Why this project?

4+1 species living in Europe, all of them protected under the EU Habitats Directive (wolf, bear, Eurasian lynx, Iberian lynx, wolverine)

European countries with documented presence of carnivores < 24

85 LIFE projects on large carnivores funded in Europe since 1992

There are diverse local approaches and solutions – but they are rarely shared on the European level.
The vision

Create and sustain a

Europe-wide Network

to exchange and enable best practices in communications, sensitization, monitoring, conflict mitigation and prevention, as well as law enforcement for all relevant stakeholders living and working with large carnivores.
Project approach

Improving coexistence with large carnivores in Europe through communication and cooperation.
Webpage + Review

Fostering transboundary exchange by building on best practices from across Europe.
Study trips with stakeholders

Using a transdisciplinary and inclusive approach by inviting stakeholders on all levels to share their knowledge.
Trainings (e.g. communication, damage prevention, monitoring)

2017-2022
6,06 Mio €
over 30 supporters
16 countries, 16 partners

**Fennoscandia**
Norway, Finland

**Central Europe**
Germany, Poland

**Alpine**
France, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Croatia, Slovenia

**Carpathians**
Romania, Ukraine, Hungary, Slovakia

**Iberia**
Spain, Portugal
Target populations

- **Wolf** (Canis lupus) ~ 12,000
- **Brown bear** (Urus arctos) ~ 17,000
- **Wolverine** (Gulo gulo) ~ 1,000
- **Lynx** (Lynx lynx & Lynx pardinus) ~ 9,000
Experience so far
1. Avoid getting cocky!

„Shade of the Panda”

Conservation = multidisciplinary field
2. Know your stakeholders!

We are all people!

Define subtarget groups

Being „one-of-them” could help – Cannot? Ghostwriter!

Speak their language
3. „Befriend” your stakeholders!

Look for the common ground

Regular communication + Feedback and results

Listen → Isn’t wolf just a scapegoat?
4. Define a clear aim - for yourself

We are not against hunting or pastoralism

Favourable Conservation Status of LC species
What brings people together?

“Food, fire and music”
Simon Roper, Director of Ambios Ltd.
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