

## Maintenance of wildlife awareness signs



## **INSPECTION TASKS** To check

- Signs are clean and well fixed.
- Signs are installed at hazardous road sections according to information provided in the maintenance plan.
- Signs are in the correct location; the distance from the start of the hazardous stretch must be assessed according to the road features and speed limits, and as provided in the maintenance plan.



## SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE TASKS To do

- Clean the signs. Repair or replace when damage is detected.
- → Add relevant complementary information for drivers about the length of the hazard stretch. After re-evaluation of AVC hazard risk, signs which no longer indicate the correct location of the hazardous stretch should be removed and/or relocated.
- → To increase driver awareness, consider changing standard signs to temporal ones where AVC hazard shows a marked temporal variation, increasing during specific times of the year.
- → When temporal warning signs have dynamic enhancing devices (e.g. sensors and flashing lights), ensure all these electronics function appropriately.
- → Where wildlife awareness signs are painted on the tarmac to reinforce driver awareness, periodically repaint them.



## **SCHEDULE**

- Minimum: once a year, check structural condition and clean.
- Corrections to the locations of signs must be planned every 5 years, after a re-evaluation of AVC risk and identification of any hotspot stretches.
- Temporal signs, when present, must be put into operation just before the critical period according to species involved. Adjust schedule plan in accordance to periodical analyses of AVC risks.





