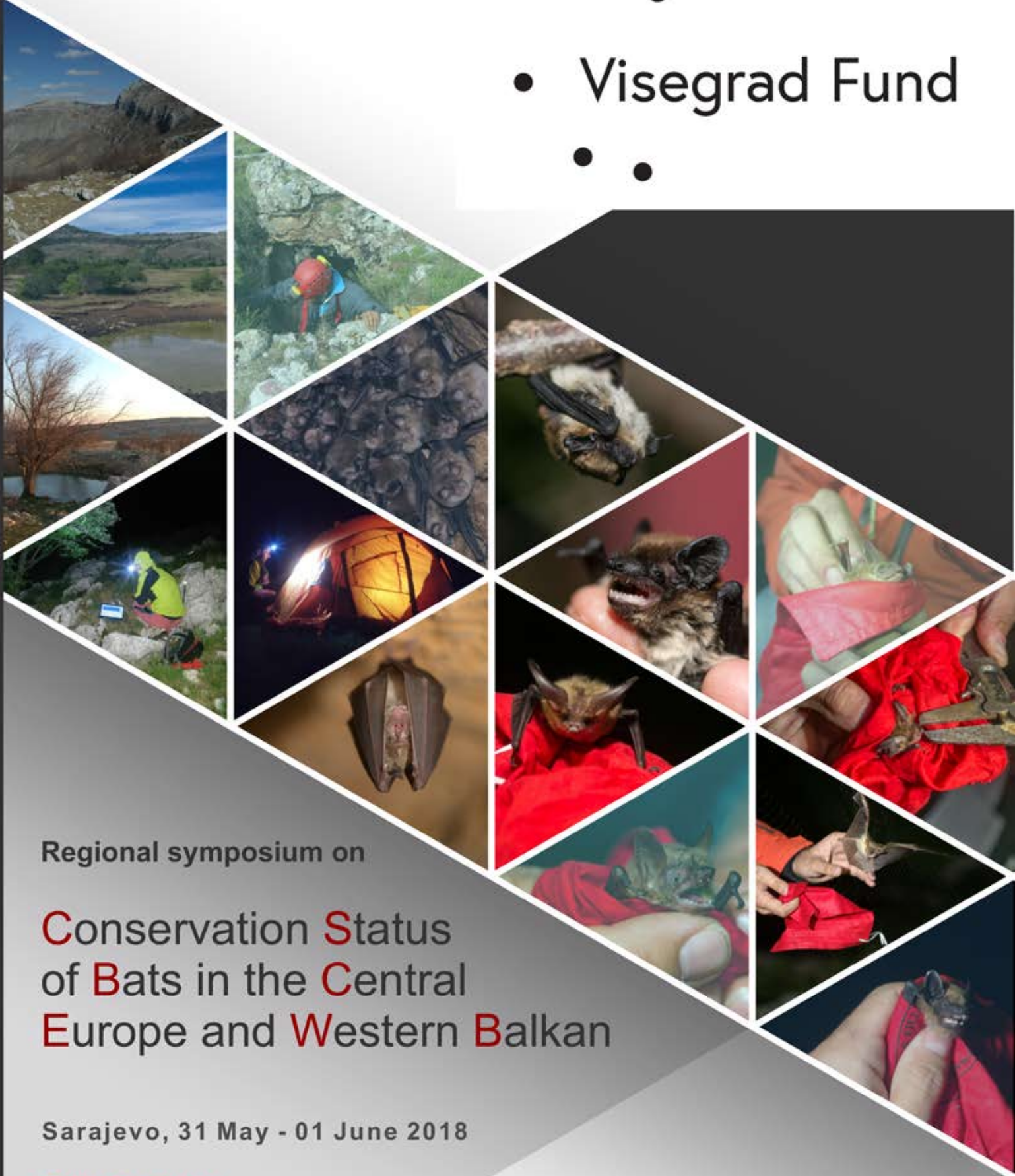


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Regional symposium on

Conservation **S**tatus
of **B**ats in the **C**entral
Europe and **W**estern **B**alkan

Sarajevo, 31 May - 01 June 2018

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**Conservation Status
of Bats in the Central
Europe and Western
Balkan**

Technical information

Registration: Deadline for registration and submission of abstracts is 11th May 2018 at the address:

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Authors may suggest a form of presentation (oral or poster), and the final decision will be made by scientific expert committee. Selected works will be published in the Symposium book of abstracts.

Official languages is English. However, Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian languages can also be accepted.

Venue: Hotel "Bosnia", Kulovića 9, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosna i Hercegovina.
<http://bosniahotels.com>

Registration fee: Registration fee is 5 KM (BAM) and is payable at the registration desk at the Symposium (upon the participants registration). The Symposium fee includes costs for the book of abstracts, and refreshment during breaks.

Students are exempted from paying the registration fee.

Preliminary program

Thursday 31th May 2018

12.00 – 14.00	Registration
14.00 – 14.30	Conference opening
14.30 – 17.30	Lecturers
17.30 – 19.00	Poster presentation

Friday 1st June 2018

10.00 – 12.00	Lecturers (with break)
12.00 – 14.00	lunch
14.00 – 17.00	Lecturers (with break)
17.00 – 18.00	Discussion and conclusions

About the symposium

This symposium has the goal to provide a platform to exchange information and know-how on status and protection of bats in the region. Presentations on best practices, lesson learnts, methodologies and results of monitoring of bats are especially welcome.

About the project

Despite their ecological importance, bats suffer from a very negative perception. Since 1994, the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (UNEP/EUROBATS) has been signed by 35 EU member and range states. Bosnia and Herzegovina has not yet signed such agreement. The long-term aim of the project "*Let's be friendly to bats together*" is to promote the signing of the EUROBATS agreement by Bosnia and Herzegovina while on the short medium range to provide capacity building on bat conservation for local NGOs, scientific community and public officials. The project is funded through a standard grant from the Visegrad fund and implemented by the Slovak Bat Conservation Society, Mammal Conservation Group of BirdLife Hungary, Center for Karst and Speleology (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Green Federation GAJA (Poland).