

# Large Carnivores, Wild Ungulates and Society Working Group (WISO) of the Alpine Convention

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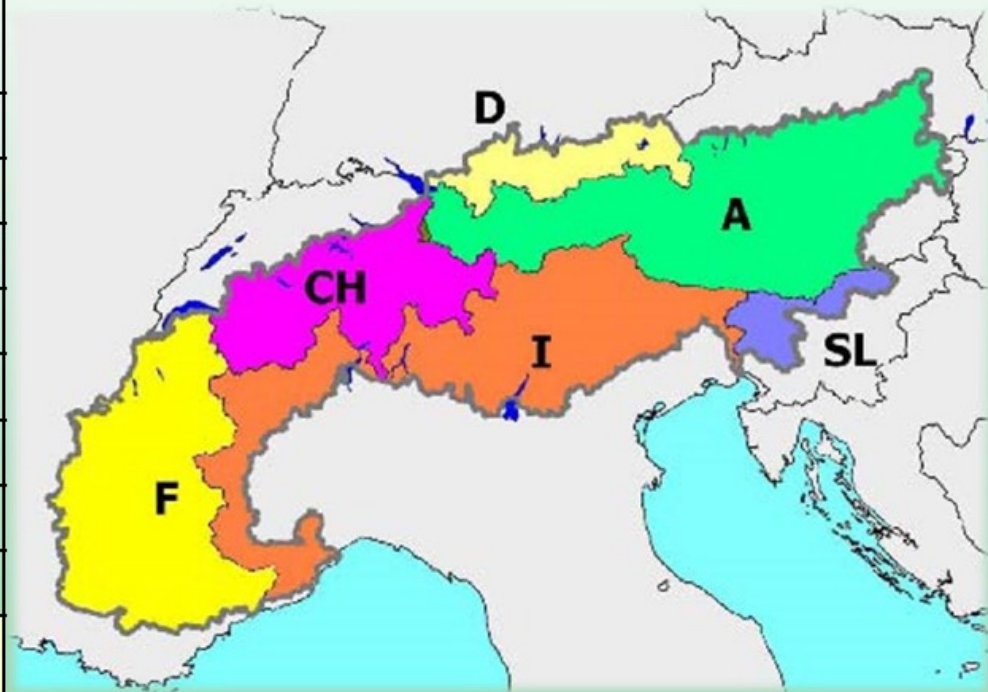
# The Alpine Convention



First international treaty for the protection and sustainable development of a mountain range

# Area and Scope of the Population of the Alpine Convention

COUNTRY	AREA	POPULATION
Italy	27.3%	30.1%
Austria	28.7%	22.9%
France	21.4%	18.5%
Switzerland	13.2%	13.3%
Germany	5.8%	10.2%
Slovenia	3.5%	4.6%
Monaco	0.001%	0.2%
Lichtenstein	0.008%	0.2%
<b>ALPS</b>	<b>190,600 sq km</b>	<b>14.2 million</b>



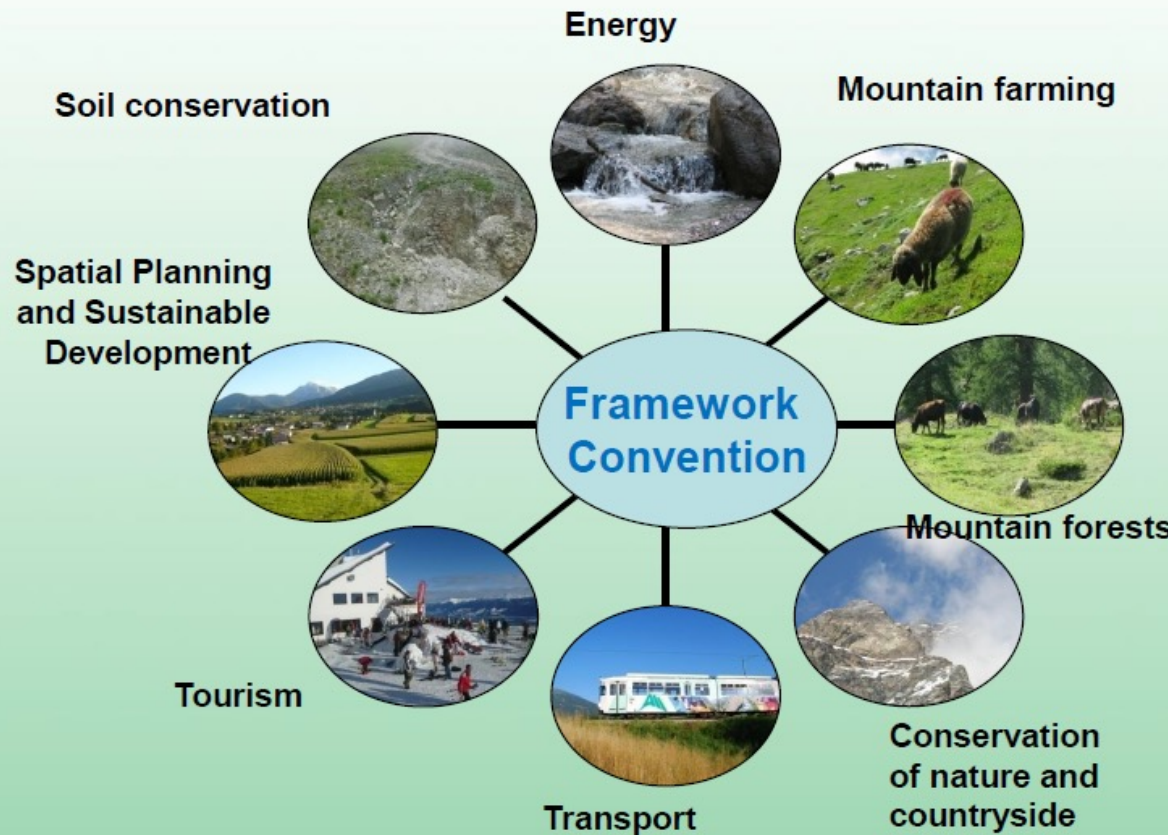
# Framework Convention and its Protocols

The Convention defines a **framework** by:

- setting basic principles and objectives
- organizing the cooperation

The Protocols regulate **concrete steps** to be taken for the protection and sustainable development of the Alps.

Signed and ratified Protocols are legally binding in the Contracting party.



# Background of the WISO working group

- The WISO working group was set up by the Alpine conference in 2009.
- Members: nominated experts from the Contracting parties and Observers
- Chair: Member states – Currently Slovenia
- Mandates for two-year periods

# Work of WISO

- Ministry representatives - experts from 7 countries discuss management of large carnivores in the Alps
- Topics connected with ungulate management are part of the discussions



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# Outputs - results of WISO

- In collaboration with projects we established strategic guidelines for bear, wolf and lynx management in the Alps
- Dealing with connectivity issues
- Damage prevention
- Issues connected with wild ungulates
- Exchange of experiences



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# Challenges

- Mechanisms for financing concrete ideas - projects
- Implementation of the results in the member states



# Concrete example



- Planned preparation of strategic guidelines for bear management in the project area
- Participation of all Alpine countries through WISO platform was insured
- Implementation into national strategic documents

# Within this mandate we will:

1. Regular updates of the Working Group members on news, issues, measures and developments in the EU, Alpine countries and regions and in the framework of the Bern Convention on the respective topics. Ideas and recommendations for the members of the Working Group to address and tackle challenges within their respective countries and regions.
2. Short report/map showing the populations of large carnivores in the Alpine region.
3. Note on the comparison of the use and interpretation of the derogation regimes of the Bern Convention and the Habitats Directive regarding the management of the large carnivores.
4. Update of the previous report on the use of the EARDF to protect livestock in the Alpine countries (2018).
5. Short report after the symposium.



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# Looking forward to collaborate with the Carpathian convention