

ARANEAE - SPIDERS OF EUROPE

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Since November 2010 the former internet portal on Spiders of Central Europe has been relaunched as Spiders of Europe. It contains now more than 4000 spider species which are presented with more than 19000 figures and more than 800 references. Dichotomic keys and a new multi-patterns linyphiid key allow the identification of most species. For each species, a distribution map is provided, a graphic presentation of phenology, and a link to the relevant data in Platnick's catalogue. A Wiki function allows users to submit corrections and additions of data similar to Wikipedia but an expert group reviews these comments prior to publication. Further new parts of this portal will concern a large photo collection and special pages devoted to the biodiversity of European spiders and the project on Barcoding of the Spiders of Europe. This portal is supported by more than 110 arachnologists and 20 institutions by granting us their copyrights for the reproduction of figures. Several institutions support araneae financially to guarantee the technical support of the website.

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