Workshop: dragonfly monitoring in Europe

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This workshop deals with the possibilities of dragonfly monitoring on a supranational level in Europe. First, we give an overview of the current monitoring schemes for other species groups in Europe, before discussing the potential purpose and usefulness of such a scheme for dragonflies. In general two main methods can be distinguished: monitoring of species abundance and monitoring of species distribution. What are the advantages and disadvantages of both methods and what type of data do they require? Under which conditions can those data contribute to a joint project? Both methods are already running in a few individual countries and an overview of the current situation is given. Instead of monitoring all species, we want to discuss the opportunities of monitoring a group of species, or typical species of a certain habitat or for a specific biogeographical region. Finally, we shall discuss a possible step-by-step plan to create more synergy in the current initiatives and to increase the number of countries involved.