



DRAGONFLY CONSERVATION EUROPE (DCE) was founded on June 10th 2024, in Wageningen, the Netherlands. DCE has a goal to promote odonatology and the conservation of dragonflies and their habitats. Primarily this means stimulating collaboration in Europe and helping people where possible. How DCE will do that depends to a large extent on what is considered helpful by the community.

An important goal of DCE is being a central contact point for European odonatology and odonatologists. This is relevant for organisations such as the EU but also for people interested in dragonflies. In the EU the need for biodiversity monitoring is being recognized more and more. Dragonflies are on the list of groups that should be monitored. If the EU wants to develop this further, they will need a partner, an organisation working on dragonflies at the European level, DCE can play this role. For both these roles the network has not changed, and the same people will be involved in the end, we just opened a hatch to the outside world.

To promote collaboration between odonatologists and odonatological societies in Europe, DCE wants to make protocols, and eventually data more accessible. To some extent this will be directly available through the DCE website or the website will give information on what exists and how the right persons can be contacted. Of course, ECOO will remain to be the main gathering of European odonatologists, and DCE wants to be a home for the network in between ECOOs.

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Na letošnjem evropskem odonatološkem kongresu ECOO 2024 v Španiji je bila tudi uradno sporočena razveseljiva novica o ustanovitvi nove evropske odonatološke organizacije - DRAGONFLY CONSERVATION EUROPE oz. s kratico DCE. V zgornjih vrsticah smo nekoliko skrajšano povzeli enega uvodnih prispevkov iz novičnika »*Newsletter of Dragonfly Conservation Europe*« (VAN GRUNSVEN, R., 2024. Founding Dragonfly Conservation Europe. *DCE Newsletter* 1: 3-4). Prva številka novičnika DCE je izšla novembra 2024, v prihodnje pa naj bi s svežimi novicami in informacijami izhajal dvakrat letno. Najdete ga med gradivi in povezavami na spletni strani DCE: www.europeandragonflies.com.

Nova odonatološka organizacija je zamišljena in zasnovana kot široka platforma za sodelovanje evropskih odonatologov, z glavnim ciljem promocije odonatologije ter ohranjanja kačjih pastirjev in njihovih življenjskih okolij. Eden prvih rezultatov tovrstnega sodelovanja odonatologov iz celotne Evrope je poročilo »*European Dragonflies: Moving from assessment to conservation planning*«, ki je tudi s sodelovanjem DCE izšlo pod okriljem IUCN in dopolnjuje novi evropski rdeči seznam kačjih pastirjev. Ali bo nova evropska odonatološka organizacija izpolnila cilje in pričakovanja bo seveda pokazal čas. Z naše strani ji za začetek zaželimo vse najboljše, predvsem pa uspešno delo in čim več odmevnih uspehov v prizadevanjih za ohranjanje kačjih pastirjev v Evropi!

Če želite biti vključeni na mailing listo DCE, imate kakršna koli vprašanja, ali bi želeli s širšo odonatološko javnostjo deliti zanimivosti v prihodnjih izdajah novičnika, enostavno sporočite vašo željo na naslov: info@europeandragonflies.com.

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