



# Large carnivores

**FACE: European Federation for Hunting and  
conservation**

# FACE

## THE VOICE OF EUROPEAN HUNTERS

- International non-profit making **NGO** established in **1977**
- **Representing FACE Members:** the national hunting associations within 36 states of the Council of Europe, including the EU28
- FACE Members in turn represent **7 Million European hunters**
- **Addressing** political & environmental **aims** to enable the best possible context for hunting

## TO SUSTAIN HUNTING ACROSS EUROPE



# FACE and large carnivores

- Hunters see carnivores as part of their environment
- However, there are also many conflicts in Europe:
  - With agriculture
  - With hunting (attacks on hunting dogs)
- Creating acceptance through communication alone is not enough
  - Conversation  $\neq$  conservation, local action is needed
- Apply flexibility and adjust to local needs
- Where populations are in a good status: change protection status



# Introduction to the Platform

Launched on 10 of June, 2014:



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“

**EU PLATFORM ON COEXISTENCE BETWEEN  
PEOPLE & LARGE CARNIVORES**

Minimizing  
Conflicts

Finding  
Solutions

# Key principles

- To work within the EU legal framework, the Habitats Directive
- To ensure the necessary knowledge base
- To recognize socio-economic and cultural considerations and concerns
- To find solutions to conflicts through constructive dialogue

# Ways of working

- To share experiences and expertise in addressing the challenges of human - LC coexistence;
- To engage in dialogue for consensus seeking and accepting that solutions may at times involve compromise;
- To express willingness to transfer and test those examples of good practices;
- To listen to, and discuss other stakeholders' experiences and views;
- To be open to accept examples of good practices for successful coexistence of humans and LC;
- To ensure their capacity to fully engage in the work of the platform.

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# Platform Members



ELO - European Landowners' Organization



FACE - The European Federation of Associations for Hunting & Conservation



Joint representatives of Finnish and Swedish reindeer herders



CIC - The International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation



IUCN - The World Conservation Union



WWF - Worldwide Fund for Nature, European Policy Office



EUROPARC Federation

# Platform Activities

	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Work Plan 2019</b>
 Communication activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Communication plan</li><li>– Resource centre</li><li>– Joint statements</li><li>– Letters and press releases</li><li>– Materials (leaflets, banners, social media, reports)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Links with regional platforms and other projects</li><li>– Updated materials</li></ul>
 Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Annual meeting (end May / start June, Brussels)</li><li>– Regional workshops (spring and autumn, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Romania, Italy)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Annual meeting (13.4)</li><li>– Workshops in Grosseto organised with the regional platform (8.4)</li><li>– Webinar organised by EUROPARC (16.4)</li></ul>
 Research / data gathering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Case studies</li><li>– Analysis of good practice</li><li>– Examination of the use of the EAFRD</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Case studies</li><li>– National and regional platforms</li><li>– Livestock protection funding</li><li>– Fear and risk with LC</li></ul>



# Hunters and monitoring

## Scandinavia

- Monitoring is an important contribution of hunters to conservation
  - A very old form of citizen science
- Sweden and Norway have cross-border cooperation
  - Common criteria for monitoring (monitoring in winter)
  - Approval for an observation
  - Shared status report
- Observations can be submitted and shown through a website (skandobs and rovbase). Not only by hunters, but:
  - Wolf: hunters collected 953 DNA samples
  - Bear: collected at least 95% of the DNA samples
  - Camera traps: recently became legal, increasingly used (also for Lynx)



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## DNA



14.04.2019

Sandviken, Gävleborgs Län  
Jäderfors

A DNA-sample is submitted as scat from wolf. The sample has not been analysed.

The DNA-sample barcode is SEP0137329

DNAID	North, UTM33	East, UTM 33
D507356	6727767	591121

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## Reindeer injured by lynx



08.04.2019

Lycksele, Västerbottens Län  
Holmvik

One/an animal(s) is/are killed. The damage was inspected by Länsstyrelsen. The cause of the damage is confirmed.

IncidentID	North, UTM33	East, UTM 33
V491668	7200989	650066

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## Scandinavia - Wolf

- Methods:
  - snow-tracking and DNA-analyses of scats, urine and hair.
  - Information from GPS-collars, other research data and dead wolves are used when available.
- Results:
  - 41 family groups, 5 cross-border groups
  - Between 321-533 wolves
  - Genetics: e.g. continued influx Finland-Russia
- Report: <https://www.naturvardsverket.se/upload/sa-mar-miljon/statistik-a-till-o/varg/varg-arsrapport-2017-2018.pdf>
- Skandobs: <https://www.skandobs.se/>
- Rovbase: <http://www.rovbase.se/>

# Thanks for your attention!

More information:

[www.face.eu](http://www.face.eu)

<https://www.face.eu/wildlife-conservation/large-carnivores/>

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/carnivores/coexistence\\_platform.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/carnivores/coexistence_platform.htm)

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