

# EU PLATFORM ON COEXISTENCE BETWEEN PEOPLE & LARGE CARNIVORES

**Minimizing  
Conflicts**

**Finding  
Solutions**



**Introduction of the EU Large Carnivore Platform  
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# Background 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”

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# 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
- To engage in trans-boundary cooperation

# Ways of working

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

# Structure of the 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



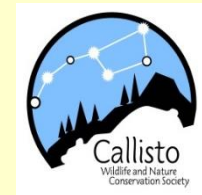
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## CO-CHAIRS



## SECRETARIAT



# Platform Activities



- Newsletter, bulletin
- Website as an information exchange platform (FAQs, management measures across EU, case studies)
- Statements, Press Releases, etc from members
- Links with other projects, especially with regional platforms established under a European contract in Italy, Romania, Spain, Germany, France, Sweden



- Annual meeting
- Regional workshops (so far in Bulgaria, Germany, Romania, Italy, Finland, Montenegro, Austria) organised between platforms, often with regional platform



- Case studies
- Gathering information on and evaluating national and regional platforms
- Funding for reducing conflict and supporting coexistence
- Fear and risk with LC



# Strengths and Weaknesses

## Strengths

- Possible to work together and understand each others positions
- Good overview of the concerns and practices in different EU countries
- Provides a semi-official means of stakeholder consultation and forum for information exchange

## Weaknesses

- Lack of official / legal standing off-putting for some members
- Too high-level to address local conflicts (links with regional platforms)
- Need for external financing (EC)

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## **Thank you for your attention**

**Website:**

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

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