



# FACE Manifesto for the 2019 European Parliament Elections



**The European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE)  
and the European Parliament's Hunting Intergroup  
invite you to support the following hunting-related policy statements:**

## **Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) and Biodiversity**

European hunters are aware that the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is a crucial support mechanism for agriculture and rural areas in Europe. FACE is calling for the next CAP after 2020 to be stronger on biodiversity, in particular, for small game populations, which have reduced due to changes in farming.

## **Large carnivores**

Many large carnivore populations are increasing and some do not qualify for strict protection anymore under the Habitats Directive. Their protection status should be adapted as soon as the desired conservation status is reached. This will allow Member States to have a more meaningful management of large carnivores in line with regional and local needs.

## **Firearms and Ammunition**

FACE and its Members seek to ensure that hunters can acquire, possess, use and travel with firearms and ammunition safely and without unjustified bureaucracy, costs or restrictions.

## **Migratory Birds**

The next European Parliament should work to promote more flexibility in the management of abundant goose populations. Furthermore, regional and traditional hunting methods must be respected under the Birds Directive.

## **International Hunting**

European hunters do not only hunt in Europe, but also in Africa and Asia. The multiple benefits, for example, to local communities and nature conservation, of international hunting must be sustained into the future.

## **European Parliament's "Biodiversity, Hunting, Countryside" Intergroup**

Intergroups consist of MEPs from different political groups and countries with a common interest in a particular subject. The "Hunting" Intergroup was created in 1985 and is one of the oldest and most active in the European Parliament. MEPs from across the political spectrum are invited to lend their support and take part in the debates.

Established in 1977, FACE represents in Brussels the interests of Europe's 7 million hunters as an international non-profit-making nongovernmental organisation. FACE is made up of national hunters' associations from 36 European countries and is supported by 7 associate members.

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**\_\_\_\_\_ supports these policy statements and the re-establishment  
of a "Biodiversity, Hunting, Countryside" Intergroup in the next European Parliament**