

THE NEW REAL-TIME VERSION OF THE EUROBIRDPORTAL VIEWER

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Thanks to the work undertaken in the framework of the LIFE EBP project (2016-2018), the new version of the EuroBirdPortal - EBP (<https://www.eurobirdportal.org>) viewer is now depicting the spatio-temporal patterns of bird distribution of 105 bird species in near real-time. This unprecedented development has required the creation of a new central database repository and the implementation of an automated data flow system between the local online portals and the EBP central database. Now, the central database repository infrastructure, developed using PostgreSQL on an Amazon instance, collects all the data and automatically updates the tables used by the cloud data visualization platform CARTO so that the EBP viewer maps and graphs are kept updated on a weekly basis. Moreover, to facilitate the visualization of the most recent data a new functionality of the EBP viewer depicts animated maps based on the last 52 weeks of data. The automated data flow, on the other hand, uses a JSON schema to format the data provisions following the new EBP data standard and an API/web service to manage the data exchange flow automatically. Data provisions mostly take place on a daily or weekly basis and include new data and edits or deletions of the data submitted on previous occasions. The bulk of the data from the local online portals is received using this new automated data flow system. However, to ensure that this new version of the EBP viewer showed data from the whole partnership, for portals that were not connected automatically in the course of the LIFE project, mostly those that joined once the LIFE project started, a temporary manual or semiautomatic data flow solution was put in place. The overall relevance of these new developments and their implications for the future of the EBP project will be discussed.