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**Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points (SFPs) on  
Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds and the CMS  
Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the  
Mediterranean (MIKT)**

*(Bonn, Germany, 13-15 May 2025)*

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE**

*(Prepared by the CMS and Bern Convention Secretariats)*

*(As at 9 May 2025)*



The European Union was recognized as Champion Plus for their generous support and commitment towards addressing Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean for the period 2015 - 2028.



**MEETING SCHEDULE**  
(all times quoted are CEST)

Tuesday, 13 May 2025 DAY 1	Wednesday, 14 May 2025 DAY 2	Thursday, 15 May 2025 DAY 3
<b>08.30</b> Registration	<b>09.00</b> – Opening of second day and setting the scene	<b>09.00</b> – Opening of third day and conclusion on mid-term assessment process
<b>09.30</b> – Opening of the meeting 1. Opening of the meeting and welcoming remarks 2. Election of officers: Appointment of Chair and vice-Chair of the meeting 3. Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule 4. Setting the context of the meeting & Reporting by the Secretariats 4.1. CMS IKB priorities and meeting objectives 4.2 Bern Convention Secretariat Report 4.3. IKB in Mediterranean: CMS MIKT Report and Rome Strategic Plan priorities	<b>09.30</b> – 8. Scoreboard Reporting and data collection 8.1 Scoreboard 2023: Presentation of updated 2023 analysis and update about Scoreboard exercise 2023 8.2 National perspective on the Scoreboard exercise: how it has helped organising action against IKB and lessons learnt 8.3 NGO perspective: Progress assessment on the eradication of IKB in the Mediterranean and Europe 9. Efficient and Effective Enforcement 9.1 Examples of Efficient Enforcement at national and international level	<b>09.30</b> – 12. National IKB Action Plans 12.1 Report and recommendations from a Workshop on National IKB Action Plans in the Balkans and next steps on National IKB Action Plans 12.2 National perspective on National IKB Action Plans: Montenegro 12.3 NGO perspective on National IKB Action Plans 13. Funding and international cooperation
<b>11.00</b> – <i>Coffee Break and Group Photo</i>	<b>11.15</b> – <i>Coffee Break</i>	<b>11.30</b> – <i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>11.40</b> – 5.1 Reports from MIKT Members and Bern Convention Special Focal Points on IKB	<b>11.45</b> –9. Efficient and Effective Enforcement (cont.) 9.1 Examples of Efficient Enforcement at national and international level (cont.) 9.2 Species Recovery and the role of IKB	<b>12.00</b> – 14. Prevention of IKB A survey on IKB Motivations 15. Next Joint Meeting, Financial matters and AOB 15.1 Next Joint Meeting in 2026 (online) and next in-person Joint Meeting in 2027 15.2 Communication and networking between meetings 15.3 Financial matters

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		15.4 Next steps 15.5 AOB 16. Closure of the meeting
<b>13.00 – Lunch Break</b>	<b>12.30 – Lunch Break</b>	<b>13.30 – End of Meeting &amp; Departure for Field Trip. Packed lunch to be provided.</b>
<b>14.30</b> – 5. Reports from Observers of MIKT and Bern Convention	<b>14.00</b> – 10. Monitoring and Technology 11.1 Mid-term assessment of the Rome Strategic Plan and the MIKT Workplan 2026-2030 11.2 Breakout groups	
<b>15.30 – Coffee Break</b>	<b>15.50 – Coffee Break</b>	
<b>16.00</b> – 6. CMS Treaty, relevant CMS Initiatives on Taking and the Raptors Memorandum of Understanding Presentation on the field trip. 7. Reflections and exchange of ideas	<b>16.15</b> – 11.3 Reporting from Breakout groups	
<b>17.30 – End of first day</b>	<b>17.00 – End of second day</b>	

**DAY 1**

**Tuesday, 13 May 2025**

**Bonn and Online meeting (all times quoted are CEST)**

Time	Agenda item	Documents/ Expected outcomes
08.30 – 09.30	<b>Registration</b>	
	<b>1.-3. Opening of the Meeting</b>	
09.30 – 10.00	<p><b>1. Opening of the meeting and welcoming remarks</b></p> <p>The Bern Convention Secretariat and the CMS Secretariat will welcome the participants.</p> <p>Opening Remarks by the CMS Executive Secretary, <i>Ms Amy Fraenkel</i></p> <p>Opening Remarks on behalf of the Secretary of the Bern Convention, <i>Ms Marta Medlinska, Programme Manager</i></p> <p>Opening Remarks by <i>Dr Berit Gewert, International Species Conservation, Wildlife Trade, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Republic of Germany</i></p>	<p><i>Outcome:</i></p> <p><i>The meeting is opened.</i></p>
10.00 – 10.10	<p><b>2. Election of officers: Appointment of Chair and vice-Chair of the meeting</b></p> <p>The Secretariats introduce the staff coordinating the meeting and the rules of participation for online and in person participants.</p> <p>The Secretariats will invite the participants to appoint a Chair and a Vice-Chair for the Joint Meeting and for the intersessional period until the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>Documents:</i></p> <p><i>UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Doc.3.1</i></p> <p><i>T-PVS/Agenda (2025)06</i></p> <p><i>Provisional agenda and list of documents</i></p> <p><i>UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Fact Sheet</i></p> <p><i>T-PVS/Inf(2025)14</i></p> <p><i>Meeting Protocol</i></p> <p><i>Outcome:</i></p> <p><i>Participants meet Secretariat staff and are informed of online and in-person participation rules.</i></p> <p><i>Chair and vice-Chair are appointed.</i></p>

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10.10 – 10.20	<p><b>3. Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule</b> The Chair will introduce the Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule for adoption.</p>	<p><i>Documents:</i> UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Doc.3.2/Rev.2 T-PVS/Agenda (2025)07_rev2 Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule <i>Outcome:</i> Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule are adopted. Participants are informed on Housekeeping (incl. timing for group photo).</p>
<b>4. Setting the context of the meeting &amp; Reporting by the Secretariats</b>		
10.20 – 11.00	<p><b>4.1 CMS IKB priorities and meeting objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr Iván Ramírez, Head of Avian Species, CMS Secretariat</i></li> </ul> <p><b>4.2 Bern Convention Secretariat Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms Marta Medlinska, Programme Manager, Secretariat of the Bern Convention</i></li> </ul> <p><b>4.3 IKB in the Mediterranean: CMS MIKT Report and Rome Strategic Plan priorities</b> <i>Dr Claire Papazoglou, MIKT Coordinator, CMS Secretariat</i></p>	<p><i>Documents:</i> UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Doc.4.3.1 Report by CMS Secretariat  UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Inf.4.3.1 T-PVS/Inf(2025)06 Rome Strategic Plan  <i>Outcome:</i> Participants are updated by the CMS and Bern Convention Secretariats on developments on implementation of the Rome Strategic Plan since the previous Joint meeting and of the meeting objectives and IKB priorities.</p>
11.00 – 11.40	<b>Coffee Break – Group Photo</b>	In person participants to gather for group photo; Instructions to online participants about online photo.

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	<b>5. Reports from Members and Observers</b>	
11.40 – 13.00	<p><b>5.1 Reports from MIKT Members and Bern Convention Special Focal Points on IKB</b></p> <p>The Chair will lead a session on highlights of progress and successes across Europe and the Mediterranean in eradicating IKB</p> <p><i>(Representatives of countries that are members of either the Bern SFPs Network or MIKT will be invited to make oral reports of maximum 5 min focused on: 1) the key achievements in combating IKB, on 2) obstacles encountered, and on 3) priorities for the future. A ppt template will be distributed for those that want to prepare a short presentation (maximum 5 slides).</i></p>	<p><i>No document.</i></p> <p><i>Outcome: Participants are informed of the progress achieved by MIKT members and Bern Convention SFPs in combating IKB.</i></p>
13.00 – 14.30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
	<b>5. Reports from Members and Observers</b>	
14.30 – 15.30	<p><b>5.2 Reports from Observers of MIKT and Bern Convention</b></p> <p>The Chair will lead a session on highlights of progress and successes across Europe and the Mediterranean in eradicating IKB by the Observers of MIKT and Bern Convention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr Cy Griffin, Senior Conservation Manager, FACE</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms Samantha Lee, Senior Conservation Officer-Global Flyways Programme, BirdLife International</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Jovan Andevski, Programmes Manager &amp; European Regional Coordinator Vulture Multi-species Action, Vulture Conservation Foundation</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr João Loureiro, Institute of Nature Conservation and Forests, ICNF, Portugal (on behalf of IMPEL)</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>No document</i></p> <p><i>Outcome: Participants are informed of the progress achieved by MIKT and Bern Convention Observers in combating IKB.</i></p>
15.30 – 16.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16.00 – 17.00	<b>6. CMS Treaty, relevant CMS initiatives on Taking and the Raptors Memorandum of Understanding</b>	
	<b>CMS Treaty and relevant CMS Initiatives on Taking: National Legislation Programme and Unsustainable Taking Initiative and the Raptors MOU</b>	<i>No document</i>

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	<p>The CMS Secretariat will present the CMS National Legislation Programme, the CMS Unsustainable Taking Initiative and the Raptors MOU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Maria Jose Ortiz, Legal Officer &amp; Mr Nikola Besek, Coordinator of National Legislation Programme, CMS Secretariat</li> <li>Dr Umberto Gallo Orsi, Programme Management Officer, Raptors MOU</li> </ul>	<p><i>Outcome: Participants are informed of the CMS National Legislation Programme and relevant work on Article III, paragraph 5 on Taking, as well as a CMS initiative associated with illegal or unsustainable taking of migratory birds and other animals. Participants are also informed about relevant progress as part of the Raptors MOU.</i></p>
16.45 – 17.00	<b>Presentation on the field trip</b> (15 May 2025), Mr Oliver Schall	
17.00 – 17.30	<b>7. Reflections and exchange</b>	
	The Secretariats will invite a reflection on the day's proceedings and networking with other participants.	<p><i>Outcome: Participants will have the opportunity to share their reflections on information received and to network.</i></p>
17.30	<b>End of first day</b>	

**DAY 2**

**Wednesday, 14 May 2025**

**Bonn & Online meeting (all times quoted are CEST)**

Time	Agenda item	Documents/ Expected outcomes
	<b>Setting the scene</b>	
09.00 – 09.30	<p><b>Opening of the second day of the meeting and setting the scene</b></p> <p>The Chair will introduce the agenda and reflections from the previous day</p>	<p><i>Outcome:</i></p> <p><i>Participants are reminded of housekeeping items and informed about the agenda and logistics for the day. Reflections from the previous day are shared.</i></p>
	<b>8. Scoreboard Reporting and data collection</b>	
09.30 – 10.30	<p><b>8.1 Scoreboard 2023: Presentation of updated Scoreboard 2023 analysis and update about Scoreboard exercise 2026</b></p>	<p><i>Documents:</i></p> <p>UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Doc.8.1</p> <p>T-PVS/Inf(2025)07</p> <p>Updated Scoreboard 2023 Analysis</p>

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	<p>The Chair will lead a session on the Scoreboard 2023 results and analysis, the Scoreboard experience at the national level, an NGO Perspective and the Scoreboard 2026 exercise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr Claire Papazoglou, MIKT Coordinator, CMS Secretariat</i></li> </ul> <p><b>8.2 National perspective on the Scoreboard exercise: how it has helped organising action against IKB and lessons learnt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms Kalomoira Agapitou, Ministry of Environment, Special Associate Secretariat General for Forests, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Greece.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>8.3 NGO perspective: Progress assessment on the eradication of IKB in the Mediterranean and Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr Lilla Barabas, Flyways Officer, BirdLife Europe and Central Asia</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Inf.8.3</i>  <i>T-PVS/Inf(2025)22</i>                      BirdLife International / Euronatur (2025): <i>The Killing 3.0 Progress assessment on eradicating the Illegal Killing of Birds in the Mediterranean and Europe (Full report and Annex)</i>                      Outcome: Participants are informed about the updated analysis of the Scoreboard 2023 submissions and the upcoming 2026 Scoreboard exercise. Participants are informed about the perspective of a national government and an NGO.</p>
	<p><b>9. Efficient and Effective Enforcement</b></p>	
<p><b>10.30 – 11.15</b></p>	<p><b>9.1 Examples of Efficient Enforcement at national and international level:</b></p> <p>The Chair will lead a session with talks from officials working on IKB Enforcement at international or national level, and a questions and answers session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr José Antonio Alfaro Moreno, O2-24 AP EnviCrime – Team Leader, Europol - European Serious &amp; Organised Crime Centre (ESOCC)</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms Jessica Fenech, Assistant Director, Wild Birds Regulation Unit, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Malta</i></li> <li>• <i>Major Carlos Toledano Zapater, Unidad Central Operativa de Medio Ambiente, Servicio de Protección de la Naturaleza (SEPRONA), Spain</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>No document</i>                      Outcome: Participants are informed about national examples of IKB enforcement as well as international initiatives to combat wildlife crime.</p>
<p><b>11.15 – 11.45</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>	
	<p><b>9. Efficient and effective enforcement (cont.)</b></p>	
<p><b>11.45 – 12.30</b></p>	<p><b>9.1 Examples of Efficient Enforcement at national and international level (cont.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mme Wassila Djaballah, Head of Hunting Activities, General Directorate of Forests, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fishing, Algeria</i></li> <li>• <i>Detective Inspector Mark Harrison, UK National Wildlife Crime Unit</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>No document</i>                      Outcome: Participants are informed about species recovery programme led by the European Commission.</p>

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	<p><b>9.2 Species Recovery and the role of IKB</b></p> <p>The Chair will lead a session introducing the work lead by the European Commission on species recovery at EU level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms Iva Obretenova, Policy Officer, DG ENV, Unit D3 Nature Conservation</i></li> </ul>	
12.30 – 14.00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
	<b>10. Monitoring and Technology</b>	
14.00 – 14.30	<p><b>Update on technological advances for monitoring IKB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr Vicky Jones, Flyways Science Coordinator, BirdLife International</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Documents:</i> UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Inf. 10 T-PVS/Inf(2025)08</p> <p>Tracking data highlight the importance of human-induced mortality for large migratory birds at a flyway scale</p> <p><i>Outcome: Participants are informed about technological advances that can help monitoring IKB, including acoustical monitoring, remote cameras and drones, and about the results of a peer reviewed paper on human-induced mortality of birds.</i></p>
	<b>11. Mid-term assessment of the Rome Strategic Plan and next steps for the MIKT Workplan 2026-2030</b>	
14.30 – 14.50	<p><b>11.1 Presentation on mid-term assessment of the Rome Strategic Plan and next steps for the MIKT Workplan 2026-2030</b></p> <p>The CMS Secretariat and the Bern Convention Secretariat will present a discussion document on the mid-term assessment of the Rome Strategic Plan, and the next steps for the MIKT Workplan 2026-2030, and will introduce the work to be undertaken in the breakout groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr Claire Papazoglou, MIKT Coordinator, CMS Secretariat</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms Marta Medlinska, Programme Manager, Secretariat of the Bern Convention</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Documents:</i> UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Doc.11 T-PVS/Inf(2025)09</p> <p>Discussion document on mid-term assessment of the Rome Strategic Plan</p> <p><i>Outcome: Participants are introduced to the Rome Strategic Plan mid-term assessment requirement and the methodology for the breakout groups. Participants are introduced to the next steps for the MIKT Workplan for 2026-2030.</i></p>

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14.50 –15.50	<b>11.2 Breakout Groups</b>	<i>Outcome: Participants discuss in breakout groups the methodology and process for the mid-term assessment of the Rome Strategic Plan and the next steps for the MIKT Workplan 2026-2030.</i>
15.50 – 16.15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
	<b>11. Mid-term assessment of the Rome Strategic Plan and next steps for the MIKT Workplan 2026-2030 (cont.)</b>	
16.15 – 17.00	<b>11.3. Plenary:</b> Reporting from Breakout groups, discussion and conclusion on way forward	<i>Outcome: Joint meeting discusses and concludes on way forward for mid-term assessment of Rome Strategic Plan</i>
17.00	<b>End of second day</b>	

**DAY 3**

**Thursday, 15 May 2025**

**Bonn & Online meeting (all times quoted are CEST)**

Time	Agenda item	Documents/ Expected outcomes
	<b>Setting the scene</b>	
09.00 – 09.30	<p><b>Opening of the third day of the meeting</b> The Chair will introduce the agenda</p> <p><b>Conclusions on mid-term assessment process.</b></p>	<p><i>Outcome: Participants are reminded of housekeeping items and informed about the programme and logistics for the day.</i></p> <p><i>Conclusion on mid-term assessment process is decided.</i></p>
	<b>12. National IKB Action Plans</b>	
09.30 – 10.30	<p><b>12.1 Report and recommendations from a Workshop on National IKB Action Plans in the Balkans and next steps on National IKB Action Plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr Claire Papazoglou, MIKT Coordinator, CMS Secretariat</i></li> </ul> <p><b>12.2 National perspective on National IKB Action Plans: Montenegro</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms Anela Sijaric, Head of Department for Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecosystems Directorate for Climate Change and Nature Protection, Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Northern Region Development</i></li> </ul> <p><b>12.3 NGO perspective on National IKB Action Plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr Justine Vansynghel, Project Manager Conservation Migratory Birds, Euronatur</i></li> </ul> <p>The Chair will lead the discussion and question and answer session.</p>	<p><i>Documents:</i></p> <p><i>UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Inf. 12.1.1</i> <i>T-PVS/Inf(2025)10</i></p> <p><i>Guidance for the Development and Implementation of National Action Plans Against IKB</i> <i>UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Inf. 12.1.2</i> <i>T-PVS/Inf(2025)11</i></p> <p><i>Meeting Report (Regional Workshop on IKB NAPs, September 2024)</i></p> <p><i>Outcome: Participants are informed of progress on National IKB Action Plans and hear of national perspectives and next steps.</i></p>
	<b>13. Funding and international cooperation</b>	
10.30 – 11.30	<p><b>Funding opportunities and international cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The LIFE Instrument: Ms Simona Bacchereti, Project Manager at CINEA - European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency</i></li> <li>• <i>The funds from Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM): Ms Laura Dami, Project Leader - Mediterranean Waterbird Network, Tour du Valat</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>No document</i></p> <p><i>Outcome: Participants are informed about fundraising opportunities for combating IKB by different donors.</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF): Mr Vedran Lucić, Manager, CEPF Mediterranean Regional Implementation Team (RIT)</i></li> </ul>	
11.30 – 12.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
	<b>14. Prevention of IKB</b>	
12.00 – 12.30	<p><b>A survey on IKB Motivations:</b> A representative of BirdLife International will introduce the methodology and process for conducting a survey on IKB Motivations for MIKT countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms Sol Espinosa, Senior Programme Officer, BirdLife International</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Documents:</i> <i>UNEP/CMS/MIKT6/Inf. 14</i> <i>T-PVS/Inf(2025)12</i> Suggested Methodology and Guidance for Conducting Socio-Economic Research into the Motivations behind IKB  <i>Outcome: Participants are informed of the methodology, timetable and process for conducting a survey on motivations in line with Rome Strategic Plan Objective 1.2, Actions a, c and d.</i></p>
	<b>15. Next Joint Meeting, Financial matters and AOB</b>	
12.30 – 13.15	<p><b>15.1 Next Joint Meeting in 2026 (online) and next in-person Joint Meeting in 2027</b> <b>15.2 Communication and networking between meetings</b> • <i>Ms Marta Medlinska, Programme Manager, Secretariat of the Bern Convention</i> <b>15.3 Financial matters</b> The CMS Secretariat and the Bern Convention Secretariat will present the status of funding for IKB activities. <b>15.4 Next steps</b> The CMS Secretariat and the Bern Convention Secretariat will present the next steps. <b>15.5 AOB</b></p>	<p><i>No document</i>  <i>Outcome: Participants discuss and propose a thematic focus for the next Joint Meeting in 2026 (online) and communication and networking between meetings. Participants are informed about financial matters and next steps. Hosts are invited for the next in-person meeting.</i></p>
13.15 – 13.30	<b>16. Closure of the meeting</b>	
	The CMS Secretariat and the Bern Convention Secretariat will deliver closing remarks. The Chair will make a final statement and close the meeting.	<i>Outcome: Meeting closed</i>
13.30	<b>End of meeting &amp; Departure for field trip. Packed lunch to be provided.</b>	