

Assessing ButterFLies in Europe (ABLE)

ANL conference centre, Laufen

3-5 December 2019

Aims of the seminar

1. To update partners on progress, midway through the ABLE project
2. To get feedback on tools available and in development
3. To share best practice in developing schemes

Draft Programme

Tuesday 3rd December

14.00 – 17.30 Delegates arrive

17.30 Welcome by Chris van Swaay, Chair BC Europe and Dieter Pasch, Director of ANL

17.35 Update on BC Europe and outline of meeting - Sue Collins, Policy Advisor, BC Europe

17.50 Introduction from each delegate (round table)

18.10 The EU Pollinator Initiative – Vujadin Kovacevic, DG Environment (tbc)

18.40 Update on eBMS and ABLE and potential for using the butterfly data and indicators for agriculture policy evaluation and conservation effectiveness – David Roy, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UK) and Sue Collins, BC Europe

19:00 Q & A session

19.30 Dinner

Wednesday 4th December

Session 1: Monitoring tools and their development (CHRIS TO LEAD)

09.00 eBMS data entry website – David Roy, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, UK

09.20 Using the eBMS website in Luxembourg – Xavier Mustagh, Luxembourg BMS

09.40 New app for fixed effort counts – Karolis Kazlauskis, CEH, UK

10.00 Summary of eBMS database – Reto Schmucki, CEH, UK

10:20 Q & A

10.30 Coffee/tea

Session 2: eBMS results

11.00 The new indicators – Chris van Swaay, Dutch BC

11.30 Potential for other new indicators + biogeographical/phenology analysis
– Reto Schmucki, CEH, UK

12.00 Integrating datasets: future plans – Emily Dennis, BC, UK and David Roy, CEH, UK

12.30 Q & A

12.40 – 14.00 Lunch

14:00 Session 3: Discussion sessions

Discussion 1: Developing new monitoring networks (Cristina Sevilleja & Irma Wynhoff)

Short presentations to include Italy, Portugal, Austria, Hungary

Discussions on shared problems and solutions

Discussion 2: Analysing monitoring data (David Roy/Reto Schmucki/Emily Dennis)

In depth discussion on:

How to make best use of small datasets

What analytical tools do schemes want?

Tutorials on using R packages

Proof of concept

15.45 Coffee/tea

16.15 Session 4: Looking ahead

16.15 Developing the bird monitoring network. Alena Klvaňová, PECBMS – Pan-European Common Bird Monitoring Scheme

16.45 New monitoring systems in Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria. Matthias Dolek and Adam Korozi, UFZ

17.15 eBMS and ABLE Next Steps – Sue Collins/David Roy + panel
- to include how we might incorporate other pollinators and possible recommendations to the EU Parliament and the Commission for the future

17.45 Q&A

19.30 Dinner

Thursday 5th December

Breakfast and depart

