

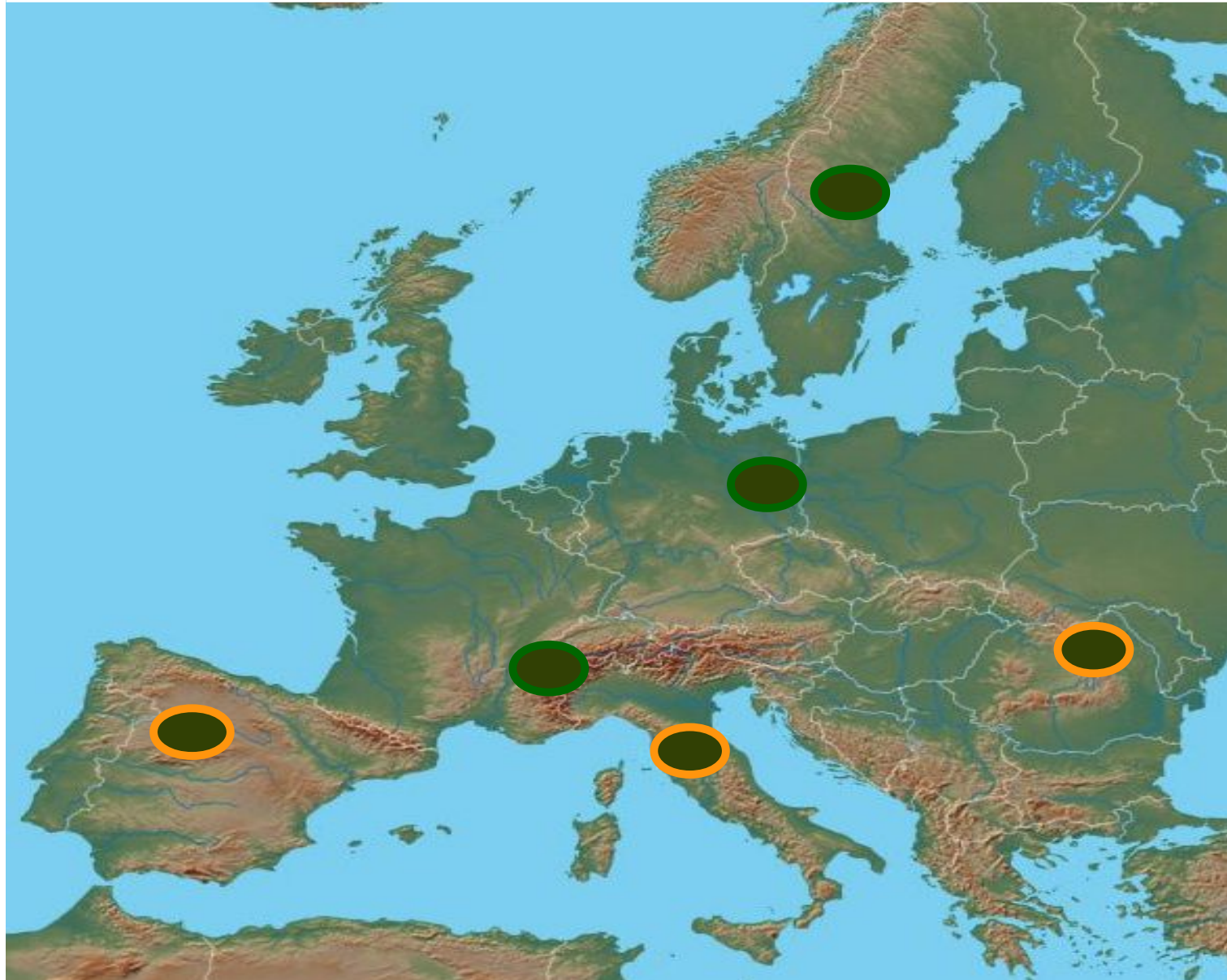
# Regional/local platforms on coexistence between people and large carnivores

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# Location of platforms



## Selected platforms

- Romania: Harghita county (bear)
- Italy: Tuscany (wolf)
- Spain: Ávila (Castilla y Leon, wolf)
- France: Vercors Regional Park (Alps, wolf)
- Germany: Lower Saxony (wolf)
- Sweden: Varmland (wolf and other LC)

# Selected platforms (1) - issues

## Romania: Harghita (bear)

Issue: Bear population managed through derogation until 2016 but conflict over reliability of estimates caused ban on hunting

## Italy: Grosseto (wolf);

Issue: increased wolf population causes damages to key livestock production activities

## Spain: Ávila (wolf)

Issue: increasing wolf population causes damages to key livestock production activities, management often based on population control under derogation



## Selected platforms (2) - issues

### Germany: Lower Saxony (wolf)

Issue: wolf population increasing associated to increased damages to extensive livestock raising

### France: Vercors Regional Park (wolf)

Issue: wolf population increasing with steady, high damages to sheep. Issues related to management of livestock guarding dogs

### Sweden: National and Varmland (wolf + other LCs)

Issue: general disagreement of wolf management (revised population size); damages to livestock and impact on hunting activities

## Team Principles

Neutrality

Equality

Transparency

Confidentiality



REGIONAL PLATFORMS ON COEXISTENCE BETWEEN  
PEOPLE & LARGE CARNIVORES

# REGIONAL PLATFORMS ON PEOPLE & LARGE CARNIVORES

Minimizing  
Conflict

Strengthening  
Dialogue

## Our approach

### 1. Scoping

#### Actions

- Select site
- Interview stakeholders

#### Questions

- Participants?
- Host / convenor?
- Facilitator?
- Topics to address?

### 2. Establishing a process

- Select conflict resolution process together with stakeholders
- Potentially includes a meeting with a small group of stakeholders
- Selection of facilitator

- How advanced is the conflict?
- What type of process is needed (dialogue promotion-> conflict resolution)

### 3. Implementation

- Platform meetings
- Discussion of concrete actions

- How often should the meetings take place?
- How can they be linked with existing processes?

### 4. Feedback and review

## Role of Institutions

- Share process approach
- Support process
- Provide inputs
- Recognise work done → uptake of results

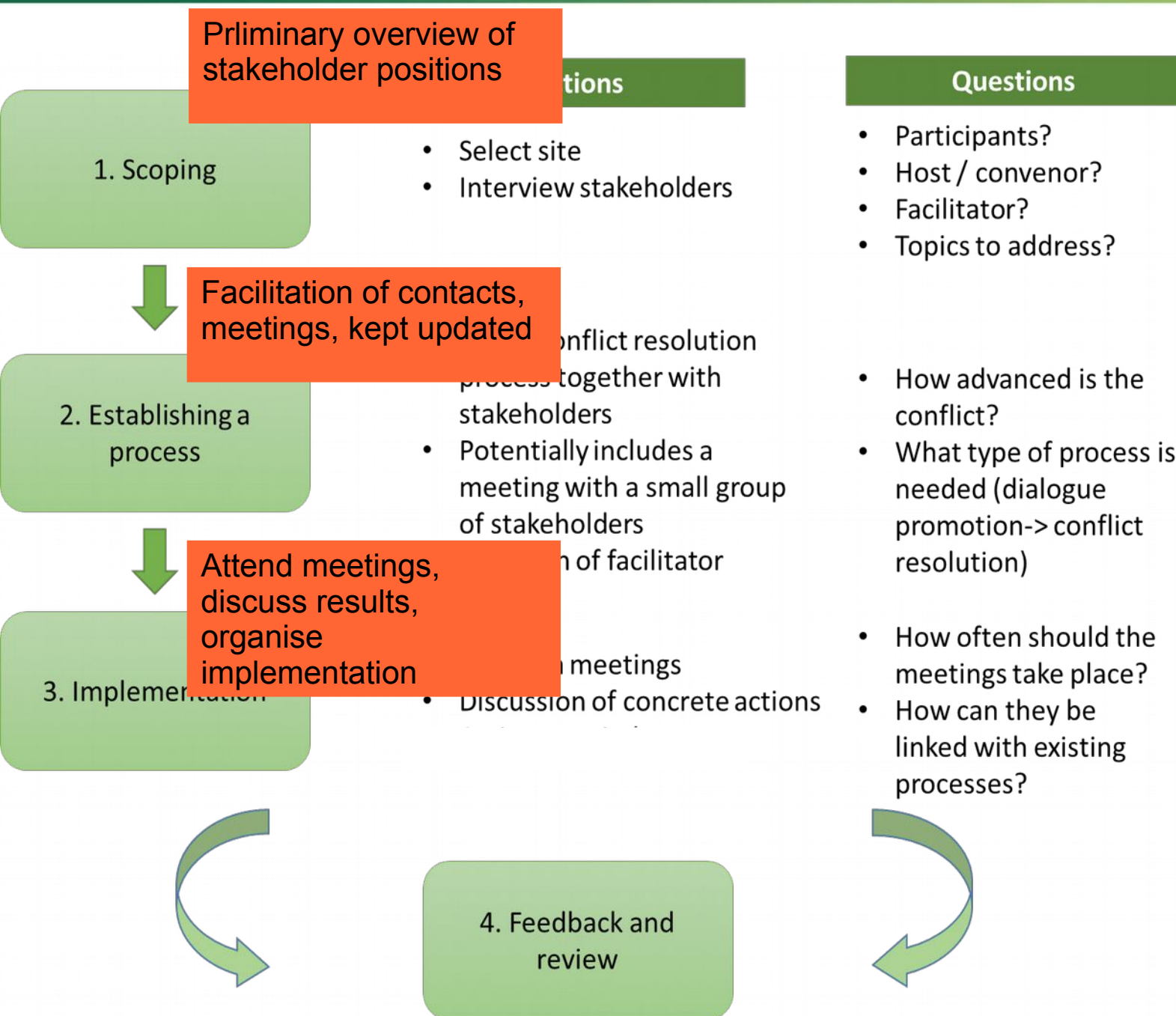


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# Platform commitment

- Informal agreement → Mission
- Mutual respect → Active listening
- Commitment → The need to be there

## Platform establishment

1. Confirm commitment → mission statement
2. Understanding each other's positions and interests

## Identification of best approach

1. Clear vision of the situation and main issues
2. Elaboration of shared interests / goals
3. Definition of interventions

## Example 1 - Grosseto

Collaboration with group from LIFE MEDWOLF project (trust)

- 2 fact finding missions
- 8 workshops done (mission, positions, ranked interventions)
- 2 meetings to present outcomes to Authorities
- Some activities implemented (lobby with Regional gov't)
- 1 group abandoned the process
- efforts to involve central Regional Administration



# Mission Grosseto (IT)

*Our group is made of members with **considerably different interests and values**.*

*We acknowledge such diversity and hereby declare **we are willing and able to collaborate**.*

*The mission of our group is not to persuade each other on what is “right” or “wrong” with respect to these values.*

*Our **mission** is to **advance together to better understand** the situation **around wolf and hybrids presence** in the province of Grosseto and **their effects** on the variuos interest groups (increasing our knwoledge with reliable information).*

*We aim at better **understanding how each of us sees and experiences the situation** and what are the impacts of this situation on their livelihoods and their interests.*

*Based on this common understanding **we would like to develop practical solutions** that ensure the well-being and the interests of all stakeholders in our group.*

*We would especially like to find ways to **support livestock holders in Grosseto** because we recognize that they are particularly affected by the increased presence of the wolf and hybrids, among other factors.*

*We would like to establish a subgroup responsible for communication activities, who will define all communication activity in full respect of the members of the group.*

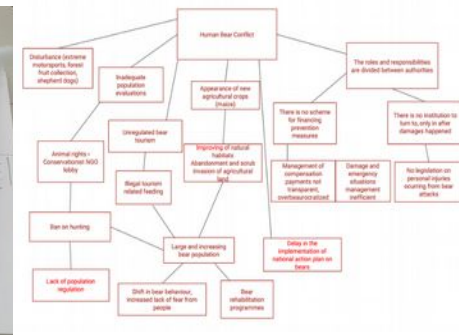
*We commit to **identify shared solutions** within the **first months of 2019**, and then proceed with the implementation phase.*



## Progress - Harghita

Collaboration with county presidency + ongoing project (trust)

- 3 fact finding missions
- 6 workshops done (mission, problem trees, proposed interventions)
- **County administration not responsible for bear management**
- efforts to communicate to central National Administration



## Progress - Àvila

### Efforts for collaboration with Autonomous Region Government

- 3 fact finding missions
- 3 meetings with Junta de Castilla y León (interest, involvement, support)
- 6 workshops held
- 2 Actions implemented



## Stakeholders involved

### **GROSSETO**

20-30 people / organizations

3 agricultural associations, 6 livestock owners, 1 farmers association

Hunters

Environmental associations

Animal welfare associations

Officers of local regional office

Hiking guides

Scientist

+

Local mayors

### **HARGHITA**

23 people / organizations

Farmers and bee keepers, Land owners associations

Hunting association, foresters

Environment Agency

Natura 2000 managers, Rural development associations

Local council and County council

tourism development association

### **AVILA**

20 people / organizations

3 agricultural association, 8 farmers

Hunters

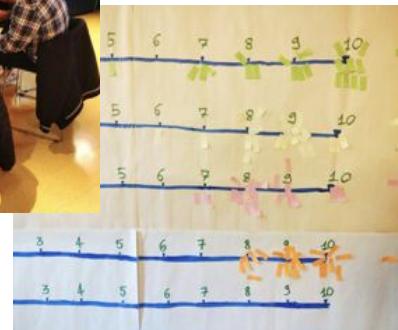
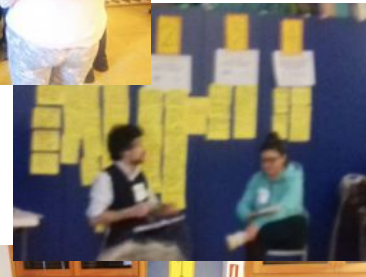
Environmental associations

Scientists/technicians



## The steps (monthly meetings)

- 1 – Common mission → group establishment
- 2 – Understanding each other → story telling, drawings
- 3 – Common interests → stakeholder groups and role play
- 4 – Management options → brainstorming in mixed groups
- 5 – Ranking priority → establishment of criteria, voting



## Communication strategy

### INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Broad, reporting, link with EU Parliament and Commission,  
EU Stakeholders platform, Presentations



### REGIONAL PLATFORMS ON PEOPLE & LARGE CARNIVORES

#### Background

Conflicts on large carnivores areas which large carnivores local stakeholders in large c large carnivore management circumstances.

**Support to create region:** For this reason, the stakeholders parliamentarians to suggest focused on large carnivore s the European Commission.

**Project aim**  
The project aims to work to the national, regional or loc team including facilitators, i support the parties affected

#### Location of the platforms

#### Activities of the platforms

##### Castilla y León | Spain

Two fact-finding missions have been carried out in Valladolid and Ávila to understand the conflict around the presence of wolves. For this purpose, interviews were carried out with stakeholders and authorities.

[Report: Fact finding mission No. 1 and 2 \(October and November 2018\)](#) (also available in [ES](#)) (PDF)

##### Marghita county | Romania

The scoping phase for the regional Platform in Romania is currently being finalised. The project team has carried out two fact-finding missions in Romania to examine ongoing discussions between stakeholders and potential areas of conflict on the national and regional levels.

[Report: Fact finding mission Romania No. 1 \(May 2018\)](#) (PDF)

[Report: Fact finding mission Romania No. 2 \(June 2018\)](#) (PDF)

[Report: Fact finding mission Romania No. 3 \(October 2018\)](#) (PDF)

##### Grosseto, Tuscany | Italy

The project team carried out a visit and a stakeholder mapping in the Grosseto area. The platform would aim to build upon and expand the stakeholder engagement processes established under the LIFE Medwolf project.

[Report: Fact finding mission Grosseto \(May 2018\)](#) (also available in [IT](#)) (PDF)

The first meetings have been held in Grosseto. Participants agreed their willingness to take part in the process, discussed the previous participatory process in the region, and the mission of the platform.

[Report: Meeting with stakeholders in Grosseto No. 1 \(September 2018\)](#) (also available in [IT](#)) (PDF)

[Report: Meeting with stakeholders in Grosseto No. 2 \(November 2018\)](#) (also available in [IT](#)) (PDF)

During a third workshop, participants exchanged perspectives and viewpoints on wolf-management. This will provide a basis for their joint work.

[Report: Meeting with stakeholders in Grosseto No. 3 \(December 2018\)](#) (also available in [IT](#)) (PDF)

##### Trentino | Italy

Several platforms which deal with the issue of conflict surrounding the bear in Trentino already exist. The project activities aim to build upon these activities. The project team took part in a Platform meeting in Trentino to scope the potential.

[Report: Fact finding mission Trento \(May 2018\)](#) (also available in [IT](#)) (PDF)

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## Communication - local



### LOCAL / NATIONAL LEVEL

Tailored ad hoc, with local contacts, media partnership

## Practical aspects

- Need for a local contact point
- Location possibly in neutral place or well known in local community
- Informal meeting opportunity (coffee, lunch)
- Need to establish personal relationship
- Identify qualified facilitator (with own tools)
- Meeting coordination: briefing / de-briefing, planning

Account for: room rental, food/beverages, travel reimbursement

## Negative issues

- Support to the Platform by the relevant administration
- Low sense of ownership
- Farmer associations often with political role
- Poor diffusion of experience within groups
- Lack of control of external factors

# Positive issues

- Provision of space for dialogue
- Feeling of being listened to
- Establishment of small partnerships/friendships
- Local authorities are always informed
- Part of a bigger project: share experiences

It works and is rewarding for participants!

# THANK YOU