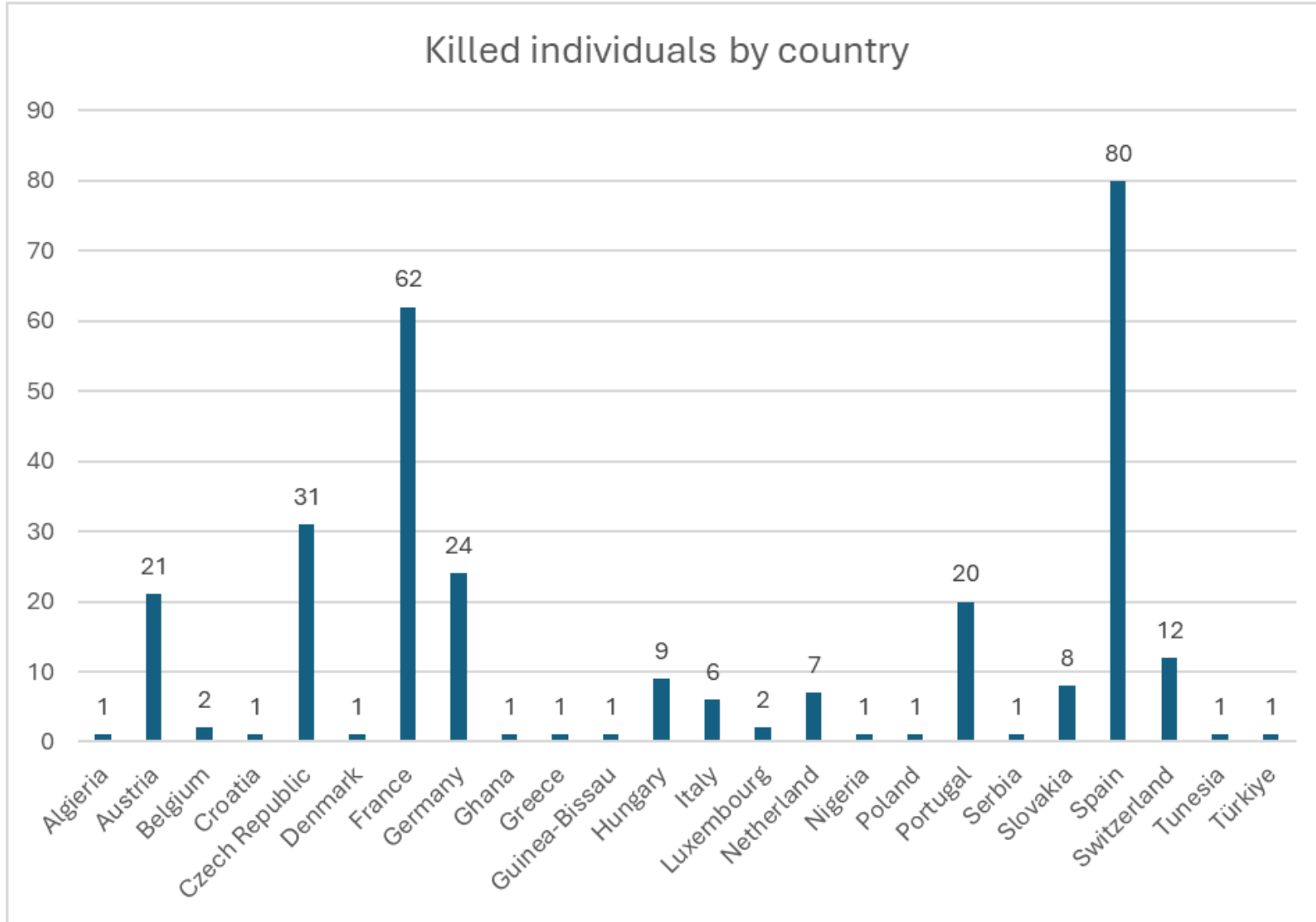




Examples of poisoning cases

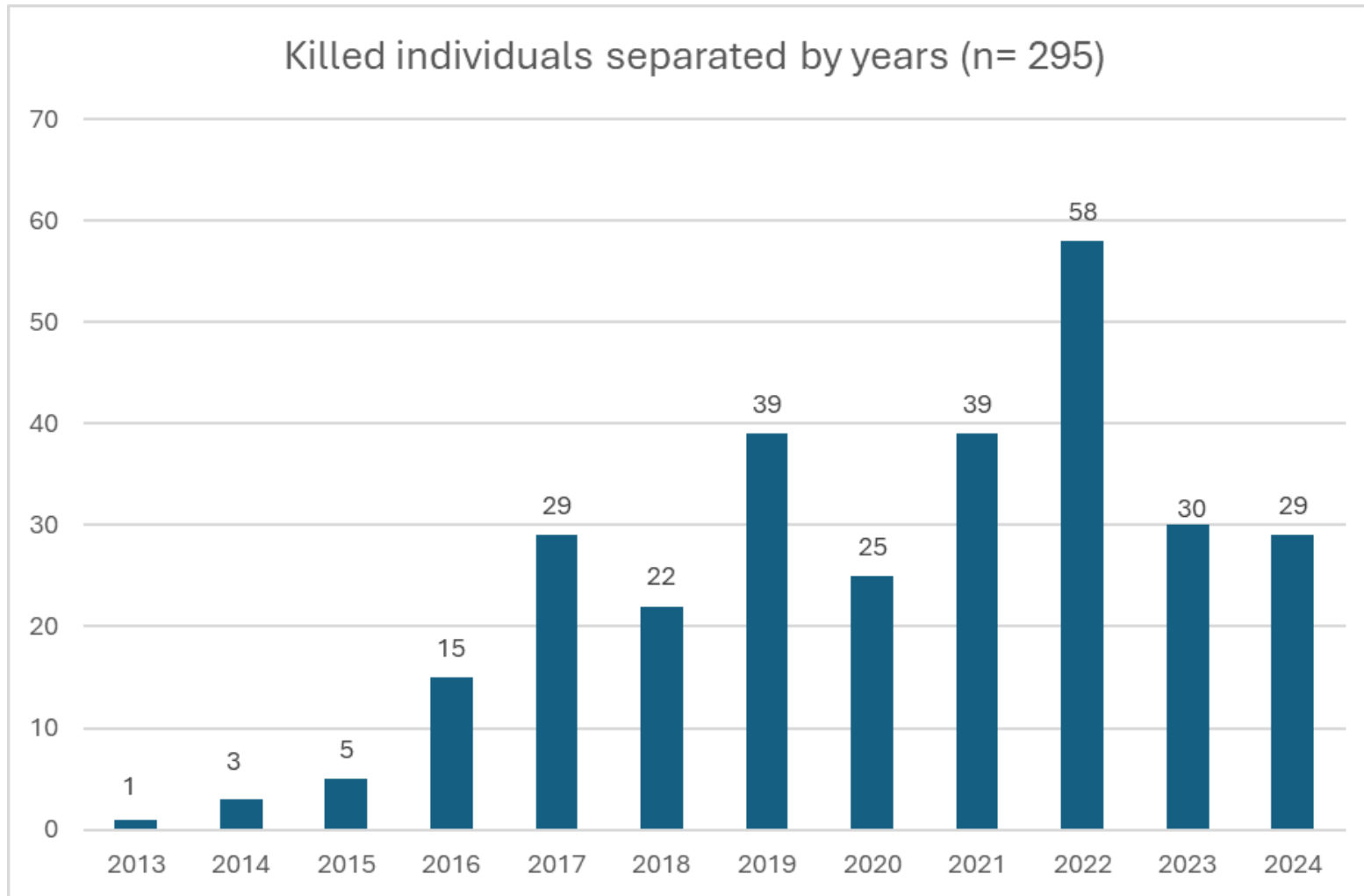






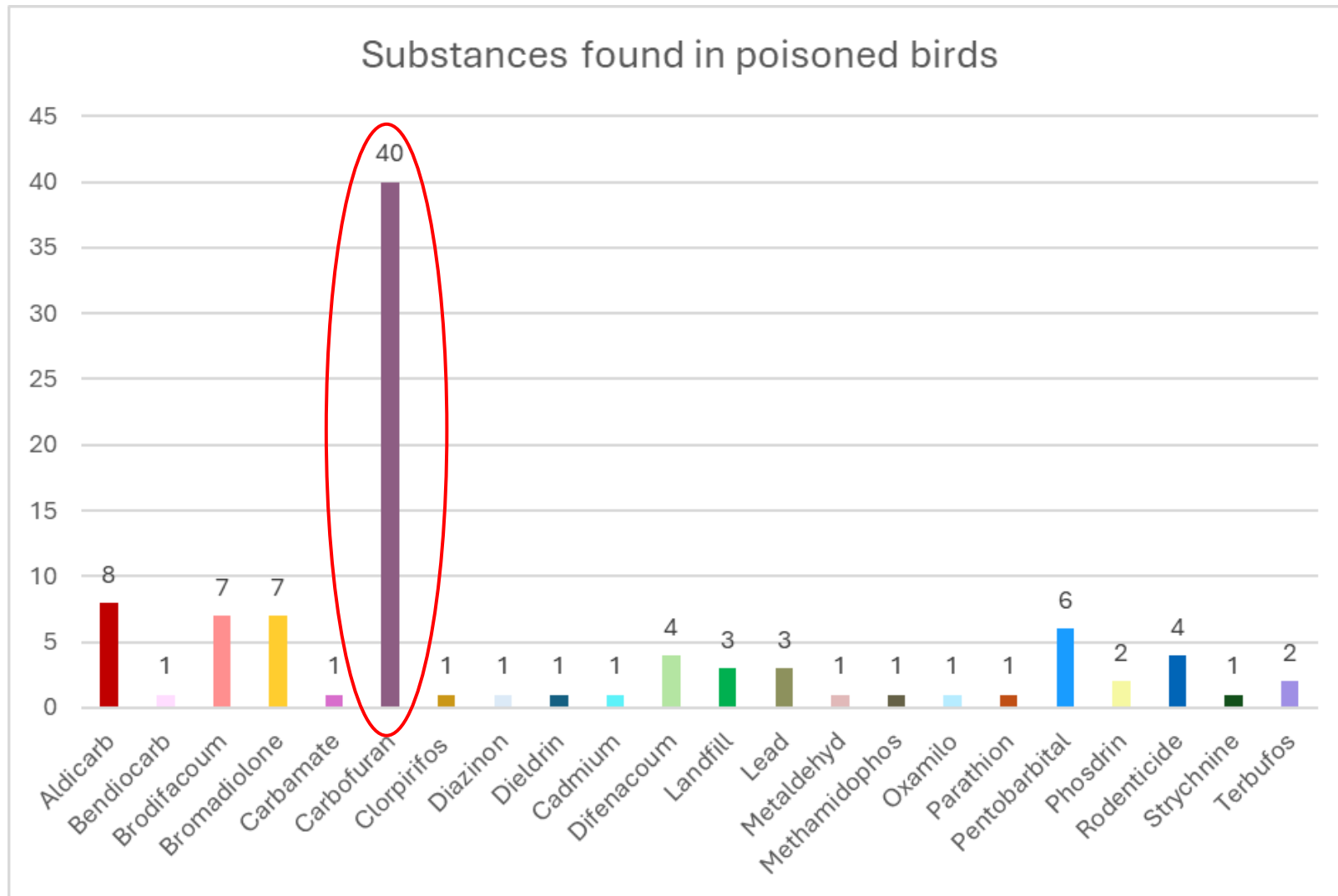
Overview of bird crimes (n=295) separated into countries in the period from December 2013 to December 2024. Due to different number of tagged birds per country and the different density of red kites per country the results can differ significantly per country. The results do not provide any information about the frequency of bird crime compared to the density of birds in the respective country.





Overview of the killed individuals (n=295) separated by years in the period from December 2013 to December 2024.

(Depending on the sample size available in the different years)



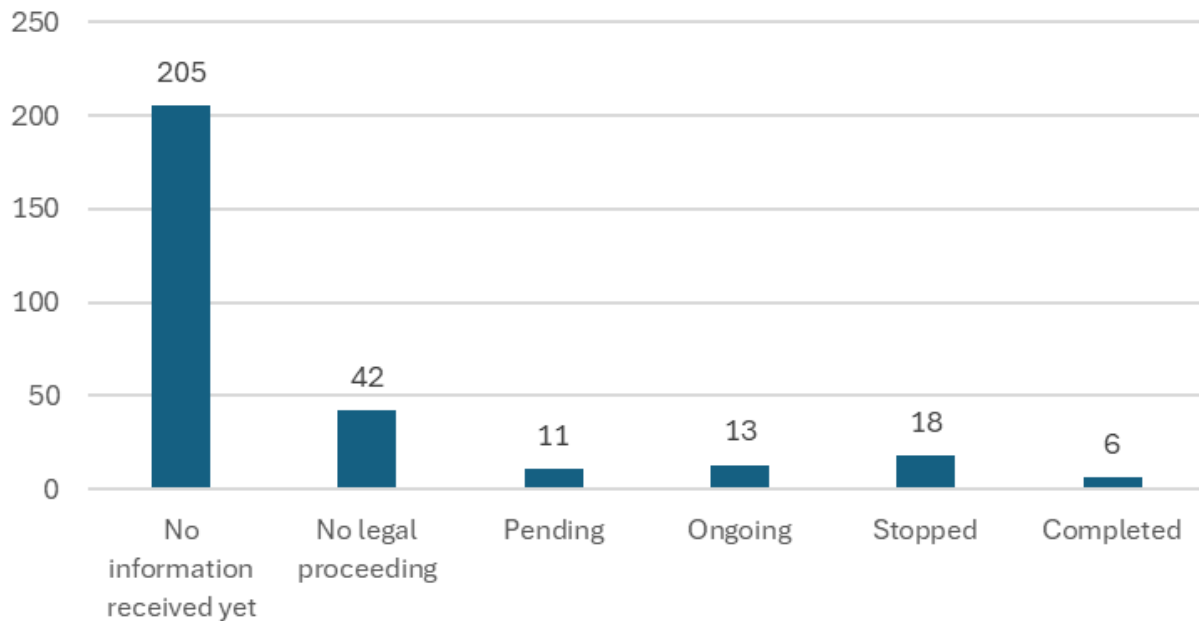
Overview of the total amount of substances (n=22) detected in poisoned birds (n=97 analysed birds with detected substances).

# Status of legal proceeding and conviction

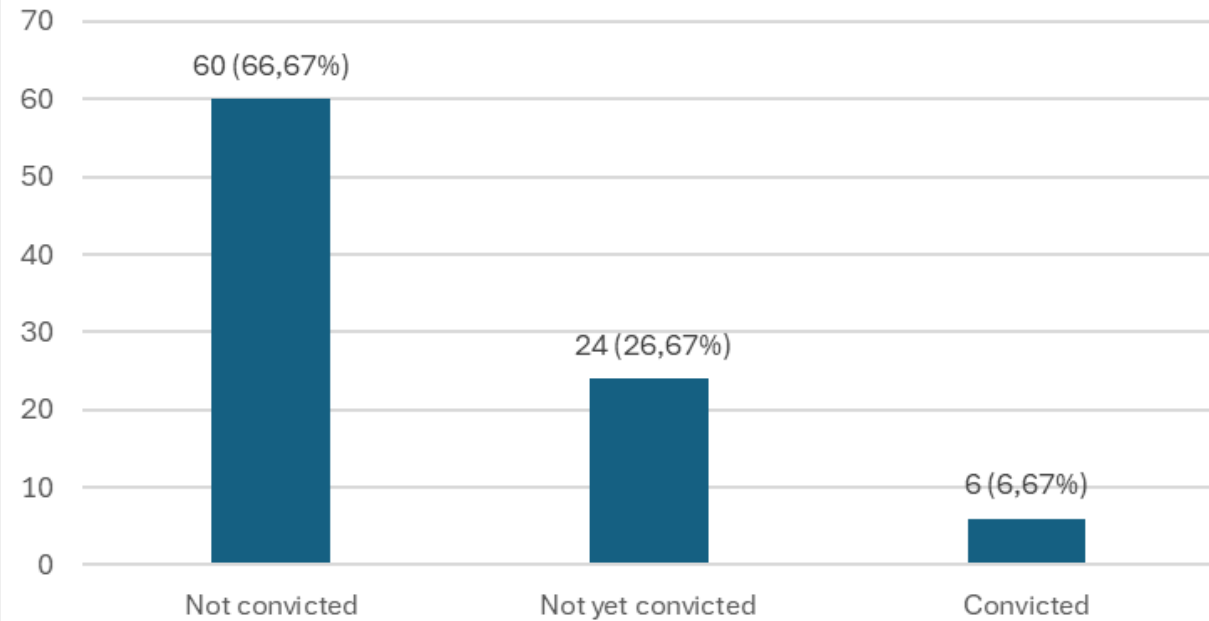


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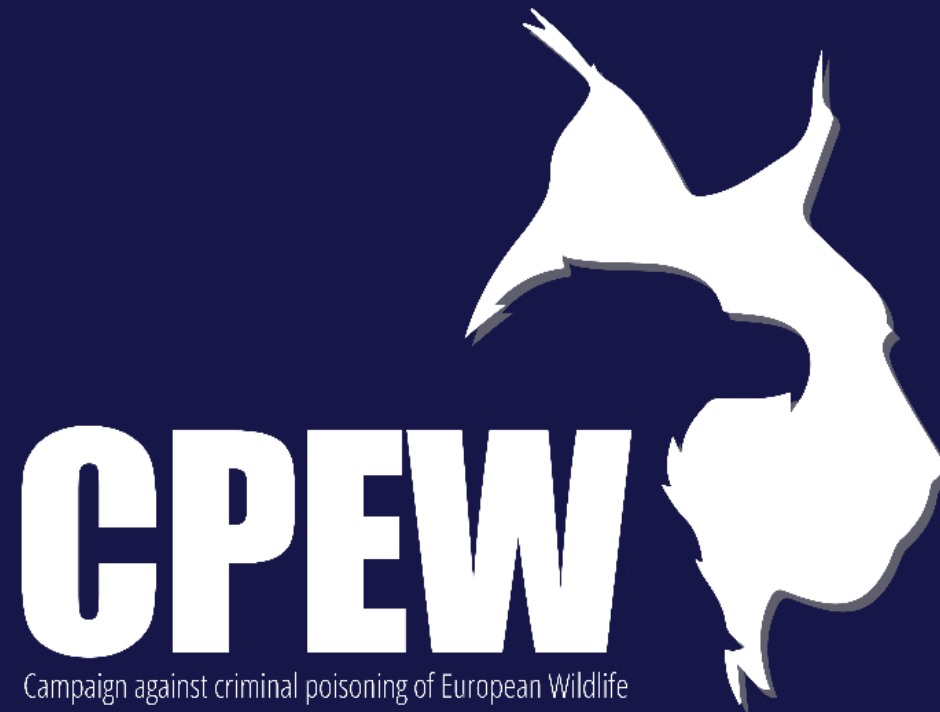
### Results legal proceeding (n=295)



### Results conviction (n=90)



# CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRIMINAL POISONING OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE (CPEW)



# POISONING IS THE DIFFERENCE.

THESE CRIMES MUST STOP.  
SIGN OUR PETITION NOW.





Campaign against criminal poisoning of European Wildlife



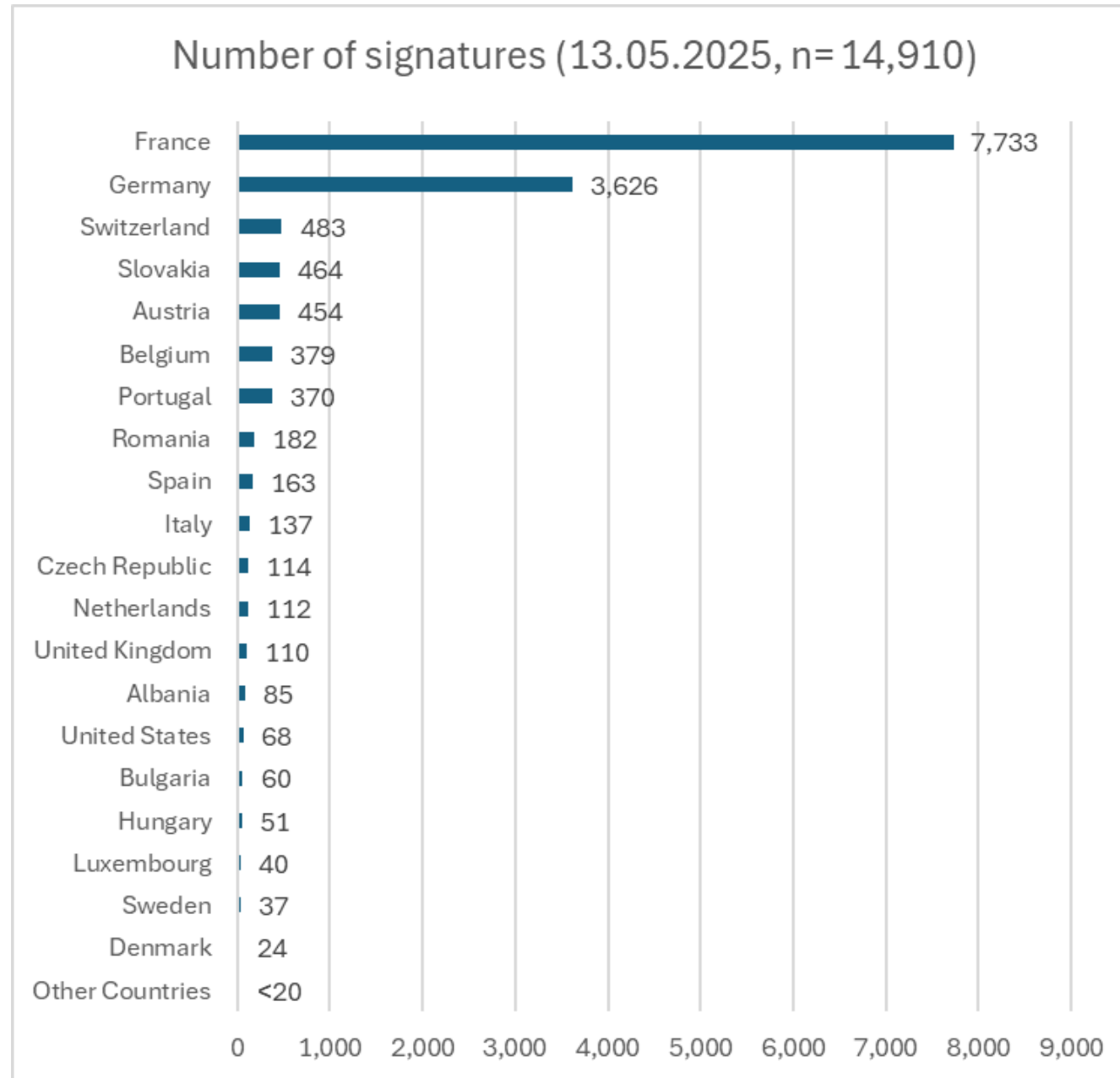
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# Campaign against criminal Poisoning of European Wildlife (CPEW)

<https://chng.it/zCZhxGhQSy>



- Supporting the “**European day against criminal poisoning of wildlife**” on **1st March (first time in 2025)** to raise awareness of the general public and the political decision makers, as the topic is widely underestimated and unknown.
- **Systematic data collection** for whole Europe to create a poisoning data base and to identify hot spots. Ideally, this data base should be managed by the European Union or one of its organisations.
- Need to pursue the **Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030** further and more vigorously.





**Scan and sign our petition to  
combat criminal poisoning of  
European wildlife !!!**

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## Coordinating Beneficiary



The TB Raab was commissioned to implement the LIFE EUROKITE project after a pan-European public tender.



## Project partner (Associated Beneficiary)



## Co-financier



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# Cooperation partner



## Additional cooperation partners for specific research questions in the field of renewable energy



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