



# INNOVATION AGAINST POISON

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“Innovative Actions Against Illegal Poisoning in EU Mediterranean Pilot Areas”



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## More than 200 European experts discussed about the illegal use of poisoned baits in the environment during the International Conference “Poison, Wildlife and Society”

*Sergio Moreno, from the Environmental Department of the Regional Government of Andalusia, introduced the International conference organized by the Fundación Gypaetus, which took place in Córdoba (Spain) from 15 to 17 November.*

*Countries from all Europe and all Spanish Regions were represented in the conference, organized in the frame of the Life+ project “Innovative actions against illegal use of poison baits in EU Mediterranean pilot areas”.*

The “International scientific and technical congress on the illegal use of poisoned baits in the natural environment: Effects on biodiversity and society” took place in Córdoba (Spain) the 15th and 16th of November. It was organized by the Fundación Gypaetus, as the coordinator partner of the Life project “Innovative actions against illegal use of poison baits in EU Mediterranean pilot areas”.

The international event ended on November the 17th with the field trip to Los Pedroches pilot area, and the public demonstration of the European Canine Team against illegal use of poisoned baits.

The project, that will be developed until 2015 in eight European regions (in Spain, Portugal and Greece), continues and reinforces the work developed against the illegal use of poisoned baits by the Environment and Water Department of the Regional Government of Andalusia since 2004.

Around 200 experts attended to the international conference, from the Spanish Regions to other European countries as United Kingdom, Austria, Hungary, Portugal, France, Italy, Bulgaria and Greece. The event raised a high interest among environmental officers and technicians, members of Civil Guards and organizations as the “Sociedad Española de Ornitología” (SEO Birdlife), WWF Spain, the Hunters’ Federation of Andalucía and the British Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, among others.

Sergio Moreno, the secretary for Environment and Water of the Regional Government of Andalusia, started opening the conference. His intervention was followed by the participation of representatives of stakeholders involved in the fight against illegal poisoning as Jesús Charco, general manager of the Fundación Gypaetus, Jorge Gabernet, vice-president of the Hunters’ Federation of Andalucía, and Cipriano Díaz, from the seminar on ecological farming of the University of Cordoba.





History Museum of Crete. The representatives of other Life projects involved in the fight against illegal use of poison baits in Europe also attended the international meeting. These projects are being carried out by SEO-Birdlife in Spain and the Parco Nazionale del Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga in Italy, Aragón and Andalucía (Spain). Both projects are being co-financed by the Government of Andalucía.

In the frame of the project LIFE09 NAT/ES/000533, the “Poison, Wildlife and Society” congress is one of the main actions of its communication programme. The Córdoba conference is the first one of a series of international meetings that will be organized by each partner of this Life project in their own countries.

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The presentation along the conference of innovative actions intended to solve the problem of illegal poisoning benefits the connection among organizations and entities involved. It means an important boost for facing the problem at the European level.

This international forum means an important spreading of scientific and technical knowledge in the fight against poison as well as an opportunity to debate for the consecution of solutions in an international level. The contribution of national and international experts clearly presented the actual problems of the illegal use of poison baits for the stakeholders involved. Contributions meant a substantial growth of knowledge at the European level, so the conference can be considered as the most important event in the fight against illegal poisoning in recent years.

Several organizations participated along the lectures and round tables of the conference. The high

participation counted with the contribution / involvement of entities as the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment of the Government of Andalucía, the Doñana Biological Station-CSIC, the Royal Spanish Hunting Federation (RFEC), the Nature Protection Service of Civil Guards (SEPRONA) or the University of Córdoba (Spain).

The international project against the illegal poisoning was represented by all partners from Spain, Portugal and Greece, namely Quercus-A.N.C.N., Centro de Estudos da Avifauna Ibérica-CEAI, Arcturos, and the University of Crete-Natural

Jesús Charco, general manager of the Fundación Gypaetus, highlighted the opportunity that this Life project offers for the improvement of solutions to this problem at European level.



## National Monitoring Committees of the Life project “Innovation against poison” improve the fight against illegal poisoning in the environment

*The last meetings of year 2012, 28th November (Madrid, Spain) and 11st December (Lisbon, Portugal) gathered national experts who will develop a monitoring of the Life project in order to improve its performance.*

The aim of the National Monitoring Committees of the Life project is to contribute to the improvement of quality tools to end with illegal poisoning in Mediterranean basin, which is the main goal of the Life project.

The meetings gathered representatives of national and regional administrations, environmental authorities, hunters, stockbreeders, scientists, veterinarians, specialized media, NGOs and other public and private entities.

National Monitoring Committees have been created in Portugal, Spain and Greece, the countries represented in the Life project. All members of Committees pointed out the severity of the use of poisoned baits throughout the world, with serious consequences in biodiversity and public health.

The Committees of the Life project “Innovative actions against illegal poisoning in EU Mediterranean pilot areas” will meet in each country in 2013 and 2015 till the end of the project on September 2015. It is expected that these meetings will be very fruitful for the better performance of the Life “Innovation against poison” project, and for opening new work lines in reducing the incidence of poison.



**The Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment held in November, the 28th, the first Spanish meeting of the National Monitoring Committee for the Life project (Madrid, Spain):**

During the Spanish meeting were debated strategies to reduce the main motivations for poisoning, as the design and formation of the “European Networks of Municipalities, Hunters and Stockbreeders against Poison”,

the elaboration of technical guides about measures to reduce predation, and the management of abandoned dogs and cats in urban areas. Among the conclusions of the meeting it could be highlighted the need of disseminating the work of the European Canine Team, a specialized dogs patrol to detect poisoned baits, as an efficient tool to prosecute crimes, as well as the need to involve the European authorities in the fight against poison.

**The second meeting of the Portuguese Committee during the project was on December the 11th, in Lisbon, Portugal:**

The Portuguese Committee, in collaboration with the Portuguese Antidote Programme, that develops work in nature conservation associated to the fight against poison, made a general assessment of the work done, the main goals achieved, the problems found and possible ways to solve or minimize them in the pilot areas of the Life project in Portugal. This meeting was considered as extremely important by all, enhancing the national efforts on the fight against the use of illegal poisoning and on the definition of future work to be developed.



In Portugal, the first meeting was held in 2011 in Évora. That meeting held a presentation of the project and some discussion took place about methodologies

and approaches to achieve the goals of the project. The response for the call for the National Monitoring Committee has been excellent.

**The first meeting of the Greek National Monitoring Committee, was held in Kalampaka, continental Greece, during 21-22 February 2012:**

The discussion of the Greek National Committee ended with a great selection of local and individual specific pilot actions in synergy with all stakeholders. Attendants also committed and the aim to achieve the maximum possible awareness of the residents in the areas with great poison-problems, as well as to reinforce environmental education actions.

under way for improve relevant policy.

The meeting of the Greek NMC raised a great interest in the Greek Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, as well as other public bodies and environmental NGOs, as a first step to develop national policies against poison.

The national working group against poisoning has integrated the basic principles of poisoning management and the NGOs proposals against poisoning, addressed to State Services. These proposals have been particularly shared with the Ministries of Environment and Agriculture, which will support the Poisoning international Conference in Greece in 2013.

Along with the creation and function of a Working Group Against Poisoned Baits, as cooperation between different LIFE projects, NGOs and Greek Ministries and authorities, development of national policies against poison seem to be brought forward and discussions are



## Spanish workshop about “Management of Animal Sub-products”

The “Management of Animal sub-products” workshop took place at Hinojosa del Duque (Córdoba, Spain) with the collaboration of regional and local institutions of the pilot area. The session was organized in the frame of the European Networks of Stockbreeders and Hunters against Poison.

The training session is part of the actions related to the “European Networks Against Poison” of the pilot areas of Andalucía in the scope of the Life+ project “Innovative actions against illegal use of poison baits in EU Mediterranean pilot areas”, led by Gypaetus Foundation.

The training session led by Gypaetus Foundation was about the management of animal sub-products. It was addressed to the members of the “European Networks of Hunters and Stockbreeders against Poison” of the Life project, among other groups.

During the event there were debated different topics related

to protection of feeding areas for scavengers, and the sanitary criteria for the abandonment of carcasses and other animal sub-products at hunting and extensive livestock areas. This session took place in the morning of 23rd October at the plenary room of the Training Institute on Agricultural and Fishing Research (IFAPA) at Hinojosa del Duque (Córdoba, Spain).

The organization included the collaboration of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment of the Government of Andalucía, the Training Institute on Agricultural and Fishing Research (IFAPA), the Young Farmers Agricultural Association of Córdoba (COAG) and the Department of Hunting and Fishing Resources of the University of Córdoba.



## The University of Crete-NHMC organized the workshops “Poisoned Baits: Effects on Biodiversity and Techniques for its Confrontation – First Aids and Welfare of Wildlife”

*These scientific workshops were held on Monday, 17th of December 2012, and Tuesday, 18th of December 2012, in the Exhibition Halls of the Natural History Museum of Crete with a duration of 4 hours each.*

*The workshops were addressed to public and private environmental professionals, employees of municipalities integrated in the “European Network of Municipalities against Poison”, and local authorities, and were attended by 75 attendants.*

The program of the workshops included a brief presentation of the project LIFE+ “Innovative Actions against Illegal Poisoning in EU Mediterranean Pilot Areas.” by Dr Michalis Probonas, Coordinator / Office technician of the project and the issue of the use of poisoned baits and their impacts on biodiversity by Dr Stavros Xirouchakis, Scientific Coordinator / Field technician of the project.

The participants were informed about the legislations that concern the issues of the illegal use of poisoned baits and the conservation of biodiversity by Mrs Antonina Papathanasoglou, Expert Partner of the Greek Ombudsman.

Lectures were completed with the presentation of the basic principles of first aids and welfare of wildlife, especially in poisoning cases, by Mrs Maria Ganoti, President of ANIMA (Association for the Protection and Welfare of Wildlife) and Mr Achilleas Akrivos (associated veterinarian of ANIMA).



The workshops were completed with a debate between participants and project’s coordinators about the treatment of the illegal use of poisoned baits. The municipalities’ employees expressed their interest about making a network of volunteers for the welfare of wildlife, as well as about organizing a specific seminar for volunteers concerning the first aid provision to wild animals.

In the framework of the LIFE project “Innovation Against Poison” a number of scientific workshops addressed to scientific bodies involved with the wildlife and the biodiversity conservation will take place, as well as talks and lectures for social groups such as general public, schools, associations active in the nature and other stakeholders.

## Presentation of the European Networks against Illegal Poisoning at “Los Pedroches” (Spain) during the Life open day



*During the open day were also developed environmental activities for kids and an exhibition of the European Canine Team against poison.*

*The event finished with the delivery of the networks certificates for members of the European Networks Against Illegal Poisoning in the pilot area of “Los Pedroches” (Spain).*

The public presentation of the European Networks of Municipalities, Stockbreeders and Hunters against Illegal Poisoning from “Los Pedroches”, took place at the facilities of the Group for Rural Development Los Pedroches – ADROCHES association, where attended around 100 people, adults and kids. In the meantime, the Fundación Gypaetus collaborated with the school “Virgen del Loreto” with awareness raising and environmental activities.

The event highlighted the importance of joining wills for the conservation of the environment. It was also pointed out the value that represents the approach and cooperation of the local population. One of the most important supports that the Life project has in this area comes from the Group for Rural Development Los Pedroches, whose work for the sustainable and integral development of the region is fully in the same line as the philosophy of the Life project.

In turn, the municipalities, and representatives of stockbreeders and

hunters who attended the event, were unanimous about the need for cooperation for finding the end of the problem of the illegal use of poisoned baits, which causes many problems to all these groups.

The day concluded with the most expected event: the public exhibition of the European Canine Team of the Life project, with the participation of the environmental officers. The attendants to the event, as well as children of the

school “Virgen del Loreto” had the opportunity to see the work of the canine unit, which joins specifically trained dogs to detect poison baits in the environment.

**During the event, membership certificates were delivered to six municipalities, 7 hunters and 15 stockbreeders, all members of the European Networks against Illegal Poisoning in the pilot area.**



## Work meeting with the members of the European Network of Municipalities Against Illegal Poisoning (ENMAIP), in Greece

On Wednesday, 21st of November 2012, took place in Greece a meeting between the members of “European Network of Municipalities Against Illegal Poisoning” (ENMAIP) in the pilot area of GR-2 (which includes the mountainous areas of Idi, Dikti and Mountains of Asterousia) and the University of Crete-Natural History Museum of Crete (UoC-NHMC).

These actions are devoted to help municipalities to evolve from passive or neutral actors to active actors in the fight against illegal poisoning. Their encouragement includes providing them with effective tools and motivation to meet their anti-illegal poisoning commitments, settled in the ENMAIP.

During this meeting, a short presentation of the project and its actions and objectives was made by NHMC’s representatives and a very interesting discussion followed between the representatives of the municipalities, regarding some suggestions about the fight against poisoned baits.

The members of ENMAIP for the pilot area GR-2 are the following municipalities: Anogeia and Amari (Prefectural Unit of Rethymno), Malevizi, Gortyna, Archanon-Asterousion, Minoa Pediados and Viannos (Prefectural Unit of Heraklion), and Agios Nikolaos, Oropedio Lassithiou and Ierapetra (Prefectural Unit of Lassithi). The last two municipalities of pilot area GR-2 (Municipality of Mylopotamos – Prefectural Unit of Rethymno and Festos – Prefectural Unit of Heraklion) will be joining the network at the beginning of year 2013.

At the end of the meeting, identification plaques – which were produced by the UoC– were distributed to members of the network.

The representatives of the municipalities of the ENMAIP strengthened their commitment to collaborate, as far as possible, to the implementation and dissemination of project’s actions, to clearly reject in any case the use of illegal poisoning, and to support partners concerning the implementation and the disclosure of project’s actions.



## Anti-illegal poisoning tools addressed to livestock owners, members of the European Networks of Stockbreeders against Illegal Poisoning

In the framework of the European Networks against Poison, there are general actions to be implemented as free training or technical advice, but in case of European Networks of Stockbreeders against Illegal Poisoning (ENSAIP), specific actions are being developed in each pilot area.

Some of these actions are based in methods to minimize predation to protect cattle, as the donation of watchdogs for the members of the Networks, the feral/stray dog and cat control management and the campaign for chip marking of stockbreeder's dogs.

### Watchdogs for the European Networks against Illegal Poisoning

The project staff collaborate with the stockbreeders giving mastiff puppies which will grow within the cattle for its protection. There are many requests and several cases of these donations in all pilot areas, as this is an action very appreciate by the members of the ENSAIP.

In Spain, a stockbreeder from pilot area ES1 Los Pedroches range, yield on December tree mastiff puppies to the ENSAIP of the pilot area ES4 Sierra Nevada. The Fundación Gypaetus managed the transport between pilot areas and the care of the dogs until their delivery to the stockbreeders of Sierra Nevada.

This collaboration between different pilot areas has been incremented with the



In Portugal, the first shepherd dog was offered to a member of "European Networks of Stockbreeders against Illegal Poisoning" "Valzinhos" in Idanha-a-Nova municipality.



In the picture, the field technician of Sierra Nevada pilot area, the members of the networks from Pedroches Range and a member of the animal protection association "Los Peludos" (Spain).

cooperation of an animal protection association “Los Peludos” of the same pilot area. The association contacts the project staff when dogs with the appropriate characteristics arrive to their center. Field technicians spread the information between the networks members and give also technical advice for the breeding of the puppies as shepherd dogs within cattle from ENSAIP members.

### Feral/stray dog and cat control management for members of the Networks

The feral/stray dog and cat control management is being implemented in stockbreeders’ exploitations. They are trapped using cages, and then they are delivered to the competent authority.

At the moment in Pilot area PT1 there are 4 trapping cages in grazing areas of ENSAIP members who have reported predator problems caused by feral dogs.

In December, after starting the hunting season, there was an increase of complaints from stockbreeders informing the project staff of the existence of feral/stray dogs.



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### Microchip tagging of livestock watchdogs

The identification of livestock watchdogs in estates joining the “European Network of Stockbreeders Against Illegal Poisoning” is one of the actions foreseen in this project.

Diana was the most recent watchdog to be tagged with microchip within the project area of Moura-Mourão-Barrancos, as one of the

watchdogs of Espargueiro estate, owned by Mr. António Cipriano, member of that network.

This action will ensure that watchdogs on properties that become members of the ENMAIP are properly identified, allowing a proper assessment for possible predation damages.



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## Life IAP awareness raising campaign against illegal poisoning to Elementary and High Schools of the pilot areas

*The LIFE+ project "Innovation against Poison" promotes divulgation activities to elementary and high schools in Municipalities of pilot areas of the countries involved in the project.*



During the period June to December, 1,125 pupils and 85 teachers have attended a total of 21 school-talks in the municipalities of pilot area GR-2.



Pupils and teachers from the municipalities members of the "European Networks of Municipalities against Illegal Poisoning" from the eight pilot areas where the Life project is being implemented get close to the problem of illegal use of poison baits for the environment and the society.

Through the awareness raising campaign, attendants become familiar with the problem of poisoned baits and their effects to the biodiversity, they know the work of the project partners in each pilot area, and also the objectives and the most important tools of the Life+ project Innovation Against Poison.

During these lectures, pupils have also the chance to ask several questions about poisons and discuss about their experiences concerning cases of poisoned baits in their area.

Talks to school-children and

Around 4000 kids will have participated in the Life IAP awareness raising campaign against illegal poisoning during the present school period.

special events on schools have been organized by partners through meetings with the local services, mainly with the help of members of the “European Networks of Municipalities against Illegal Poisoning” (ENMAIP), as well as local entities and environmental associations.



## Open Day at Garducho Biological Station, Moura-Mourão-Barrancos pilot area (Portugal)

In late December CEAI received in the Garducho Biological Station (EBG) the visit of locals from the Moura-Mourão-Barrancos area, in the frame of an “Open Day” of the LIFE project Innovation Against Poisoning.

The group also visited the biological archive in the EBG, and also was introduced to the work that is developed there.

The EBG’s biological archive is a space where the visitors are invited to have a closer look to local fauna species in an innovative and outstanding approach, due to the fact that the visitors can see and touch parts of the species present in that area.

This type of activities brings people closer to a sense of protection and self-appropriation

of the natural values that until there was a bit distant.

Many of the species shown are sensitive to the use of poison, and therefore these type of actions are particularly important in approaching the general public to the fight against the use of illegal poisons.



## Meeting of Greek environmental entities with the Ombudsman to deal with the use of poisoned baits

*Environmental Non Governmental Organizations and Management Bodies of Protected Areas created a National Working Group to deal against the use of poisoned baits in Greece.*

In early 2012 took place a very serious incident of mass poisoning of birds of prey, in which a colony of griffon vulture and two golden eagles were found dead in the protected area of Gorge of Nestos river. Later, one brown bear was poisoned in Prespes National Park, and one Egyptian vulture in Meteora.

All these events set off an increasing of general concern regarding the problem of poisoning, and this in turn led the environmental Non Governmental Organizations and the Management Bodies of Protected Areas to create a National Working Group to deal against the use of poisoned baits in Greece.

In front of the seriousness of the problem, the environmental organizations requested the intervention of the Ombudsman, and a special meeting was organized for the discussion and analysis of the problem at national level. The meeting was held in Athens on December, the 14th, at the offices of the Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Directorates of Veterinary and Protection of Crop Production of the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food, the Hellenic Agricultural Insurance



Organization and the Veterinary Institutions' Centre of Athens.

The members of the National Working Group against poisoning presented the problem and a general framework of proposals regarding the management and the registration of the use of poisoned baits.

ARCTUROS and the University of Crete-Natural History Museum of Crete are actively participating in the National Working Group. Tasks assumed include the coordination of proposals' elaboration, and the transference of experiences at national and European level. Practices in the fight against poison are internationally transferred through the LIFE+ project "Innovation Against Poison", which is being implemented in Antichasia Mountains, Meteora, Koziakas, Trikala and the Eastern Mountains of Crete, in this case in Ida, Asterousia and Dikti.

For further information about the proposals for the management and registration of the use of poisoned baits comprising: [click here](#)

## Mountain areas in Greece full with poisoned baits

A dog team, consisting on two drivers and 4 dogs, visited the pilot area from 8 to 18 October, 2012. Several villages and hunting areas were inspected, trying to clean out baits and poisons. Fourteen poisoned animals and remains of baits were found as a whole!



During the first working week, the European Canine Team found 11 dead animals and remains of 4 baits (7 dogs , 1 fox, 1 raven, 1 turtle and 1 hedgehog) at the Municipalities of Kalambaka (Vlahava, Psiloma, Aura and Konisko) and Pyli (Kalogiroi, Saint Vissarion and Neraidochori).

The following days, the European Canine Team concentrated its efforts in cleaning poison from villages of the municipality of Kalambaka (Krya Brysi, Agiofyllo and Kastraki). Another 3 dead animals were found (2 dogs, 1 fox), as well as and the poisoned food which had been used as bait. Technicians of ARCTUROS collected samples of these materials for further toxicological examinations.

At the beginning of the second working week a

*The visit of the European Canine Team has provided shocking results in Antichasia Mountains – Meteora and Koziakas (continental Greece), a pilot area coordinated by ARCTUROS.*

special technical workshop about the European Canine Team took place in Vlahava, a village of the Municipality of Kalambaka. There was a field public demonstration of the dogs' work, which

was followed by an open talk and discussion at the Information Center of the Protected Area Chasia – Antichasia, with the presence of authorities of the region.

The overall event was organized within the framework of the program LIFE+ Biodiversity 2009, through the "Innovation Against Poison" project. The Forest Services of Trikala and Kalambaka, as well as the hunting clubs of Pyli and Kalambaka actively supported its organization.

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# NEWS IN SHORT



## Public presentation of the Life project at the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon

After the lecture at the "International scientific and technical congress on the illegal use of poisoned baits: Effects on biodiversity and society", the 21th of November CEAI presented in a public session the Life project. It was directed to the students and all the staff from the school of veterinary, with a special focus to the role that the veterinarians have in the fight against illegal poisoning in rural areas and in the environment.



## Work meeting at Ronda Range pilot area (Spain) for the improvement of measures to fight against the illegal poisoning in rural areas

During the last semester, the municipality of Algodonales (Spain) held a work meeting with local authorities, police, veterinarians and civil guard. The objectives of the session were the achievement of solutions for the alarming problem of poisoned baits inside the municipalities, with a high number of cases at gardens and streets.

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## SEO/BirdLife publishes a report about the substances used for the elaboration of poisoned baits

The study has been developed in the framework of the Life project VENENO, and makes an analysis about the main substances used in Spain. This research demonstrates that it is still possible to acquire illegal substances, and explains why official controls fail avoiding its illegal use. The document is available on the website of the Life Project [www.venenono.org](http://www.venenono.org).

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