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## **CAPS stimulation fund for writing grant applications to utilize Europe-wide avian demographic data**

**submissions accepted until April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**

**Goals:** Provide young researchers with facilities to write a grant application that utilizes Europe-wide avian data to analyze ecological questions on a continental scale. The questions should refer to demographic or environmental issues in population dynamics or Conservation.

**What we offer:** A small grant (max 5k€) to support applicants in writing a grant application to work at two (or more) of the research organizations that contribute to the Centre for Avian Population Studies ([CAPS](#)). Furthermore, host researchers commit themselves to support the grant writing with feedback and support, and members from NGOs within CAPS can help sharpen the societal contribution section (e.g. relevance for demographic or environmental issues in (Bird) Conservation) in the application.

Grant opportunities: for instance, but not exclusively: NWO Veni (deadline Jan 2021), EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie (deadline Sept 2020), NWO-KLEIN (continuous).

**How to apply?** Please send us (i) a one-page outline for a scientific idea, (ii) the grant scheme you are aiming for, and (iii) your CV. Applications should be submitted to [eelke.jongejans@ru.nl](mailto:eelke.jongejans@ru.nl) until 1 April 2020,

Decision on allocation of the grants will be done before May 15<sup>th</sup>. Candidates are encouraged to contact researchers that are members in CAPS (see list below) to discuss alignment of their own ecological interest with their host and how such an idea could benefit from utilizing long-term European wide avian data. Such data could concern bird movement, counts or occurrence and/or demographic data that are collected as part of many different schemes across Europe (EURing, Constant Effort Sites, Breeding Bird Surveys, Nest Schemes).

**What and who is CAPS?** The Centre for Avian Population Studies (CAPS) is a partnership of five leading organizations in the fields of ornithology and population studies on birds. On project basis partners / the partnership collaborates with other scientific institutes / research organizations.

**CAPS-Participants:** Sovon Dutch Centre for Field Ornithology (Sovon), the Dutch Centre for Avian Migration and Demography (Vogeltrekstation), the Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO), the Institute for Water and Wetland Research (IWWR) of the Radboud University of Nijmegen and BirdLife Netherlands (Vogelbescherming Nederland).

## Appendix: Names and mail addresses of contacts per CAPS-partner organization

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