

Guidelines for BatLife Europe collaboration

At times BatLife Europe is approached to collaborate or support conservation projects, research projects and the like. In this document the criteria which such projects must meet are discussed.

Criteria for collaboration requests

1) Does it contribute to BatLife Europe's aims?

Of course, a project must fit in the aims of BatLife Europe, i.e. it must do at least one of the following:

- Facilitate international communication and knowledge sharing
- Identify European conservation priorities
- Develop pan-European projects
- Fundraise for international projects
- Develop best practice guidelines
- Assist in capacity building
- Provide support and technical advice for EUROBATS initiatives
- Co-ordinate action in relation to special threats
- Collect / manage data
- Assist national bodies in developing / implementing national conservation plans / strategies.
- Give international status to national NGOs
- Provide international support for national matters of concern

In the collaboration request, it must be clearly stated how it contributes to one or more of these aims.

2) It is a trans-boundary project?

BatLife Europe is aimed at conservation on at least a regional scale, so only for example research projects working on a multi-country geographic scope or projects working on developing European capacity in areas where there are gaps.

There is one exception: projects in which national bodies develop or implement national conservation plans or strategies.

Of course, we can provide letters of support for national projects that support BatLife Europe aims on a national level.

3) It is clearly stated what –exactly – is expected (work/time, finances, travel/attendance at meetings) from BatLife Europe?

From the collaboration request, it must be clear what is expected from BatLife Europe in terms of finances or input in hours or expenses from members/trustees. This should include timing (start and end dates and any deadlines). It must also state if there is any payment or funding for BatLife Europe's input of time or expenses.

Procedure

Request for collaborations must discuss the three criteria above. Requests that are received are screened by the chair, vice-chair or secretariat. If they comply with the criteria above, they are discussed in the trustee meeting.

All requests should be emailed to the BatLife Europe Administrator BatLifeEurope@bats.org.uk. We are a small NGO run by volunteers, so collaboration depends on our volunteer's capacity.