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Promoting coexistence with conflict species
within the framework of the EU Nature Directives

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Conflicts with wildlife species are a reality



**But let's put them into the right context:
Most of the damages are made by species which are
not covered by the EU Nature Directives
(wild boars, deers)**

**And most attacks to humans actually come from
domestic species (dogs, cows)**

Need to properly address conflicts caused by protected species by using all available tools under the current legal/policy framework

- *Much knowledge and experience available*
- *EU legislation offers the required flexibility and support*





**Nature Directives' Fitness Check:
The directives are fit for purpose, but implementation
should be improved**

Conclusion reflects the CoR opinion

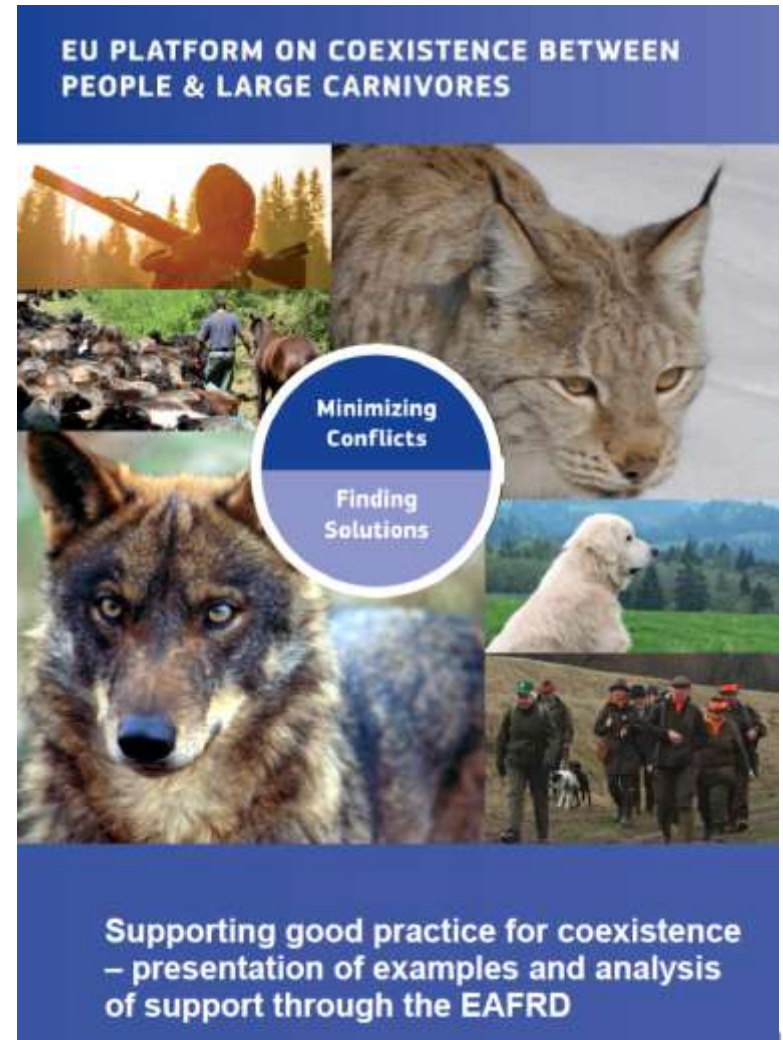
**CoR President associated to College development of an
"Action Plan for nature, people and the economy"
adopted on 27 April 2017, and to its implementation,
especially through the Joint Technical Platform with DG
ENV**

**Measures will be taken at EU level, but Member States
and stakeholders concerned will also need to act, with
increased support and assistance from the European
Commission**

Coexistence with Large Carnivores

- *Sharing the landscapes with wildlife and predators*
- *Addressing the conflicts (prevention, mitigation, compensation, management)*
- *Derogations possible for strictly protected species (Commission guidance to be updated)*
- *Support by the Commission: LIFE, Rural Development, ad-hoc contracts, Stakeholders' Platforms (at EU and regional level), regular work with Member States (guidance, working groups, bio-geographic seminars, bilateral dialogue)*

Supporting measures to mitigate conflicts



EU Platform on Coexistence between People and Large Carnivores

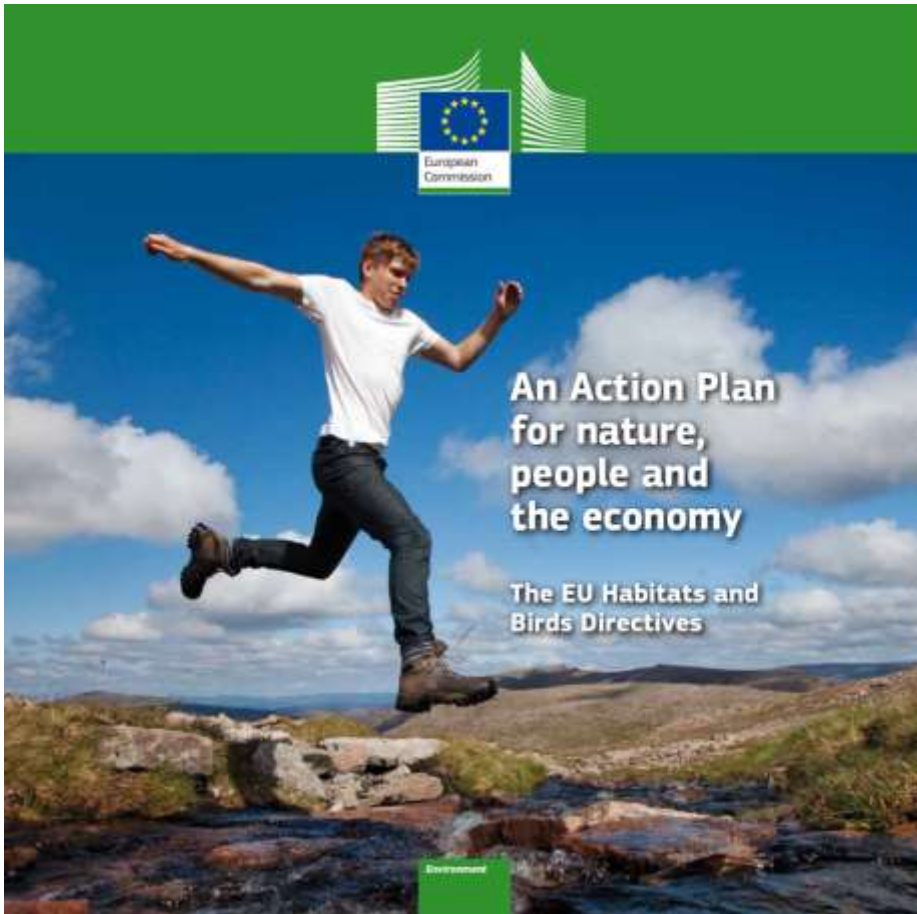


Platform's principles

1. To work within the EU legal framework, the Habitats Directive;
2. To ensure the necessary knowledge base;
3. To recognize socio-economic and cultural considerations and concerns;
4. To find solutions to conflicts through constructive dialogue;
5. To engage in trans-boundary cooperation.

Platform's activities

- Organised events such as an annual meeting and regional workshops;
- Gathered case studies demonstrating good practice in a range of Member States;
- Researched the use of Rural Development funds in supporting coexistence;
- Collected reports to form a library of references;
- Produced a Platform communication plan;
- Produced a leaflet to present the Platform and a leaflet on use of Rural Development funds.



Thank you for your attention