

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Transnational exchange platform for coexistence with large carnivores in the Dinaric-Balkan-Pindos region



Bear with cub

Source: Callisto

#### Background

The Western Balkans is one of the most biologically diverse regions in Europe. It is also home to three large carnivores: bear, wolf and lynx which are distributed across 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 that end, a transnational exchange platform for the management of large carnivores in the Dinaric region has been created.

#### Project details

The platform for the management of large carnivores, which was successfully initiated in 2021, established a secretariat to ensure the impartial steering of the project activities. In this project, the team will organise two more plenary meetings until 2024 with representatives from eight countries of the Dinaric region: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia, with the additional participation of Greece and Bulgaria. The activities include supporting thematic meetings, advocacy and measures for capacity building. They aim to improve the concrete cooperation in the areas of e.g. monitoring, management planning or conflict mitigation. A long-term transboundary agreement on the management of animals in the region is envisaged.

A background report [Large carnivores in the Dinarides: Management, monitoring, threats and conflicts](#) describes the current status in the region and provides the foundation for the activities. At the end of the project, this report will be updated.

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

**Duration:** 10/2022 – 09/2024

**Beneficiaries:** Ministries, agencies, administrations of protected areas, civil society, NGOs, research institutions, hunters, livestock farmers

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

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