

## **LIFE EUROKITE – “Red Kite protection knows no borders”**

**„ LIFE EUROKITE offers the chance to protect the red kite across borders not only in Germany, but throughout Europe. We must all use this opportunity to preserve these wonderful birds across Europe. ”**

Manuela Löwold, President of the Central European Society for Raptor Protection Germany (MEGEG Deutschland)



### **We introduce:**

#### **Central European Society for Raptor Protection (MEGEG)**

The "Central European Society for Raptor Protection (MEGEG)" was founded on May 23, 2018 and submitted the "LIFE EUROKITE" project as coordinator to the EU on June 14, 2018 as a LIFE project.

The focus of the MEGEG is on studies on the use of space and on the mortality factors in birds of prey in order to be able to make concrete statements on the influence of, for example, infrastructure facilities (power lines, wind turbines, etc.) and illegal persecution (poisoning, shooting, etc.) based on scientific results. The society is intended to serve in particular for the networking of people and institutions in Central Europe that have already been and will continue to be involved in the topic of birds of prey, but also beyond. Therefore, a scientific advisory board, which includes persons from various scientific institutions or organizations from the whole of Central Europe, is part of the society. The society shall not only implement the planned LIFE project, but also contribute to the future as a cross-border society for the conservation of birds of prey in Europe through the implementation of larger cross-border projects.

MEGEG Germany was founded on September 21, 2020 to coordinate the projects and promote the conservation of raptors in Germany.

You can find more information at [www.raptorprotection.eu](http://www.raptorprotection.eu).

## Now the bird migration begins!

Not only white storks, cranes and Common swifts, but also most of the Central European red kites fly to their wintering areas in autumn. Some individuals fly long distances (sometimes more than 1000 kilometers) south, e.g. to Spain and Portugal to reach their wintering areas. However, others spend the winter in their homeland. We are excited to see where the birds tagged in the LIFE EUROKITE project will fly to. Some are already on their way and can be observed at <http://www.life-eurokite.eu/en/our-birds.html>

Wintering areas of two red kites  
from Mahndorf 2019-2020

[www.life-eurokite.eu/en/our-birds.html](http://www.life-eurokite.eu/en/our-birds.html)



Pictures: Top right: Red Kite © Mark Rolph, Bottom right: Community of Red Kites © Franz Josef Kovacs



## Wind energy and species protection

### Together instead of against each other - how can that work?

In order to implement the Paris Climate Protection Agreement, it is necessary to convert almost the entire energy supply in Germany to renewable energies. In addition to generating electricity from photovoltaics, this also includes further expanding the use of wind energy. In this context, conflicts with nature and species protection issues arise again and again. But is a natural energy transition possible? And what prerequisites have to be created so that the conflict of goals between species and climate protection can be resolved? These questions will be answered at the online event "Wind energy and species protection. Together instead of against each other - how can that work? " Mag. Dr. Rainer Raab, Technical Manager of the LIFE EUROKITE project, will give a lecture on the topic of "Conservation status of wind energy sensitive bird species in Germany" and explain the relevance and importance of the LIFE EUROKITE project. The participation is free of charge, you need to register by e-mail by October 21, 2020 ([energiewende@klimaschutzagentur.de](mailto:energiewende@klimaschutzagentur.de)).

Please note that the event will be in German.



Einladung

# Online-Veranstaltung

Windenergie und Artenschutz

Miteinander statt gegeneinander—  
wie kann das gelingen?

29. Oktober 2020 | 16.30—19.45 Uhr

VERANSTALTER

17.30 Uhr

Erhaltungszustand windsensibler  
Vogelarten in Deutschland

Dr. Rainer Raab  
Eurokite-Projekt/Technisches Büro für Biologie Deutsch-Wagram

[www.klimaschutz-hannover.de/themen/windenergie/windforen.html](http://www.klimaschutz-hannover.de/themen/windenergie/windforen.html)

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