



Euro Large Carnivores

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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

2017-2022

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

6,06 Mio €

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

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
(*Ursus 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



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What brings people together?



„Food, fire and music”

Simon Roper, Director of Ambios Ltd.

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