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WORKSHOP LARGE CARNIVORES



UPDATE ON
EU LARGE CARNIVORE PLATFORM

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Agreement to Participate in the EU Platform on Coexistence Between People and Large Carnivores

To be signed between FACE, CIC, ELO, Copa-Cogeca, WWF, IUCN (LCIE), Europarcs.

Core principles:

1. Working within the EU legal framework

The EU's Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) is the overarching legal instrument for the conservation and sustainable management of Large Carnivore species at a favourable conservation status in the EU.



2. Ensuring the necessary knowledge base

Any management of large carnivores must be determined on the basis of sound scientific evidence using best available and reliable data.

3. Recognition of socio-economic and cultural considerations and concerns

Human societies have the right to use their natural resources and preserve cultural heritage in a sustainable way within multifunctional landscapes, of which large carnivores are an integral part. The contribution of economic activities to the values of those landscapes has to be recognised. The need to ensure public safety should also be recognised.



4. Solutions to conflicts through constructive dialogue among stakeholders

Finding solutions arising from conflicts with large carnivores and facilitating human-large carnivore coexistence is best achieved through constructive dialogue among key stakeholders at local, national and EU levels. These solutions should be adapted to local and regional conditions.



5. Engagement in trans-boundary cooperation

The vast majority of the populations of large carnivore species in the EU have ranges that cross national borders. Therefore national solutions will not work in isolation without meaningful stakeholder dialogue involving trans-boundary cooperation within the EU, and where appropriate, with neighbouring countries, taking into account, inter alia, the Guidelines for Population Level Management Plans for Large Carnivores.



Next steps:

High level launch with Commissioner Potocnik, 10th June, 2014,
Committee of the Region, Brussels

What does it mean in practice?

Pro:

- FACE remains key stakeholder in LC issues
- Platform chance to demonstrate actions by hunters

Con:

- Some key actions are negative or misguided

