The objectives of this LIFE project were to deal with the threat of collision with power lines, the no. 1 mortality factor for adult and immature Great Bustards in Austria, and at the same time to continue Austria’s intensive habitat management efforts. Thus, the result should be a long-term increase not only of the Austrian, but of the entire cross-border West-Pannonian population of the Great Bustard. Furthermore on the basis of bustard protection the unique value of the cultural landscape and the need for integrated nature conservation in the framework of Natura 2000 und LIFE shall be communicated to the public.

**Objectives**

LIFE Project “Cross-border Protection of the Great Bustard in Austria”

The three project areas.

Implemented transfer below the soil and marking of power lines in the project areas 1 and 3.

Transfering below the soil and the subsequent removal of a medium voltage power line as well as the marking of a high voltage powerline.
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**LIFE** Nature and these actions target the conservation of endangered species and habitats based on the EU Birds Directive and the Fauna Flora Habitats Directive, respectively. The protected area network **Natura 2000** contributes to the preservation of the animal and plant diversity in the wild and of their habitats all over Europe.