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Red kite found dead in a field inspection
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TACKLING ILLEGAL RODENTICIDE USE TO PROTECT RED KITES IN CATALONIA

The illegal use of anticoagulant rodenticides in open fields poses a serious threat to wildlife in Catalonia. Red kites (Milvus milvus) are particularly vulnerable, as they can be poisoned by feeding on contaminated prey.

The Cos d'Agents Rurals (Catalan Environmental Rangers) conduct targeted inspections, search for poisoned animals and suspicious baits, promote authorised alternatives and encourage the public to report suspected cases.

Recovered birds undergo necropsies and sample collection at the Servei d'Ecopatologia de Fauna Salvatge (SEFaS) and wildlife rehabilitation centres. Toxicological analyses are performed by the National Institute of Toxicology and Forensic Sciences in Barcelona.

In the first half of 2026, 12 red kites were examined. Brodifacoum was detected in eight birds, with six cases consistent with anticoagulant rodenticide poisoning. This cooperation between rangers, veterinary pathologists and toxicologists provides vital evidence for enforcement action and the protection of this threatened species.

Information source: SEFaS (sefas@uab.cat)

Red Kite showing extensive internal haemorrhages associated with brodifacoum poisoning
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Suspicious baits during a field inspection
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Wild rabbits
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BOOSTING PREY AVAILABILITY AND RESTORING HABITAT FOR RED KITES IN EXTREMADURA

AMUS is working on communal lands in Oliva de la Frontera and Valencia del Mombuey (south-western Badajoz, Extremadura) to increase prey availability for the red kite, a species classified as Endangered in Spain.

The project aims to boost populations of wild rabbits, red-legged partridges and turtle doves, benefiting red kites—including those released in the area—as well as other birds of prey, such as the Iberian imperial eagle.

In partnership with Endesa, both local councils and local hunting associations, AMUS is creating fenced areas with native trees, shrubs and suitable crops. These enclosures provide food and shelter for prey species while allowing the land to regenerate without livestock pressure.

Native vegetation has also been planted along the riverbank to improve nesting and roosting habitats for red kites.

Information source: AMUS

Fenced areas with native trees
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LIFE EUROKITE REACHED THOUSANDS OF VISITORS AT AGROKOMPLEX 2026

What do agriculture, hunting, and nature conservation have in common? Visitors to Agrokomplex 2026, Slovakia's largest exhibition dedicated to agriculture, forestry, hunting, and fishing, had the opportunity to find out at the LIFE Eurokite information stand.

Held from 2-6 September, the exhibition grounds in Nitra welcomed more than 98,000 visitors, providing an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of some of the most pressing threats facing birds of prey.

Members of Raptor Protection of Slovakia presented the project's activities, highlighting illegal raptor poisoning and the risks of improper rodenticide use. Visitors learned about the impact of these threats on endangered species and measures that can help reduce them.

Text source: Raptor Protection of Slovakia

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The programme for Wingspan 2026 is now available!

Join us in Berlin on 3–4 November 2026 for two full conference days dedicated to accelerating nature-positive energy infrastructure. The programme brings together experts from conservation, science, energy and policy for high-level panel discussions, inspiring keynotes, scientific presentations, interactive sessions and practical examples.

Topics include data sharing for wildlife protection, nature-positive electricity grids, innovative monitoring and mitigation technologies, and the latest results from LIFE EUROKITE as well as a first glimpse of the LIFE EUROBUSTARD project. Participants can also explore cutting-edge solutions for onshore wind and electricity grids at the vendor fair.

Explore the full programme

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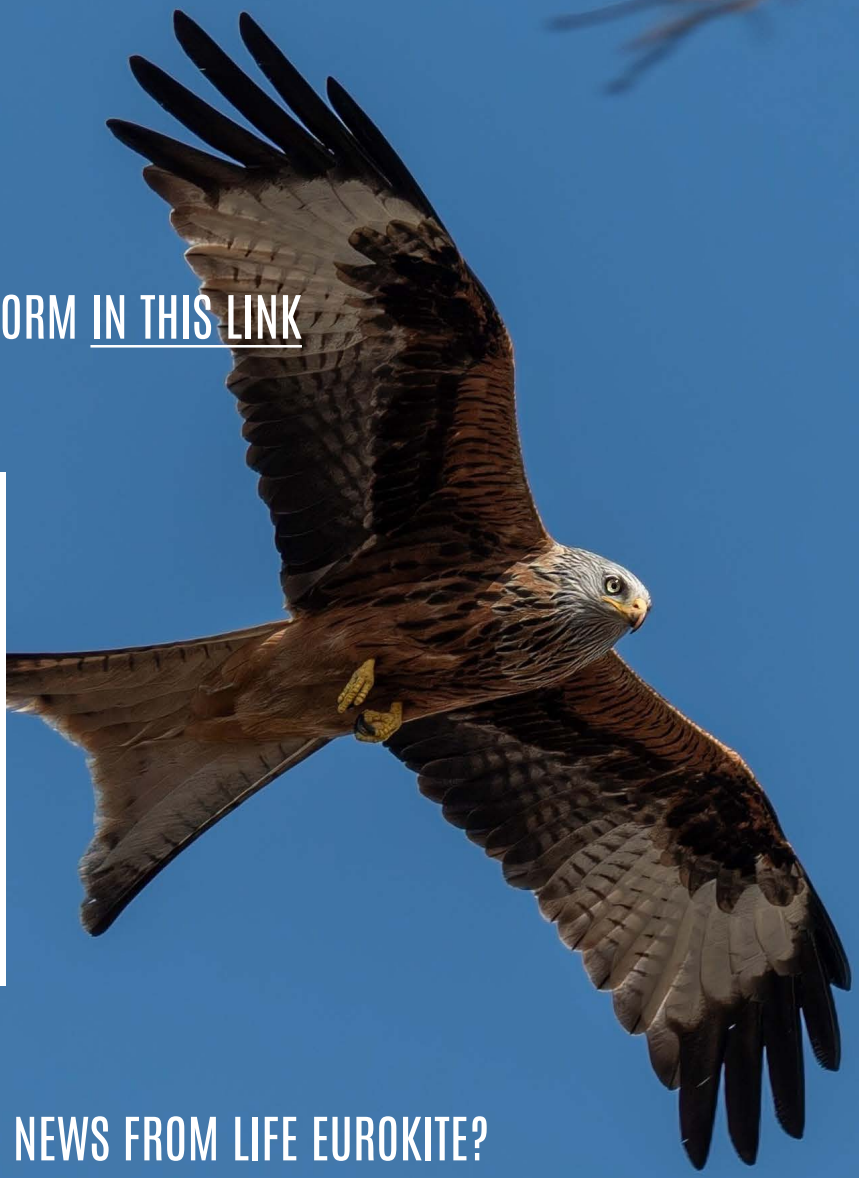

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