



THE EU PLATFORM ON COEXISTENCE BETWEEN PEOPLE AND LARGE CARNIVORES

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Introduction: The EU Platform on Coexistence Between People and Large Carnivores

- A grouping of European-level stakeholder representatives

Mission:



“To promote ways and means to minimize, and wherever possible find solutions to, conflicts between human interests and the presence of large carnivore species, by exchanging knowledge and by working together in an open-ended, constructive and mutually respectful way“

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- Newsletter and bulletin
- Website as an information exchange platform (management measures across EU, case studies)
- Links to other platforms e.g. regional pilot platforms



- Annual meeting
- Regional workshops (e.g. Bulgaria, Germany, Romania, Italy, Finland, Montenegro, Austria, Spain, France) organised between platforms, often with the regional platform



- Case studies
- Promoting regional platform model and lessons learnt (toolkit)
- Livestock depredation and large carnivores

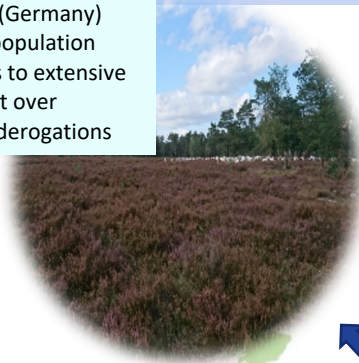
Introduction: Regional to local platforms on large carnivores

- (Temporary) groupings of representative stakeholders on a regional to local level
- Follow a similar model to the EU Platform
- support tool for minimising conflict by focusing on cooperation, where the topical focus of the dialogue is defined by participants.
- Members have committed themselves to listen to each other and try to understand one another's positions better
- Members aim to agree on “concrete solutions”
- Solutions vary from communication actions to financing protective fences



Regional platforms on large carnivores

Luneberg Heath (Germany)
Increasing wolf population
causing damages to extensive
livestock. Conflict over
potential use of derogations



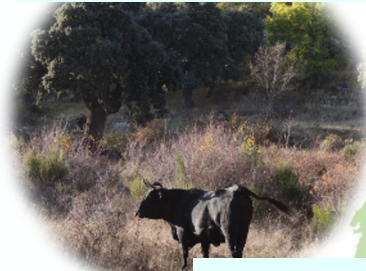
Varmland and national (Sweden)
Disagreement about wolf
management, damages to
livestock and hunting



Harghita (Romania)
Bear management, conflict over
monitoring reliability



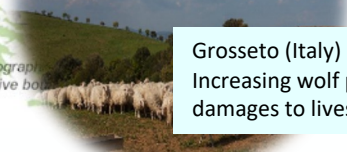
Ávila (Spain)
Increasing wolf population causing
damages to livestock. Use of
derogations for population control.



Vercors (France)
Issues related to management of
Livestock Guarding Dogs to protect
sheep and other land uses



Grosseto (Italy)
Increasing wolf population causing
damages to livestock



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Regional large carnivore platforms in Europe

Part 1

Part 2

Planning and preparing a platform

What are dialogue platforms on large carnivores?

- Large carnivores in Europe
- Types and objectives of dialogue platforms
- Benefits of a platform approach

Key considerations and challenges

- What to think about when setting up a platform
- Purpose of the activity
- Stakeholders and their relationships
- Expectation management
- Wider social context



Deciding for a dialogue platform

- When is a platform the right approach?
- Who wants the platform?



Steps to set up a platform

- Getting started: purpose, roles, scale, mandate
- Preparing and planning the platform process: understanding the local context and the stakeholders
- Implementing the platform process: stakeholder engagement, communications, facilitation, the meetings, evaluation



Next steps

- Plenary meeting 8 June
- Awareness raising around toolkit
- Publication of data on livestock depredation across the EU
- Continued focus of Platform work following the parliamentary resolution
- EC further supporting the EU Platform and the establishment / continuation of regional platforms



Potential collaboration with the Carpathian Convention

- Joint regional meetings (potential with the Romanian Conference)?
- Exchange and updates at each others' meetings
- Exchange on information collected / using each others' networks for information collection and awareness raising
- Collaboration in projects with platform members and / or organisers

