

LESSER KESTREL BALKAN EXPERT WORKSHOP
Project: Better Life for Lesser Kestrel in South-East Balkans
LIFE for Lesser Kestrel LIFE19 NAT/BG/001017
Svilengrad, Bulgaria, 18-21 September 2022

Lesser Kestrel Balkan Expert Workshop

Date: 18-21 September 2022 **Location:** Svilengrad, Bulgaria
Working Language: English

Deadline for registration: 20 August 2022
Deadline for abstract: 31 August 2022



On behalf of the **Green Balkans NGOs** and **LIFE for Lesser Kestrel – LIFE19 NAT/BG/001017** project team, we are pleased to invite you to the Lesser Kestrel Balkan Expert Workshop. This workshop is open to expert researchers and scientists who work in Lesser Kestrel conservation education, capacity building, know-how exchange and etc. Topic e will be conservation of Lesser Kestrel in the Balkans and neighbouring countries.



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It will be of relevance to staff from a variety of nature conservation organizations, scientific institutions, statutory agencies, NGOs, independent experts in particularly:

- Conservationists working on Lesser Kestrels;
- Ornithologists studying Lesser Kestrels;
- Site Managers working on Lesser Kestrel habitat restoration;
- Veterinary medical cares of the Lesser Kestrels
- Lesser Kestrels' breeding in captivity
- Staff working in public relation functions – for example, awareness-raising for Lesser Kestrel conservation.

Introduction

The workshop will provide a unique opportunity to exchange experiences among people involved in studying and managing Lesser Kestrel populations across Europe. Our aim is to share information about the species conservation status in the European Range countries and to build practical know-how about effective conservation measures that can be included in national and international species action plans. A special emphasis will be put on understanding the effects of land-use, and especially pesticide use, on Lesser Kestrel prey and the birds themselves. Furthermore, we plan to exchange hands-on experiences on technical issue, like breeding, hacking and tracking techniques. And of course, we also reserve some slots for any other interesting topics that might come up!

Organising Committee

Green Balkans, Bulgaria

Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature, Greece

University of Thessaly - Laboratory of Ecosystem and Biodiversity Management, Greece

Collaborating partnerships

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Meeting schedule (preliminary)

- Sunday 18.09.**
- Arrival of the participants at Svilengrad, Bulgaria
 - Registration
 - Installation of posters
- Monday 19.09.**
- Official opening
 - Presenting of The Living Exhibition part of European Green Belt Initiative
 - Balkan Expert Workshop conducting
 - Poster session
- Tuesday 20.09.**
- Field trip to a mural depicting of Lesser Kestrels in Svilengrad
 - Field trip Wildlife Rehabilitation and Breeding Centre in Stara Zagora
 - Field trip Lesser Kestrel Adaptation and Release Module in Levka
 - Presentation of results from the Plein Air and the exhibition The Great Return - Celebration of European Green Belt Day 2022
- Wednesday 21.09.**
- Poster session
 - Closing workshop
 - Departure



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Registration

Please register by using the link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XN2NWLOU2TEkRpRr-1aW5dT271XPC6s527ainM7pqZ4/viewform?edit_requested=true

If you need additional information, please contact the Technical Secretariat of the Workshop at workshops@greenbalkans.org

The **LAST** registration deadline is **20 August 2022**. The organizers will try to accommodate registrations submitted after the deadline, but do not guarantee the availability of places and financial support for travel (the capacity of the workshop is limited).

Conference contributions

Abstracts:

Please send your abstract to: workshops@greenbalkans.org by **31 August 2022** the latest.

Instructions for abstracts:

We plan to produce a book of abstracts containing short information on all workshop contributions (i.e. powerpoint presentation and posters). Please submit your abstract as Microsoft Office Word file (docx) to the email address provided above, using the surname of the first author to identify your file(s). Please, use separate files if you submit more than one abstract. Limit your abstract text to 500 words.

Posters:

Please print your poster yourself and bring it to the conference.

Instructions for posters:

We plan to run a static poster display for the duration of the event, with a dedicated poster session. Poster presentations will be standardised size, typically 84 x 120 cm.

Venue, accommodation and food

The workshop will be held in Svilengrad, Bulgaria. The Conference Organisation Team will organise accommodation with full board for all registered participants. We will do our best



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to accommodate your dietary requirements. Therefore, please indicate your dietary needs and wishes, when registering for the conference.

Accommodation will be in a double room please indicate in the registration link, do you have any preferences with whom you will share the room.

Travel grants

We aim to cover the costs for accommodation and subsistence for all invited participants. In addition, we aim to provide travel grants also for all invited participants, but can guarantee a travel grant only for one person per organisation. On top of the costs for accommodation and subsistence, the travel grants also cover the transport costs. Please indicate in the online registration, whether you request a travel grant.

COVID 19

All participants should be recovered, vaccinated or tested and have a proper Covid pass. The Conference Organisation Team reserves the right to adapt the meeting to the respective government regulations, even at short notice.



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