#### **Electrocution mortality & solutions**

#### European practices overview



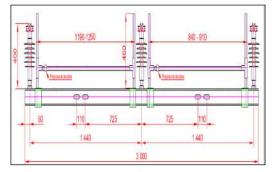
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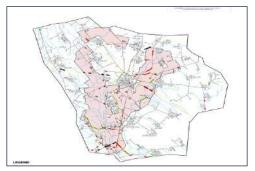












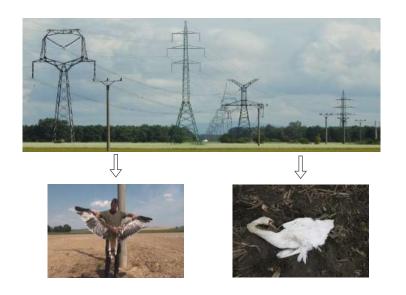




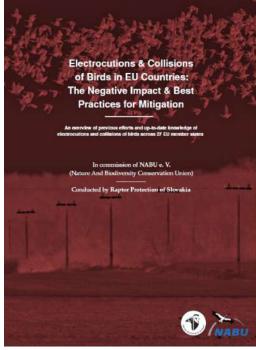


#### Background

- Important topic ecological barrier, risk of electrocution & collision
- Different technical solutions and levels of knowledge
- Cooperation, before/after studies, data sharing
- Questionnaire I Electrocutions & Collisions of Birds in EU Countries









- Medium voltage lines < 45 kV
- Technical construction
- Similarity/dissimilarity of design
- Morphological aspects
- Importance of area, species composition, proximity of nests....























#### **Practical solutions**

• 50.000- 60.000 €/km





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- Effective/ineffective solutions
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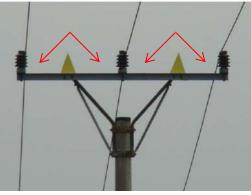




#### Anti-perching devices

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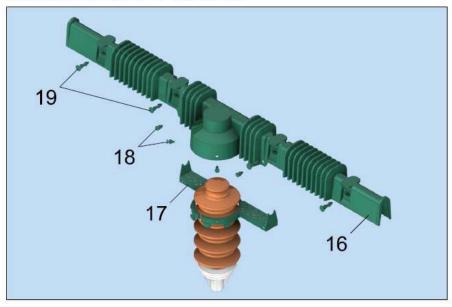




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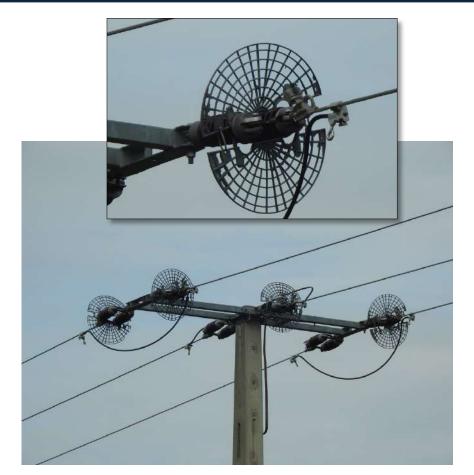
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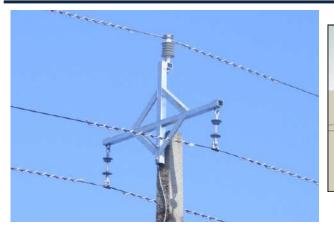


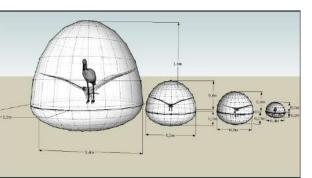




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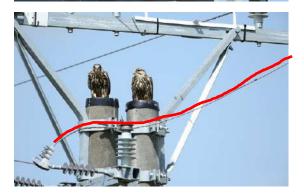
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#### National regulation - legal obligation - guidelines

- Yes/no
- EIA procedures
- Rules, nature protection law, nature conservation authorities
- Cooperation + internal policy and guidelines of DSO,
- Methodological guidelines, memorandas, agreements , LIFE projects
- "Everybody who builds or reconstructs voltage lines has to apply efficient protective measures to protect birds from being killed by electrocutions"





# LIFE Danube Free Sky

- 15 Project Partners from 7 European countries (including 5 DSO + 3 TSO)
- Project Area: 25 Special Protection Areas and 9 Important Bird Areas

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• Conservation of birds – elimination of risk of collisions with power lines and electrocution



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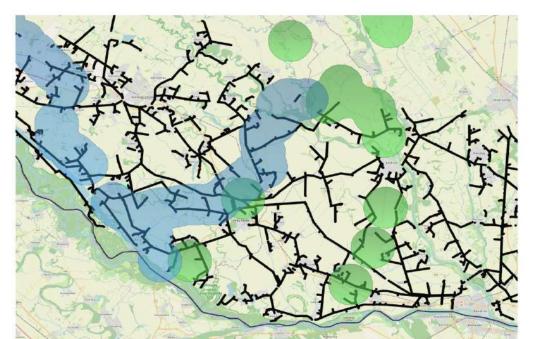
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#### Recommendation





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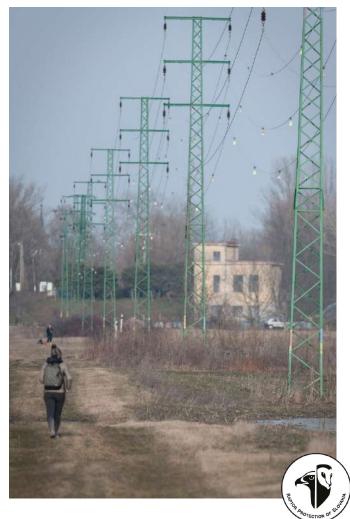




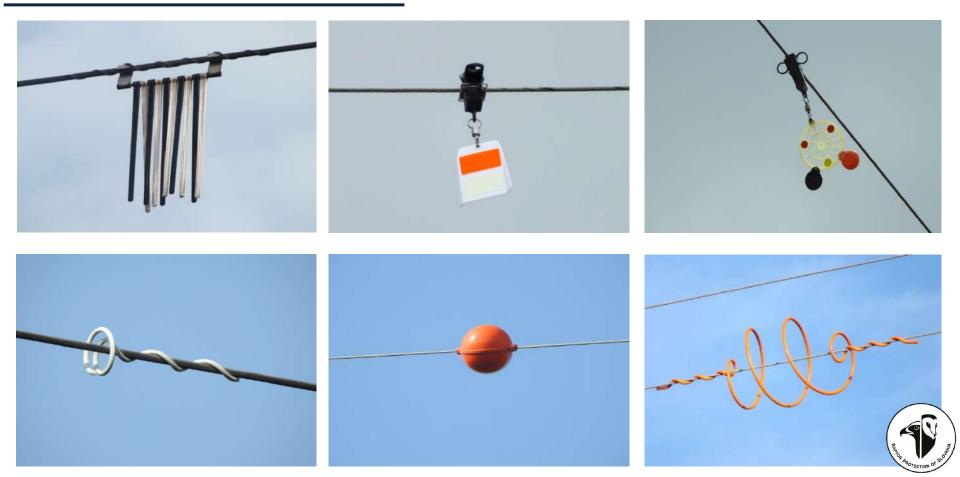
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Drone – 200 FFs/day Stick/ground – 50 FFs/day

-CHWWWW



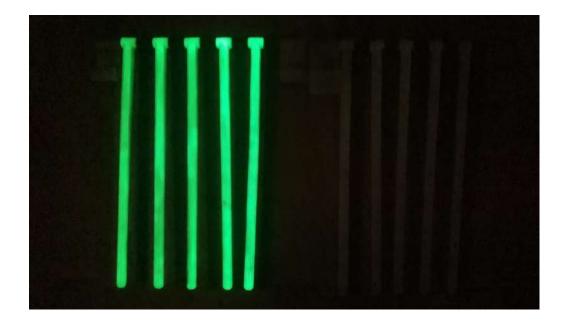




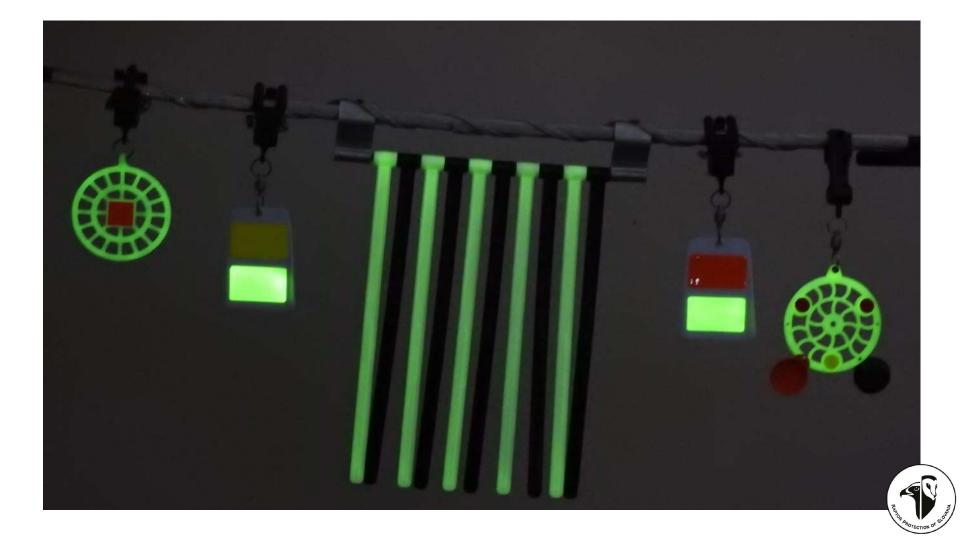




#### **Practical solutions**







- Up to 110 kV!!!
- Shield/earth wire







#### Slipping of diverters





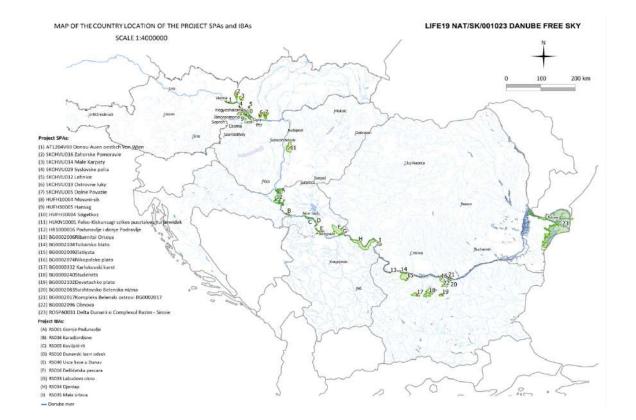


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#### "We make the power lines along the Danube river safe for birds"









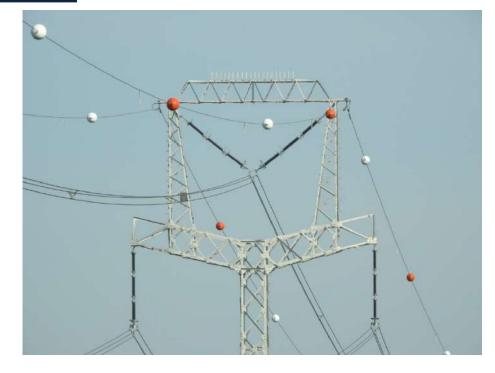
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Siovenská elektrizačná 400 kV – 70 km

prenosová sústava





### Recommendation

- Monitoring and reporting of collisions
- Scavengers















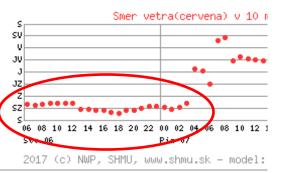




























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