

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### A transnational exchange platform for the management of large carnivores in the Dinaric region



Wolf in the wild

Source: Juan Carlos Blanco

#### Background

The Dinaric region in the Western Balkans is one of the most biologically diverse regions in Europe. It is also home to the three large carnivores bear, wolf and lynx, divided between EU and non-EU member states. Given the extensive ranges of these species, transnational coordination for their management is desirable to enable a long-term basis for their conservation. To date, few transboundary initiatives on the project topic exist between the governments concerned.

#### Project details

The main goal of this project was to establish an international platform for the management of large carnivores with representations from eight countries in the Dinaric region: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia. Over the course of two main platform meetings, two thematic meetings and an online working group, the national administrations worked together with other relevant stakeholders from agriculture, science, hunting and nature conservation on jointly developing guiding principles for future cooperation.

The project team provided a platform secretariat to ensure impartial steering of the project activities. At the start of the project, it also prepared the background report [Large Carnivores in the Dinarides: Management, Monitoring, Threats and Conflicts](#) assessing the current status of large carnivores in the region. It gave a basis for further planned meetings and workshops. During the course of the project the participants agreed upon a first structure for an international agreement on large carnivore management in the Dinaric region.

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**Project region:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

**Duration:** 04/2021 – 07/2022

**Beneficiaries:** Ministries, Agencies, Administrations of protected areas, civil society including NGOs, research institutions, hunters and live-stock owners

**Implementing organisations:** adelphi research gGmbH, Carnivora Magna

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