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## SIDE EVENT PROGRAMME MONDAY, 14 MAY 2012

**14 MAY**  
**18:45 PM**

**LANGUAGE:**  
**ENGLISH**

**ROOM:**  
**LE CHASSIRON**

### Fitting Bird Protection Markings to Overhead Lines from a Helicopter

Organiser: Thomas Bley, Head of Special Services Electricity, Region Central, RWE Rhein-Ruhr Netzservice  
Michael Wahl, Head of Coordination Power Lines, RWE Rhein-Ruhr Netzservice

RWE Rhein-Ruhr Netzservice, a daughter company of the German Electric Power company RWE, has developed a method of fitting bird protection markings to overhead lines from a helicopter. The markings can contribute to avoiding the conflict between migratory birds and electricity power grids. The method of fitting the markings from a helicopter has exceptional advantages which will be explained in the side event by Thomas Bley, Head of Special Services Electricity, Region Central, and Michael Wahl, Head of Coordination Power Lines.

They will explain the development, the requirements and the success of the helicopter method throughout Germany and other European countries. Furthermore, RWE Rhein-Ruhr Netzservice will outline its sponsorship of the development of the AEWA/CMS Review of and Guidelines for Mitigating/Avoiding the Conflict Between Migratory Birds and Electricity Power Grids in the African-Eurasian Region on the topic of bird collision and electrocution with power lines. Additionally, Hein Prinsen of Bureau Waardenburg bv, consultant for environment & ecology, will present the results of a study carried out in the Netherlands, where they showed that the Ribe Bird Flight Diverters (bird flaps), used by RWE Rhein-Ruhr Netzservice, resulted in a significant reduction of bird collisions with overhead wires.

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