

## Bilateral meetings on research and conservation of species of interest, combining genetic tools with direct fieldwork approaches

**Applicant:** ALKA Wildlife, o.p.s.

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In May 2022 a week field trip to visit localities of interest in the Czech Republic was organized. Members of all three partners and four local experts attended the trip. It was focused on areas of occurrence of northern birch mouse, on the way it was also visited localities of other interesting species (amphibians, European ground squirrel, collared flycatcher and edible dormouse) and research and conservation actions (underpasses for otters, small mammal capture study).

Second part of the bilateral initiative was organized in August 2022, when two members of ALKA Wildlife visited Prof Henrik Jensen, at the NTNU. During the visit, they imparted four seminar talks at the NTNU Science building to present several of the projects and activities of ALKA Wildlife. Prof Jensen gave additional presentation about his work with house sparrow populations. Together they had several meetings to discuss the potential of joint projects. Additionally, an office in the Science building was prepared to host further discussions with attendees of the seminars and other members of NTNU. In total Eight Czech and 35 Norwegian experts and students attended our organized meetings in person. Moreover, through internet publications, online live talks, and email communication, many other people were involved in the initiative, participating on the presented topics.

*„I would like to thank you for your cooperation. For me personally, meeting my Norwegian colleagues was the most amazing week of the whole year. I am very glad that we got to know each other, it was a great benefit from a professional point of view and from a personal point of view, a number of friendships were formed” - Kateřina Poledníková, director of ALKA Wildlife*



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